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Sunday, June 1, 2025 AD
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



ASCENSION



"THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST"
(Lk 19:10)



IF YOU ARE SUFFERING
IF YOU CAN'T FORGIVE
IF YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH
COME AND LISTEN
EVERYONE IS INVITED!

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS * YOUTH (12 years+)
MONDAYS * THURSDAYS 7:30P.M.
STARTING MAY 12
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES - (GYM)
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(FREE BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm
Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,
10:45am, 12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven, our true home. *"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God"*, says St. Paul in his letter to Colossians. (Col 3:1). May this Solemnity direct our gaze, inspire our aspirations UP towards Heaven, and help us to constantly rise up above the heights of this world and this earth towards the true and only height - Heaven, our true home.

As one beautiful comment says: *He has gone away so we will seek Him, so we will find Him. He never told us it was going to be an easy road. Nothing is impossible with God.*

Sunday afternoon, June 1, couples sacramentally married for 5, 25 and 50 years will be honored at the Marriages Jubilee Mass being celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Congratulations to all couples and especially to Bob and Dolores Cavagnet - and to Gerard and Clare Gorek. Both couples will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries this year.

Thank you to all who donated to the Lenten Almsgiving. Donations totaled \$2,886. \$1000 each has been sent to Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Sisters of Life and Family Promise of Bergen County.

Our catechesis/talks taking place on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30PM in our OLV gym, to which I invite you, are a great way to find the Lord that we seek and to seek what is above.

**Walk with your feet on earth,
But in your heart be in heaven.
St. John Bosco**

First Thursday - First Friday - First Saturday

First Thursday - June 5 - Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00PM.

First Friday - June 6 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30 - 7:00PM, confessions at 6:00PM followed by Devotions & Mass.

First Saturday - June 7 - 8:00AM Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 8:30AM-10:30AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 12:00PM Mass will be offered for the Souls in Purgatory

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Annual Appeal. Envelopes are available in the Church. Thank you to those who have already donated. To date pledges total \$58,200 toward our parish goal \$61,292. Drop appeal envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or mail directly to the processing center.

Memorial Bricks

Memorial bricks are available (4x8 inscribed bricks) to memorialize your family name or a loved one for a donation of \$225. If interested, please email olvrectory.hp@gmail.com by June 20 with your name, contact info, and wording (3 lines-13 characters max per line).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship up to \$1000 open to 8th grade students entering Catholic high school this Fall. To receive an application, mail request to Dr. Marie Woke, 20 Kensington Court, Norwood, NJ 07648. Deadline for completed essay submissions is August 1st. To learn more about Catholic Daughters call Marie 201-741-0499

The Catechism number 668:

"Christ's Ascension into heaven signifies his participation, in his humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: he possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is 'far above all rule and authority and power and dominion', for the Father 'has put all things under his feet.' (Eph 1:20-22). Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him human history and indeed all creation are 'set forth' and transcendently fulfilled.

(Eph 1:10; cf. Eph 4:10; 1 Cor 15:24, 27-28.)"



The 7 traditional qualities of a resurrected body:

Identity – The very same body that falls in death will rise to be glorified; we will not get a different body.

Integrity – We will retain all of the parts of our current bodies. This means every physical part of our body, even the less noble parts (e.g., intestines).

Quality – What about age, gender, and other physical characteristics? Our bodies will be youthful and will retain our original gender.

Impassability – We will be immune from death and pain.

Subtlety – Our bodies will be free from the things that restrain them now.

The body is perfected because the soul is perfected.

Agility – We will have complete freedom of movement. Our souls will direct our bodies without hindrance.

Clarity – The glory of our souls will be visible in our bodies; we will be beautiful and radiant. Please read Matthew 13:43, Wisdom 3:7, 1 Corinthians 15:43

Why Did Jesus Ascend into Heaven?

Dr. Scott Hahn once noted that the Ascension is "one of the most underrated feasts in the liturgical year."

Indeed, the Ascension seems almost formulaic. Jesus ascended because it was simply natural that He do so, correct? He came from Heaven and must go back there, right? Are we simply saying "goodbye" to Jesus on this feast, like we would any visitor who's leaving to go back home? There's quite a bit more to it than that.

