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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



SACRED HEART of JESUS

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Weekly Adoration at Church of Our Lady

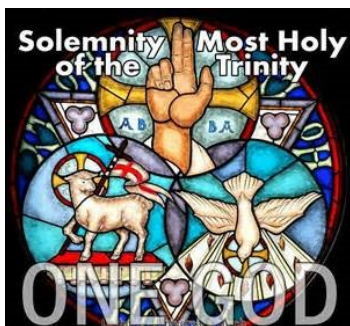
First Friday - June 6-
from 10:15 to Noon

**Please consider doing the Nine
First Fridays' Devotion!**
Now is a good time to start!

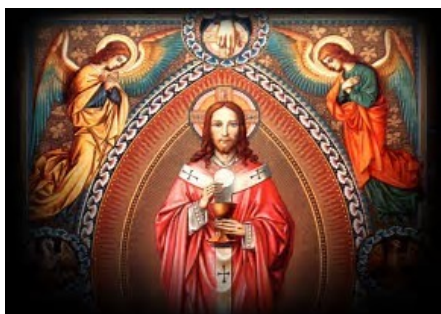
Other Fridays - from 10:15 to 11:00am
with Benediction



SUNDAY, JUNE 8 -
FEAST OF PENTECOST



SUNDAY, JUNE 15 - FEAST OF THE
MOST HOLY TRINITY



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 -
FEAST OF
THE BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Father, it is Your Commandment
that we should honor our fathers;
hear the prayers we offer You for them.

Grant them many years on Earth
and keep them in health of mind and body.
Bless their word and all they do.

Give them back a hundred-fold
whatever they have done for us.

Inspire them with Your love
and help them to fulfill Your Holy Law.

One day, may we be their comfort and support,
so that having enjoyed their affection on Earth
we may have the joy of being with them
forever in Your Home in Heaven,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FEAST DAYS IN JUNE

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART!

May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 1 - The Ascension & St. Justin Martyr

June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, *Martyrs*

June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, *Martyrs* &
St. John XXIII, *Pope*

June 5 - St. Boniface, *Bishop, Missionary, Martyr*

June 6 - First Friday & St. Norbert

June 7 - First Saturday

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday & St. Medard,
Bishop

**June 9 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of
the Church**

June 9 - St. Ephrem of Syria, *Deacon & Doctor of the Church*

June 11 - **St. Barnabas**, *Apostle*

June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua, *Priest, Doctor of the Church*,
Anniversary of the June 13 Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

