



# CORPUS CHRISTI

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## JUNE 14, 2020

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### THE FEAST OF "CORPUS CHRISTI": THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time, he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. When he recited the prayer of Consecration at Mass, blood started to seep from the consecrated host and onto the cloth corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who sent delegates to investigate. The host and the blood-stained corporal were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy, where they remain today.

This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist. For many years, she had tried to convince the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

Soon after the miracle of Bolsena, Pope Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office for the Feast day. One year later, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV, by means of the papal Bull, *Transiturus*, instituted the Feast of *Corpus Christi* for the universal Church.

The Eucharist is God's perfect gift to us. It provides the spiritual healing and strength that we need each week to follow Jesus as a disciple. But in a deeper way, the Eucharist is the supernatural food that draws us into the very life of the Trinity! How awesome!

On this our patronal feast day, let us thank God for loving us enough to be present with us throughout our lives in the gift of the Eucharist!

*Fr. Kevin*





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My Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to announce that Corpus Christi will begin to offer limited public weekend Masses in our Parish Hall, starting Saturday/Sunday, June 13/14. “Limited” refers to the number of people who can attend, the number of Masses offered, as well as protocol during Mass. Please understand that due to the mandatory safety measures we must follow, your experience at Mass will be somewhat different from what we were used to before the quarantine.

This pandemic is still serious, so for your health and safety and that of your fellow parishioners, I ask that those who attend please practice social distancing and follow all the guidelines and safety measures given by the Diocese of Paterson, the CDC, and state and local authorities.

Parishioners from at-risk groups as identified by CDC/NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; and people who currently test positive for COVID-19, or who do not feel well, and people who are their close contacts should remain at home. [Click Here](#)

Please keep in mind that Bishop Serratelli has granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday/Holy Day of Obligation Masses for the time being. This means that you are not required to come to in-person Masses at this time. For those who remain at home, our live stream Mass will continue on Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

I thank our parish volunteers and staff who have been working very hard to establish a plan that does everything we reasonably can to make this a safe re-opening for those who are able to attend.

This is the next step our parish is taking to bring us back to worshiping together in-person fully with an unrestricted celebration of the sacraments.

*Fr. Kevin*

# **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PARISH LIMITED CELEBRATION OF MASS**

## **PUBLIC WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Starting June 13/14 (in the Parish Hall)

Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 7:30 AM

**Reservations Required to reserve your seat**

[Saturday Mass Reservation](#)

[Sunday Mass Reservation](#)

**For those who remain at home, our Live Stream Masses will continue  
Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.**

**Note: Public Daily Masses will be coming soon - TBA**

## **MASKS and SANITIZERS**

- We will have Mass in the Parish Hall because it is easier to clean and sanitize after each Mass. Also, it will require fewer volunteers to ensure social distancing.
  - For those over two years old, masks should be worn as soon as you arrive, during Mass and until you return to your vehicle.
  - Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- The Parish Hall will be cleaned and sanitized after every Mass.

## **PARKING**

- Please park in the rear church parking lot. You will enter through the doors near the Parish Hall. No other doors will be open.
- There will be handicap parking spots available in the rear parking lot clearly marked.

## **SEATING CAPACITY**

- Weekend Masses will be limited to 50 seats at each Mass. **Pre-registration online is required. See above links for mass reservations. We will be opening reservations for weekend masses each Wednesday before noon for signups. Since there are a limited number of tickets available for each Mass, please be considerate and let others have an opportunity to come.**
  - Seating will begin 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Please arrive early
  - Seating can be customized based on your reservation to ensure your health and safety. Family members of the same household will sit together. Everyone else will be seated six feet apart to comply with social distancing.
- Additional masses will be added on the weekends according to the need

## ENTRANCE

- While observing proper social distancing, please stand in a line while awaiting entry. A greeter will meet you at the entrance and check you in before you enter the Parish Hall. Please have your confirmation email (print or phone) ready to view
- Once you enter the Parish Hall, please sanitize your hands.  
An usher will then guide you to your seat.