Jesus' Ascension into Heaven is the *completion* of His mission on earth. He came not only to save us through His Passion, death, and Resurrection, but also to establish Himself as our continual intercessor. He did this by ascending into Heaven and taking His place at the right hand of His Father. He is forever united to human nature and, having taken His seat in Heaven, continues to act as the Mediator between God and man.

It's beautiful to think that even in His glorified Body, Jesus carries His wounds with Him - the glorious marks of His great sacrifice for humankind. These wounds plead for us, as the saints have said: they are always before the eyes of the Father, reminding Him of the suffering His Son endured for men, and begging Him for mercy, for the sake of that suffering.

From His place in Heaven, Jesus continually reaches down to earth in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the priest, who acts in His person, He offers to His Father the perfect and priceless Sacrifice of Himself for us sinners—all over the world, at every hour of every day.

So the Ascension is the celebration of the completion of our redemption, the triumphant arrival of our King in His kingdom, and His intercession for us. What a cause for celebration indeed!

Of course, Jesus also ascended to show us where - if we live in imitation of Him - we too are destined. We are meant to be with Him in Heaven, if we love Him and follow His commandments. -catholiccompany.com

EASTER DUTY The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty), that is the obligation of receiving the Eucharist for Easter, extends to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 15. No one conscious of committing a serious or mortal sin should receive Holy Communion until they have first gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation a.k.a. Confession.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Sergeant Major Marc Medina
Captain John G. Miele
Captain Joseph W. Niece
1st Lieutenant Megan Niece
Captain Jack Ottomanelli
Staff Sergeant David Petersen
Specialist John Petersen

US Air Force

1st Lieutenant Brian Kearney
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

National Guard

1st Lieutenant Matthew Dinnell

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Corporal Mark Fredrick
Private Nicholas Giron
Major Stephen Ikalowych
1st Lieutenant J.P. Maher
Corporal Cody McGrath
Corporal Matthew Przybocki

US Navy

Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick Please *Pray* in the name of *JESUS*, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist and care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Robert Knaack, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovalski, Artie Latz, Kenneth LeGrand, Lisa LeGrand, Shawn Linn, Lisa LoSchiavo, Mary Lowe, Mary Ann Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, David Mercer, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommert, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Raggu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Jim Vlantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

New to the area? Register to become a member of the OLV Family.

Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration".

New address or phone number? Please inform the rectory.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 1 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 Richard O'Neil R/b Peggy O'Brien
8:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b Dianne Foerster
9:30 Charlie & Lesa Rossmann-29th Wedding Anniv. & Deceased Family
10:45 Ann Millar R/b the Purcell Family
12:00 Lani Kip R/b the Kip Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Carole Stonitsch R/b the Gill Family

Monday, June 2 - St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 Evelyn Pedersen R/b the Pedersen Family
12:00 Intentions of Margarete Rajner

Tuesday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 Anne Bellini R/b Carole Bellini
12:00 Peter Bentivegna Jr. R/b the Bentivegna Family

Wednesday, June 4 - St. Francis Caracciolo, Religious

8:00 Kathleen Ragusa R/b the Carey Family
12:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b Tish and Michael Oates

Thursday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 Benjamin Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond
12:00 Intentions of Breda Walsh R/b Joan Crowley

First Friday, June 6 – St. Norbert of France, Bishop

8:00 Candelaria Quezada R/b the Giron Family
12:00 Rose Rocanova R/b Dennis Falotico
7:00 Rita and John Burke, Patrick Burke Dolan R/b the Dolan Family

First Saturday, June 7 - St. Robert of England - Abbot

8:00 Black Poster Project Children R/b Glynis Burke Dolan
12:00 Souls in Purgatory
4:00 Edward Murzenski R/b Patrick and Alison Mahoney
5:00 Michelle Paparella R/b loving parents

Sunday, June 8 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:00 Martha Bland R/b Dennis Falotico
8:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b the Frassa Family
9:30 John Shanley R/b Peter and Linda Wayne
10:45 Carole Stonitsch R/b Pete Stonitsch
12:00 Mimi Brown R/b Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Edward Manke and Clement deQuintal R/b the deQuintal Family

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the intentions of Father Wojciech in honor of his anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Lydia de Jesus Mohsenin, r/b the Dunn Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for Deacon Al and Deacon Tom and their families.