June 14 - St. Methodius ~~~ **FLAG DAY** ~~~

June 15 - The Most Holy Trinity
~~~**FATHER'S DAY**~~~

June 19 - St. Romuald, *Abbot*

June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, *Religious*

**June 22 - Solemnity of The Most Holy  
Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

June 22 - St. Paulinus of Nola, *Bishop*, also Sts.  
Thomas More & John Fisher, *Martyrs*

**June 24 - Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the  
Baptist**

June 26 - St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer

**June 27 - The Most Sacred Heart of  
Jesus** & St. Cyril of Alexandria, *Bishop, Doctor of the  
Church*

**June 28 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary** - St. Irenaeus, *Bishop & Martyr*

**June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

If anyone has pictures from our May Crowning on May 11th,  
please send to me for an article in our July newsletter.

Please send to cool.sturm@gmail.com

# CHURCH OF OUR LADY

## Men of the Medal

Saturday, June 14, 2025

9:00<sup>am</sup> - 11:00<sup>am</sup>

Continental Breakfast

Fellowship with like minded men  
of Faith!

# May God Bless



## All Our Fathers

Sunday, June 15, 2025



June 27 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 28 - The Immaculate Heart of Mary



### JUBILEE OF HOPE JUNE 2025 CELEBRATIONS

*June 7-8 Jubilee of Ecclesial  
Movements, Associations and  
New Communities*

*June 9 Jubilee of the Holy See*

*June 14-16 Jubilee of Sport*

*June 20-22 Jubilee of  
Governments*

*June 23-24 Jubilee of  
Seminarians*

*June 25 Jubilee of Bishops*

*June 25-27 Jubilee of Priests*

These are specific events taking place in Rome on the days noted. However, we can certainly pray along with those who are attending for the graces of this Jubilee on all who participate in these activities and especially for all those who cannot travel to Rome who need our prayers.



Anne Marie Weakley, Community Outreach Coordinator  
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Dear Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal,  
Thank you so much for your recent gift of diapers and baby clothes. Last year we distributed more than 180,000 diapers, so we know they will be put to good use! Thank you!  
Ann Ma



# DAILY EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTERS

The 2025 Drexel Route opens with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Indianapolis on **Sunday, May 18th**. The team will travel with the Blessed Sacrament through parts of the Midwest before heading to Texas and along the states of the Southwestern United States. This year's pilgrimage route will include numerous opportunities to encounter Jesus, including daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Processions, witness talks, and fellowship meals with the Perpetual Pilgrims.

The pilgrimage will visit the tomb of Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the Shrine of Blessed Stanley Rother, and stop at several missions in Southern California. Another highlight of the journey is a stop at St. Michael Church near Window Rock, which is the capital of Navajo Nation. The St. Katharine Drexel route comes to an inspiring conclusion during Corpus Christi weekend in Los Angeles, where we will process with our Lord around the downtown Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HER 23 RITES

Here is the list of rites that are integral parts of the one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church:

- Latin Church with Latin liturgical traditions
- Eastern Catholic Churches with particular liturgical traditions:
  - Alexandrian liturgical tradition:
    - Coptic Catholic Church
    - Ethiopian Catholic Church
    - Eritrean Catholic Church
  - Antiochian liturgical tradition:
    - Maronite Church
    - Syrian Catholic Church
    - Syro-Malankara Catholic Church
  - Armenian liturgical tradition:
    - Armenian Catholic Church
  - Chaldean or East Syrian liturgical tradition:
    - Chaldean Catholic Church
    - Syro-Malabar Catholic Church
  - Byzantine liturgical tradition:
    - Albanian Byzantine Catholic Church
    - Belarusian Greek Catholic Church
    - Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church
    - Byzantine Church of Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro
    - Greek Byzantine Catholic Church
    - Hungarian Greek Catholic Church
    - Italo-Albanian Catholic Church
    - Macedonian Greek Catholic Church
    - Melkite Greek Catholic Church
    - Romanian Church United with Rome, Greek-Catholic
    - Russian Greek Catholic Church
    - Ruthenian Catholic Church
    - Slovak Greek Catholic Church
    - Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church ”

For more information go to **Steve Ray's website:** <http://catholicconvert.com/the-catholic-church-and-her-23-liturgical-rites/> where you can download a PDF of this information with active links to the various churches.



I only just found this 2025 pilgrimage information recently and wanted to share with everyone!

[National Eucharistic Pilgrimage - Official Website](#)

## Participating Dioceses

[Archdiocese of Indianapolis](#) May 18  
[Diocese of Joliet](#) May 18 - May 19  
[Diocese of Peoria](#) May 19 - May 21  
[Diocese of Davenport](#) May 21 - May 23  
[Archdiocese of Dubuque](#) May 23 - May 27  
[Diocese of Des Moines](#) May 27  
[Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph](#) May 27  
[Diocese of Wichita](#) May 28 - May 30  
[Diocese of Tulsa](#) May 30 - May 31