## COMMUNION

- Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass in the rear of the Parish Hall. After the final blessing, remain in your seat until you are guided to a Communion Station. This will begin from the last row. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please follow the Communion procession and receive a blessing by crossing your arms.
- Our Bishop has asked that communion not be offered on the tongue, but only be received in the hand.
- No gloves should be worn while receiving communion.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.
- Please keep social distancing in Communion line
- Upon reaching the Communion Station, the communicant should not remove mask, receive the host in their hands first, begin to walk away, lower your mask, consume the Communion, and put mask back up.  
Please then follow the directions of the ushers to exit the Parish Hall.

## PLEASE NOTE

- There will be no bulletins or missals.
- At the Bishop's request singing by the congregation is discouraged. The ordinary parts of the Mass (*i.e. the Gloria, Sanctus, Lamb of God*) will be recited.  
Donation baskets will not be passed during the Offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket as you enter/exit the parish hall. We recommend that you consider modifying your giving and [give online](#). See our website to donate electronically. It is an easy and safe way to make your recurring or one-time donation and at this time it helps us administratively.
- There will be no Sign of Peace.
- No food or drink will be permitted in church.
- The restrooms are available for **emergency use only**.
- No public gatherings or greetings are allowed before or after Mass. Please proceed directly to your car following Mass.

Together we can make our worship space a safe and comfortable environment for one another.

*I know that this is a lot of information to digest. As we go through several Masses, we will refine our processes to make it easier on everyone. Please know that your safety is a priority for us!*

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Mass Intentions are livestreamed  
on our parish website:**  
[www.corpuschristi.org/parish-livestream](http://www.corpuschristi.org/parish-livestream)

### Saturday, June 13

5:00 p.m. Maureen Alexander (4th Anniversary)

### Sunday, June 14

7:30, 9 & 11 am Alejandro Fortuna; Richard Tompkins;  
Greg Nacios; Stan Feeley; Anna Windels

### Monday, June 15

7:30 a.m. Michael Gaschler

### Tuesday, June 16

7:30 a.m. Maureen Alexander

### Wednesday, June 17

7:30 a.m. James D. Ferrara

### Thursday, June 18

7:30 a.m. Kaitlin Cowley

### Friday, June 19

7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Lees

### Saturday, June 20

5:00 p.m. Leo Rudnick

### Sunday, June 21

7:30, 9 & 11 am Dominic Biello and William Rudewick;  
Mary and Anthony Sacina; James Vail;  
Thomas Joseph Fadool; Jimmy Murabito

## IN REMEMBRANCE

For the week of June 14, Sanctuary Lights burn for a Special Intention. Bread and Wine is offered in memory of Maureen Alexander. Blessed Sacrament Chapel Flowers are in memory of Maureen Alexander.

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

Remember a loved one or offer a special Intention by having a flower arrangement placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The cost will be \$50 or more plus a \$10 offering. The Parish Office will coordinate the request with our florist, Carl Lemanski.

## PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

### JUNE 13/14

5:00 p.m. Fr. Kevin (hall); Fr. Mahoney (live stream)

7:30 a.m. Fr. Kevin (hall)

9:00 a.m. Fr. Andrew (live stream)  
11:00 a.m. Fr. Mahoney (live stream)

## JUNE 14, 2020 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### TODAY

9:40—10:55 am Adoration (*Live Stream*)

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

1—3 p.m. Adoration (*Live Stream*)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

1—3 p.m. Adoration (*Live Stream*)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

1—3 p.m. Adoration (*Live Stream*)



## Corpus Christi Food Collection For the Poor



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi and Bishop Serrateli is asking all parishes to participate in our Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food Drive.

This year, the drive has gone virtual, and you can shop online and have items directly shipped to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

Visit [www.ccpaterson.org/corpus](http://www.ccpaterson.org/corpus) to make a monetary donation or for more information about this important effort.