Sanctuary Offerings The Sanctuary Lamp, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and the bread and wine can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Altar Flowers may be dedicated as well - contact the rectory.

Kidz Korner Answers

1. Jesus ascended into Heaven 40 days after Easter and nine days before Pentecost.
2. Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven and took His place at the right hand of God.
3. Recorded in scripture ([Acts 1:9-11](#))
4. That our ultimate goal as Christians is to be with God in Heaven and that Jesus will come again.

St. Boniface Bishop & Martyr - June 5



Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome.

How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. Paganism was a way of life. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many

instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. In particular instances their very ordinations were questionable.

These are the conditions that Boniface was to report in 722 on his first return visit to Rome. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. The pope sent letters of recommendation to religious and civil leaders. Boniface later admitted that his work would have been unsuccessful, from a human viewpoint, without a letter of safe-conduct from Charles Martel, the powerful Frankish ruler, grandfather of Charlemagne. Boniface was finally made a regional bishop and authorized to organize the whole German Church. He was eminently successful.

In the Frankish kingdom, he met great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections, the worldliness of the clergy and lack of papal control.

During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation.

In order to restore the Germanic Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface had been guided by two principles. The first was to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome. The second was the establishment of many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. A great number of Anglo-Saxon monks and nuns followed him to the continent, where he introduced the Benedictine nuns to the active apostolate of education.

DRAW A REVERENT A-WEARNESS

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. It is the Supper of the Lord - formal dinner. Please keep it in mind, especially now in the summer months. Let us be an inspiration for others rather than a distraction. We evangelize also by the way we dress.

Relevant Radio 1430am

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Are you an **ADULT** without

Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old * **Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*). * Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. * If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. * **Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.** Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872-874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should never feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350 * Gateway Pregnancy Center: 908-353-0604 * Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 * Lifecall: 800-662-2678 * New Hope 201-722-4705 * Birthright: 201-845-4646.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' contact Marie 201-741-0499.

OLV Knights of Columbus All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing the pain of abortion...

September 19-21, 2025

For info contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or Cheryl.riley@rcan.org.

KIDZ KORNER

1. When did the Ascension of Jesus happen?
2. What happened in the Ascension?
3. In what Bible verse is the Ascension recorded?
4. What can we learn from the Ascension?

- answers on page 3

**THE ASCENSION: WISDOM OF THE WORDS OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN
by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR**

Words of Abp Fulton Sheen:

Had Christ remained on earth, sight would have taken the place of faith. In heaven, there will be no faith because His followers will see; there will be no hope, because they will possess; but there will be love for love endureth forever! His leave-taking of the earth combined the Cross and the Crown that governed the smallest detail of His life. The Ascension took place on Mount Olivet at the base of which is Bethany. He led His Apostles out through Bethany, which meant passing through Gethsemane and the very spot where He wept over Jerusalem! Not as from a throne, but from a mountain elevated above the garden with the twisted olive trees crimsoned with His Blood, did He give the final manifestation of His Divine power. His heart was not embittered by His Cross, for the Ascension was the fruit of His Crucifixion. As He said, it was fitting that He suffer in order to enter into His glory.

In the Ascension, the Savior did not lay aside the garment of flesh with which He had been clothed; for His human nature would be the pattern of the future glory of other human natures, which would become incorporated to Him through a sharing of His life. Intrinsic and deep was the relation between His Incarnation and His Ascension. The Incarnation or the assuming of a human nature made it possible for Him to suffer and redeem. The Ascension exulted into glory that same human nature that was humbled to the death.

A Coronation upon the earth, instead of an Ascension into heaven, would have confined men's thoughts of Him to the earth. But the Ascension would cause men's minds and hearts to ascend above the earth. In relation to Himself, it was fitting that the human nature which He took as the instrument for teaching, and governing, and sanctifying, should partake of glory as it shared in shame. It was very hard to believe that He, Who was the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, was the beloved Son in Whom the Father was well pleased. It was difficult to believe that He, Who did not come down from a Cross, could ascend into heaven, or that the momentary glory that shone about Him on the Mount of the Transfiguration was a permanent possession. The Ascension put all such doubts away by introducing His human nature into intimate and eternal communion with God.