Here follows the route as the Blessed Sacrament and the pilgrims make their way to the west coast:

[Archdiocese of Oklahoma City](#) May 31 - June 3  
[Diocese of Dallas](#) Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh (Irving, TX) June 3 - June 5.  
[Diocese of Fort Worth](#) June 5 - June 7  
[Diocese of San Angelo](#) June 7 - June 10  
[Diocese of El Paso](#) June 10 - June 11  
[Diocese of Las Cruces](#) June 11 - June 12  
[Diocese of Gallup](#) June 12 - June 13  
[Diocese of San Bernardino](#) St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Chicago (Grand Terrace, CA) June 14 - June 16  
[Diocese of San Diego](#) Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas of Chicago (San Diego, CA) June 16 - June 18  
[Diocese of Orange](#) Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles (Orange, CA) June 18 - June 20  
[Archdiocese of Los Angeles](#) June 20 - June 22- [Pilgrimage Events- Corpus Christi Celebration](#)

All information is found on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage website.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm

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# NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

## 2025 St. Katharine Drexel Route



### Engaging the Universal Church

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will engage the universality of the Church as the Perpetual Pilgrims travel with the Blessed Sacrament across the country, stopping at churches in both urban and rural areas. **Priests will offer Mass in many languages, in different Rites of the Church, and with various liturgical musical styles.** Our pilgrims will serve along the route, bringing our Eucharistic Lord to the margins, including encountering those in nursing homes, food banks, and a federal prison.



### Patron of the Pilgrimage: St. Katharine Drexel

St. Katharine Drexel came from a devout and wealthy family who used their material goods to serve those in need. After discerning a call to the religious life, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. This order was dedicated to serving the Indian American and African American populations.

By the time of her death in 1955, Mother Katharine had used the funds from her inheritance to build a vast network of 50 missions and over 60 schools, with 500 sisters teaching in them. She was canonized a saint in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

**St Katharine Drexel, pray for us!**

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## A Year of Growth and Gratitude: Reflecting on the Success of the 2024-25 P.S.R. Community

The 2024-25 Parish School of Religion (P.S.R.) program has been a resounding success, a testament to the dedication, faith, and collaborative spirit of everyone involved. With a heart full of gratitude, reflecting on the journey of the past year and the incredible blessings it has brought to me and our parish community.

The success of this year's P.S.R. program would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of our devoted teachers, Mr. Paul Mitchell, Mr. Thomas Crosby, Mr. Fritz Mirville, Mrs. Lori Cardamone, Mr. Justine Anigbo, Mrs. Francie Medary, and Mrs. Marie Mirville. With their unwavering commitment, they have nurtured not only the minds but also the spirits of our students, instilling in them the values of faith, love, and service. Their tireless work in preparing lessons, guiding discussions, and creating a welcoming environment has left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who participated. To each teacher who gave their time, energy, and passion to this program, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your work has truly been an inspiration. I also want to extend my gratitude to Mrs. Mercy Nkeruka for her dedication and commitment to making sure every student was fed each Sunday.

To the students, who brought joy, curiosity, and a willingness to learn, I applaud your enthusiasm and engagement. Each one of you has contributed to making the 2024-25 P.S.R. program a dynamic and meaningful experience. Your questions deepened discussions, your insights inspired reflection, and your presence made this program a vibrant tapestry of faith and fellowship. Equally, I owe immense thanks to the parents of our P.S.R.

students. Your support, encouragement, and commitment to your children's spiritual growth have been invaluable. By prioritizing their religious education and walking alongside them in faith, you have strengthened the foundation of our parish community. Your collaboration and trust have been a pivotal part of this year's achievements.

None of this would have been possible without the grace of God and the support of the Church of Our Lady's vibrant community. I am profoundly grateful to God for blessing me with the opportunity to direct this program and for guiding every step of our journey. His wisdom and love have illuminated our path, and His presence has been a source of strength and inspiration.

I also wish to thank the Church of Our Lady's parishioners and Fr. Leo and Jim McQuaide who have embraced this program and contributed to its success. Your prayers, encouragement, and active participation have created an environment where faith flourishes and connections deepen. Together, we have fostered a culture of learning and spiritual growth that will resonate for years to come.