Visit [www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020](http://www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020) to find our parish, and shop for our pantries in need.

You may also email: [Info@ccpaterson.org](mailto:Info@ccpaterson.org) or call 973-737-2077 ext. 403 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

## Parish Contributions

Due to the suspension of Masses, many are asking how they can continue to give to Corpus Christi during this current COVID-19 crisis to help us to be able to pay our ordinary expenses without our weekly collections. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Please consider supporting the parish [here](#) or text "corpuschristi" to 77977, or mail your envelopes to Corpus Christi Church, 234 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, NJ 07928.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patty Westerzelt, Brian Deasy, Mon Cassius, Trish Dowling, David Natale, Megan O'Neil, Christopher Ciufu, James Greendonner, Jeffrey Dowling, Donna Conforti, Wayne Parisi, Debby Conti, James J. Price, Pat Pierson, Florence and John Hefe, Hank Campbell, Amy Fitzgerald, Mary McHale, Father John O'Brien, Frances Primack, Dorothy M. Torick, Howard Daly, Katherine Brown, Conor Jennings, Barbara Layman, Craig Wisdo, John Petite, Raymond O'Connell, Joseph Doria, John Fleming, Donna Kugelman, Jeffrey Hodgeson, Kiran Kenney, Helen Dwyer, Margaret Pittaluga, Tina Errico, Nick McGann, John (Jack) Kaplan, Marie Orgo, Lucy Ryan, Joann Uibelhoer, Beth Abella, Nicholas Ciufu, Peter Elder, Lori Abrams, Brandon Glynnyoung, David Carey, Marylou Perrini, Alan Fischer, Sarah Addison, Carol Murphy, Likeu Lee, Susan Kosinski, Camille Moran, Michael Turinchak, Dorothy Norton, Sr. Barbara Takacs, Diane Allen, Nora and Callum Lemanski, Lucas Reiling, Dominic Ursino, Andrew Jenkins, Debbie Dwyer, Bridget Noe, John Cunningham, Abigail Brady, Frances Smith, Claudia Fernandez, Tom Warren, Marty Erickson, Mary Beth Bonkowski, Carey Jenkins, Aurora Tremaroli, Aubrey Baumbach, Christopher Green Cunningham, Ethel Gasda, Patrick Ford, David Kelly, Patrick Murphy, Jr., Helen Huk, Cathy Caputo, Rui Boos, Joseph Todisco, Marie Skurka, Arianna Khelil, Dorothy Craig, Stephanie Quiroga, Sal Guidone, Judy Broyhill, Tony Rios, Lois McGuire, Gina Pagnotta, Helen Huddleston, Mary Ann Allen, Mary Ellen Wagner, Ed Lord, Thomas Singer, Gregory Malzberg, Kristine Ryan, Luis Gallardo, Susan McGeough, Joseph Cirella, Donna Gocking, Marti Sullivan, Lauren Gardner, Edward Cameron, Marie Viteri, Steven Hensle, William Cody, John Keelin, Richard Delaney, Mary Conforti, Charlie Roussel, Jay Conroy, Richard Pelillo, Christopher Crahan, Ryan Lowe, Dominick Canavaro, Larry Califano, Frank Intagliato, Don Stauber, Marie Meister, Marlenes Teixeira, John Crisp, Don Spagnuolo, Maddie Niebanch, Anthony Careccia, Henry Von See, Michelle Benaim, Kevin and Dorothy Franken, Adriana Martins, Eugene Iannocelli, Everett Farren, Connie McNamara, Ann Zerga, Cheryl Maiorini, Alfri Rundio, Barbara Marvin, Beth Cintron, Andrew White, Adeline Lombardi, Caitlin Murray, Giovanna Tagliaferri, Nancy Merola Miller, Ann Gilroy, Stephanie Windsor, Rosemarie Moeller, Patricia Marceterre, Connie Prince, Bud Jeannette, Georgina Weiland, Anna West, Maddi Kinney, Michele Carney, Patti Mahoney, Robert Bruce, Richard Terranova, Diana Nazelli, Donald de Castro, Elizabeth Yanis, Peter Paul Perla, Kevin Snow, Greg Romais, Timothy Finnegan, Mary Mulhall, Jim Tsakonos, Denis Schreiber, Carmela Mino, Nicholas Storms, Ron Leonardis.



## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO THE LORD...

Jim Testa, brother of Nancy Artiglere

Evelyn Aquila, mother of Frank Aquila

## SPIRITUALITY-FAITH DEVELOPMENT



### Contact:

Sister Margaret Dincher SCC  
973-635-0070 x 714 (phone)  
973-635-5518 (fax)  
email: marga@corpuschristi.org

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs the sacrament of the sick please call Sister Margaret. During this time the funeral homes call directly to Father Kevin to arrange for a burial.



## LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND SERVERS

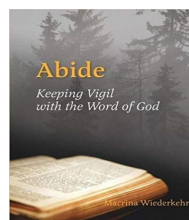
We are in need of additional Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. If you are interested, please e-mail Sister Margaret and you will be contacted.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

If you are interested in Spiritual Direction which helps a person deepen in his/her relationship with God, self, others and creation, contact Sister Margaret by phone or e-mail for more information.



## ABIDE



Abide is a monthly program to help one breathe in the Word of God. A meeting is held on the second Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm.

If anyone would be interested in joining a group meeting on Zoom or co-leading a group with Sister Margaret, please email: marga@corpuschristi.org.

## LEXIO DIVINA

*Spiritual Reading of the Sunday Gospel can lead to discover its meaning for your life. You can in prayer give your personal response to the Word of God. This prayer can lead to looking to Christ and listening to Him speak to you through the Words of the Gospel.*

<https://catholicdotbible.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/trinity.pdf>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Contact: Brigitte Hanley** email: [bhanley@corpuschristi.org](mailto:bhanley@corpuschristi.org) for PreK—Grade 5

**Contact: Brian Duemling** email: [bduemling@corpuschristi.org](mailto:bduemling@corpuschristi.org) for Middle School (Grades 6-8)

**Contact: Haley Heiberger** email: [Haley@corpuschristi.org](mailto:Haley@corpuschristi.org) for Confirmation Prep (Gr. 9-10)



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES PREK-5

Please check out the following resources to bring faith into your home for your children:

[www.catholicmom.com](http://www.catholicmom.com)  
[www.catholicicing.com](http://www.catholicicing.com)  
[www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)  
[www.looktohimandberadiant.com](http://www.looktohimandberadiant.com)

**Registration for next year is OPEN!**  
**Register HERE**

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Find us on Vimeo

Corpus Christi Chatham



Email Brigitte Hanley for more information  
[BHanley@corpuschristi.org](mailto:BHanley@corpuschristi.org).

### Middle School Religious Education Registration (Grades 6—8 )

**Registration** is now **OPEN** for 2020/2021 on the Corpus Christi website at <https://corpuschristi.org/reregistration>. Classes next year will be offered on Sundays at 8:00 am, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm for all Middle School grades.

Classes will be filled as registrations are received. Children should be registered in the grade they are attending in school. Baptism Certificates are needed for those registering for first grade and for children new to the program.

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL CATECHISTS NEEDED!

I know this is a very disruptive time in the lives of every parish family; however we look forward to religious education classes beginning in the new school year and welcome any adult 18+ to serve as a Catechist for our young adults.

**Interested?** Please contact Brian Duemling at [bduemling@corpuschristi.org](mailto:bduemling@corpuschristi.org). If you are worried about having the right knowledge and skills, be at peace. The Holy Spirit does a great job covering areas of concern!

## SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN

**Contact: Robert Long** email: [rlong@corpuschristi.org](mailto:rlong@corpuschristi.org)

*Join Bob Long to Read...*

*From Wild Man to Wise Man:  
Reflections on Male Spirituality*

Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
June-July-August via ZOOM.

Contact Bob Long for more information.



Contact Haley Heiberger  
973-507-8718 (desk); 973-635-5518 (fax)  
email: [haley@corpuschristi.org](mailto:haley@corpuschristi.org); [www.corpuschristi.org](http://www.corpuschristi.org)  
[www.facebook.com/chathamyouthministry](https://www.facebook.com/chathamyouthministry)

## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION THOSE BEING CONFIRMED IN THE FALL

We are collecting information for those being Confirmed in the fall. Please follow this link to fill out all the necessary information and dates for Confirmation if you have not already done so.

<https://www.corpuschristi.org/confirmation-sacrament-sign-up>



## BLUE SHEETS

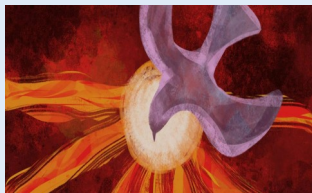
Those needing to hand in Blue Sheets should scan (or take photo) and send them to Haley. Any service you have done so far will be accepted as completed.

Please send your information to:  
[haley@corpuschristi.org](mailto:haley@corpuschristi.org).

## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT 8TH & 9TH GRADERS

Confirmation registration is now open to those presently in 8th & 9th grade.

Please follow the link to be put on the mailing list and to register. All teens—public, private and Catholic schools—should register, although Catholic school teens' registration is at no cost.



<https://www.corpuschristi.org/hsregistration>

## REFLECTION ...

BY REV. LEONARD N. PETERSON

There it sat, looking lonely among the taller offerings in the supermarket Easter flower section. A tricolor hyacinth in the colors of Lent and Easter: purple, pink, and white. I picked it up to grace the room where I pray. There I was delighted by the plant's unique fragrance. However it soon gave in to that habit of hyacinths to lean down one way or another. But what struck me this time was the fact that the plant seemed to lean toward the light coming from the window. It was yearning for the sun. Yearning for the sun. Think about that. All you have to do is change the lone vowel in "sun" from "u" to "o" and you have the life-long motivation of a Christian: "Yearning for the Son." The Son of God, Our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The wonderful truth that we can see and touch the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in the Holy Eucharist fulfills that yearning. Some day, when we get to see the Lord face to face, yearning will evaporate. In the meantime we have this special feast of "Corpus Christi," the Body of Christ, to celebrate this greatest treasure of our Church.

The feast originated in 1246 when Robert de Torote, bishop of Liège, ordered the festival celebrated in his diocese. He was persuaded to initiate the feast by St. Juliana, prioress of Mont Cornillon near Liège, who had experienced a vision. It did not spread until 1261, when Jacques Pantaléon, formerly archdeacon of Liège, became pope as Urban IV. In 1264 he ordered the whole church to observe the feast. Urban's order was confirmed by Pope Clement V at the Council of Vienne in 1311-12. By the mid-14th century the festival was generally accepted, and in the 15th century it became, in effect, one of the principal feasts of the Church.

By its calendar placement, this feast gives us the occasion to ponder Christ's gift to us of Himself at the Last Supper. On Holy Thursday, the pending Passion of Our Lord's death hung in the air with sober sadness over that Upper Room. On that same evening, in this strange unforgettable year, we lived under the pressure of a mandate to stay home. A virus took away our physical participation. Our yearning for the Lord intensified, and we all felt it.

All of our great Church saints had exemplary faith in Christ's gift of Himself in this sacrament. They had the same yearning for the Son of God that we do. And like that little hyacinth plant leaning toward the light-filled window, we also lean toward the One Person who fills our hearts and souls with the Light of Hope. As an anonymous writer put it: "Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible."