The human nature which He took was mocked as a Prophet when they blindfolded Him and asked Him to tell who struck Him; He was mocked as a King when they put upon Him a mock-robe of royalty and gave Him a reed of straw for a scepter; finally He was mocked as a Priest when they challenged Him, Who as offering Himself as a Victim, to come down from the Cross. By the Ascension His triple office of Teacher, King, and Priest was vindicated. -excerpt from *Life of Christ*

As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of our Lord's Ascension, the archbishop's meditation gives us insights into the meaning of this great event. It was part of the paschal mystery of Christ since it involved His glorification in heaven along with His sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The archbishop tells us that if Jesus had remained on earth after rising from the dead, the faith of His disciples would have still been focused on life in this world rather than on the next. Only a few moments before He ascended into heaven, His disciples were still asking Him, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?" (Acts 1:6). Jesus needed to draw His disciples beyond the focus of this world, and He would do so precisely by leaving this world and ascending into the next. It would now be part of the disciples' spiritual growth to desire to be with Christ Whom they could no longer see with bodily eyes, just as we, too, must long to be with Christ Whom we can only see with the eyes of faith. Then, as the archbishop writes, "In heaven there will be no faith because His followers will see; there will be no hope, because they will possess; but there will be love, for love endureth forever!" The archbishop's words are in keeping with the point of St. Paul who tells us that we must set our hearts on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. "Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. After all, you have died! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with Him in glory" (Col 3:24).

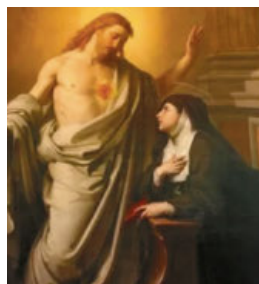
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Wisdom of Words of Archbishop Fulton Sheen cont'd...

...The archbishop tells us that Jesus did not lay aside the garment of flesh with which He had been clothed when He went to heaven. There was a heresy in the early Church called Monophysitism. (This name came from two Greek words: *mono* = "one" and *physis* = "nature.") This heresy held that once Jesus had accomplished the work of our salvation and returned to heaven, He cast off the human nature He took from the Virgin Mary, and retained only the divine nature He had from all eternity. If our Lord had done this, then He would not have had a glorified humanity which would be the pattern for our glorified humanity in heaven. Furthermore, Jesus, keeping His human nature in heaven as the Son of Man along with His divine nature as the Son of God, retained the greatest sign of His incomparable love for us because He remains one of us, one of our human family, for all eternity.

Finally, the archbishop reminds us that Jesus, Who was humiliated on earth in His three-fold mission as teacher, king and priest, has now been vindicated by being in the place of glory at the right hand of His Heavenly Father. We are reminded that the world that hated Him will also hate us because we have chosen to follow Him. But we must also remember that He has overcome the world and has won the final victory over sin and death. If we persevere with Him, we shall share in that final victory with a glory that no one can take from us because we will be glorified in Christ in His Heavenly Kingdom!

-by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR - catholicexchange.com



This Friday, June 6, is a First Friday. Have you heard of the powerful First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart?

The First Friday devotion was made popular by St. Margaret Mary Alcoque after Our Lord appeared to her, saying, "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to consuming itself to witness its love. And in return, I receive from most of them only ingratitude from their irreverences

and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt that they have for Me in this sacrament of love." Jesus asked for reparation to be made for the sins of all the world which grieve His heart so much.

To those who dedicate themselves to making reparation, Jesus promised:

I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

I will establish peace in their homes.

I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.

I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.

I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.

I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

So how do we receive these graces?

For the first Friday of nine consecutive months, a person must:

Attend Holy Mass * Go to Confession (if we are not in a state of grace)

* Receive Holy Communion with the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the sins of the world

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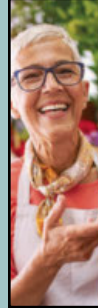
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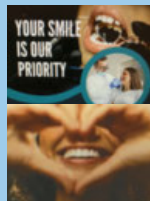
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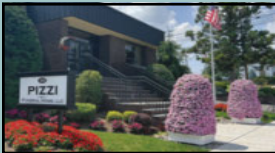
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