In conclusion, thank you to each and every person who contributed to the success of the 2024-25 P.S.R. program. Your dedication, faith, and collaboration have made this year extraordinary. May God bless you all abundantly as we move forward together in our shared mission of faith and education. As I close this remarkable chapter, I look forward with anticipation to the next. With God's guidance and the support of our community, we know that even greater blessings await us in the year ahead.

Blessings!  
Carolyn Mack. PSR Director

### CONFIRMATION AT SETON ON MAY 5, 2025



BONIFICE KAPANGA



LILLIAN-SAMUEL BATIBAPO  
ANTHONY MUNOZ MARTINES



CARMELLE EXAUCÉE TOGBONOU  
CARMEN LUMEN TOGBONOU



At the May Stephen Ministry meeting, two members of the RREACT team gave a presentation about the services they perform for residents within Franklin County. This information could be vital to someone you know who is suffering from addiction!

You can check out their information on the website or you can call them directly for a personal consultation.

*Submitted by Elaine Sturm*

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### **RREACT: Who We Are...**

- A dedicated team with a background in public safety, health care, social services and knowledge of community resources.



### **What We Do...**

- Engage people & families facing challenges with alcohol and/or substance use disorder.
- Offer caring support & connect people with appropriate resources.
- Identify & address factors that may be barriers to long term recovery.
- Educate our community on prevention, harm reduction & reducing stigma surrounding substance use disorder

### **A Path To Recovery...**

- Through our compassion-based screening process we work with individuals to develop personalized treatment plans to meet their needs and goals.
- Provide transportation and case management at no cost.
- Offer ongoing social support through the RREACT Alumni Group with monthly events to celebrate recovery, share experiences and hope.



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### The Appeal 2025 Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
 You have called us to go out  
 and proclaim the Good News of Your Son's death and Resurrection.  
 Empower us with Your Holy Spirit for this work of ministry.  
 Give us hearts and minds that are open to the Gospel,  
 And hands and feet that are willing to live it.  
 Bless the work of this Appeal,  
 And the sacrifices we make in Your service,  
 That in all we do and say, all we give and receive,  
 We may build up Your Church here on Earth  
 And be instruments that bring Christ to others.  
 We ask all this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

### Oración de La Campaña 2025

Padre Celestial,  
 Nos has llamado a ir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de tu Hijo crucificado y resucitado.  
 Fortalécenos con el Espíritu Santo para el trabajo ministerial.  
 Danos corazones y mentes abiertas al Evangelio,  
 así como manos y pies dispuestos a vivirlo.  
 Bendice el trabajo de esta Campaña  
 y los sacrificios que ofrecemos a tu servicio,  
 que en todo lo que hagamos y digamos, en todo lo que demos y recibamos,  
 construyamos tu Iglesia aquí en la tierra  
 y seamos instrumentos que lleven a Cristo hacia otros.  
 Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.  
 Amén.

**Any funds we collect over our goal will be returned to our church!**

*Together in Mission we can do great things for the people of the Diocese of Columbus.*

The Diocese of Columbus has been able to evangelize, educate, nurture, and support the needs of our 23 county diocese because of your support of The Appeal. **Below are just a few** of the ways your Appeal contribution aided our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in 2024.

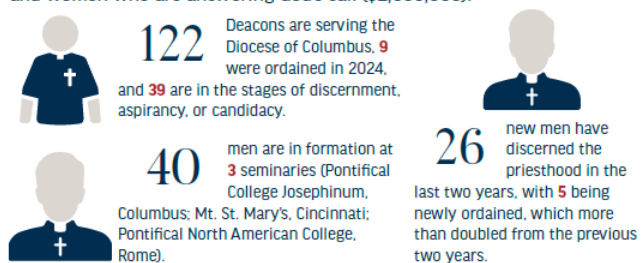
### EVANGELIZATION:

Reaching out to our communities and spreading the Good News (\$2,673,000):



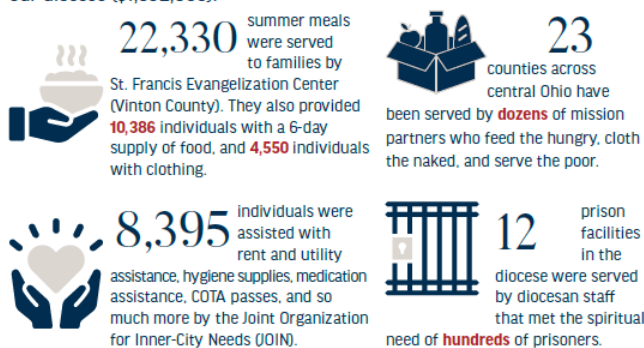
### VOCATIONS:

Nurturing and supporting seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious men and women who are answering God's call (\$2,603,000):



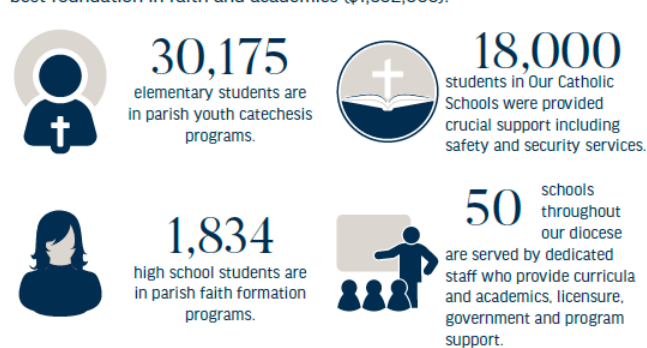
### SOCIAL DOCTRINE:

Addressing the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and those suffering in our diocese (\$1,392,000):



### EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION:

Ensuring that our schools and religious formation programs provide the best foundation in faith and academics (\$1,332,000):





## History of Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Devotion to the Sacred Heart can be seen as early as the second century with St. Justin Martyr and in the 7th century with Pope Gregory the Great. Writers throughout these centuries emphasized the pierced side of Christ as the inexhaustible source from which all graces flow upon mankind and the blood and water as symbols of the Sacraments of the Church. With the coming of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Anselm in the 12th century, there was a sudden increase in direct reference to the love of the Sacred Heart for every person redeemed by His Passion and Death. The widespread influence of Franciscan and Dominican Friars enkindled this devotion in the hearts of the faithful who heard their preaching. The focus on the Sacred Heart moved from being a symbol of the Sacraments to the symbol of Divine Love.

One cannot pass over the Middle Ages without mentioning Saints Gertrude and Mechtild. The editor of St. Gertrude's writings, Revelations, (Dom Boutrais of Soesmes) stated: "Never before...has anything been written on the effect of the Divine Heart and its relation to men, to saints, to the souls in Purgatory, such as we find in the writings of St. Gertrude and St. Mechtild.