## Sunday, Jun 14, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

### E pluribus unum

As the United States celebrates flag day, remember that when the Revolutionary War began, no “American” flag existed. Each regiment fought under its own banner. It was another two years before the Second Continental Congress determined that 13 stars and stripes would signify the union of the colonies. An ever-expanding nation required more stars, and then more. It was wisely decided to leave the stripes alone. Holding 50 states together is a challenge in each generation. It takes even more will to hold together a church a billion strong, squatting under banners of preferred views and opinions. “One faith, one Lord, one Baptism” remains our call to unity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58 (167). *“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”*

## Monday, Jun 15, 2020

### Cheeky faith

There was a time when the rite of Confirmation included a tap on the cheek—symbolic of being struck—by the bishop, who at the same time wished you peace. The custom was knightly in origin. When you are confirmed, you become a “soldier of Christ,” so you must be ready to risk danger for your faith. But the sacrament strengthens you for the spiritual battles of your lifetime, including for times of crisis. Turning the other cheek hardly means being passive in the face of trials, but rather never giving up in the struggle. Offer yourself over and over in the service of good.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *“Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles.”*

## Tuesday, Jun 16, 2020

### Perfectly clear

The phrase “biblical criticism” doesn’t mean to criticize Sacred Scripture, though Pope Leo XIII seemed to think so when he wrote the 1893 encyclical *Providentissimus Deus*, which took a dim view of the practice. Rather, it refers to the use of scholarly disciplines—such as literature and history—to uncover the Bible’s deeper meanings. Fortunately, 50 years later, Pope Pius XII penned *On the Most Opportune Way to Promote Biblical Studies* to encourage what had been discouraged. Thanks to it, we can delve into the word “perfect” in Matthew 5:48 and learn it’s an imperfect translation of the Greek “*teleios*,” which means to have integrity. May your actions match your words.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). *“Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

## Wednesday, Jun 17, 2020

### Love leads the way

Doing good is not only what we are called to do as Christians, it is also a benefit to all human beings in the long run. Evolutionary studies show that cooperative behavior has long-term benefits for

human beings; whereas selfish behavior is a short-term win. In these difficult days, let love be your guide, your inner voice, and your consolation. Doing good is indeed its own reward.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367).

*“Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.”*

## Thursday, Jun 18, 2020

### Lead on

A small change in translation can be a big deal when the words of the Lord’s Prayer are at stake. After years of consideration, Italian and French bishops embraced a change in the version said at Mass, from “*lead us not into temptation*” to “*do not let us fall into temptation*.” The change intends to clarify the fact that God doesn’t lead people toward evil. So, if you are tempted toward sin today, why not ask God to lead you elsewhere?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *“This is how you are to pray: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.’”*

## Friday, Jun 19, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

### Get to the heart of the matter

Expressions of the meaning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have come from everywhere—from saints and theologians to singers and tattoo artists—each trying to give shape to the meaning of the unconditional love of Jesus the Christ. The Sacred Heart reminds us to allow ourselves to experience Jesus’ great love for us, to dwell in Jesus’ way of being in and for the world. Use your imagination to place yourself within Jesus’ heart, within love. How does this shift your view of the joys and challenges of the day?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30 (170). *“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God.”*

## Saturday, Jun 20, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### What have we done?

During the coronavirus pandemic, some have asked why God would “do this” to us or what we have done to “deserve this punishment.” A similar question was asked of Jesus in the story of the man born blind. Jesus replied that it was nothing the man did and neither was it some form of punishment. Think of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Immaculate Heart is the expression of her sinlessness. She did nothing wrong yet she suffered mightily. Even her Immaculate Heart is shown encircled with thorns and pierced with a sword. Many have suffered in this season of sickness and loss, through no fault of their own. Pray for those whose hearts are heavy with grief.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 (370); Luke 2:41-51 (573). *“His mother kept all these things in her heart.”*

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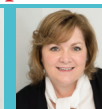
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