The contemplation of the Humanity of Christ in His Passion, devotion to the Blessed Eucharist (in particular the Feast of Corpus Christi), and the surge of mysticism gave the devotion to the Sacred Heart a new vitality in the Middle Ages. Prior to the revelations to St. Margaret Mary religious communities, particularly in France, continued to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the world. The French spiritual leaders paved the way for the message given to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

St. Margaret Mary entered the Daughters of the Visitation, founded by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Frances de Chantal, in 1671. Although devotion to the Heart of Jesus was already important to the order prior to St. Margaret Mary's entrance, it would be through her that public devotion to the Sacred Heart (reparation, consecration and a liturgical feast) would be practiced universally in the Catholic Church. St. Francis de Sales wrote, "Our little congregation is the work of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our dying Savior gave birth to us by the wound in His Sacred Heart." St. Jane told her daughters, "Pray that your heart may be made like to the Heart of Jesus." It was to this Order that Jesus gave the deepest knowledge of His Sacred Heart and the express command to spread devotion to It.

During this time, the heresy of Jansenism was spreading like wildfire throughout Europe. The Jansenists instilled fear into the hearts of the faithful, turning the religion of faith and love into one of pessimism and scrupulosity, teaching that man is completely incapable of disposing himself to the grace offered by God. Frequent Communion was also frowned upon.

In contrast to this, between the years of 1673 and 1675, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary revealing His Divine Heart to her. In one apparition He told her, "My Divine Heart is so passionately in love with humanity, and with you in particular, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you."



Our Lord mourned the indifference and ingratitude of the greater part of humanity. Christ asked for the Communion of Reparation on 9 First Fridays. He also requested that there be a special liturgical feast for His Sacred Heart in the Universal Church to be celebrated eight days after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On that day He asked for a solemn act of reparation for all the offenses heaped upon Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Margaret Mary was a cloistered nun and so to help her carry out the mission entrusted to her, our Lord brought St. Claude la Columbiere, a Jesuit priest, to her to be her spiritual director. He was the first to believe in the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary. Thanks to his support, her superior also believed, and widespread propagation of the devotion to the Sacred Heart in the Universal Church began. From then on, the Jesuits became the chief propagators of the devotion to the Sacred Heart which flourished throughout the subsequent centuries.

The Holy See has given this devotion a high place of importance in the Church due not only to the requests of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary but also to the soundness of the doctrine and its timeliness in rekindling love and trust in the merciful Heart of our Savior. Pope Pius XI, in the encyclical MISERENTISSIMUS REDEMPTOR [On Reparation to the Sacred Heart], writes about the meaning of the vision of the Sacred Heart. "He showed His Heart to us bearing about it the symbols of the passion and displaying the flames of love, that from the one we might know the infinite malice of sin, and in the other we might admire the infinite charity of our Redeemer, and so might have a more vehement hatred of sin, and make a more ardent return of love for His love." In this encyclical, Pope Pius stressed that reparation to the Sacred Heart is obligatory for all Christians. He ends his encyclical stating that **the devotion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart has the highest approval of Apostolic Authority and must be practiced universally by all Christians.**

Following the visions and writings of St. Margaret Mary and St. Claude la Columbiere, many popes have written on the immense importance of devotion to the Sacred Heart including: Leo XIII, Benedict XV, Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI. On the 50th anniversary of Pope Pius XII's encyclical HAURIETIS AQUA [You Shall Draw Waters] on devotion to the Sacred Heart, Pope Benedict wrote, "This devotion (to the Sacred Heart) is 'the contemplation of the 'side pierced by the spear,' in which shines the limitless will of salvation on the part of God.'" For this reason, "it cannot be considered as a passing form of worship or devotion. Adoration of the love of God, which has found in the symbol of the 'pierced heart' its historical-devotional expression, continues to be vital for a living relationship with God."

The devotion to the Divine Mercy, given to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1931, is a broadened devotion to the Sacred Heart. From this devotion, our trust in God's limitless love and mercy is rekindled. The incomprehensible treasures which we have in the Sacraments are symbolized in the blood and water gushing forth from the Heart of Christ. The devotion to the Sacred Heart has flowered and has seemed to come full circle in the devotion to the Divine Mercy, particularly in its emphasis on the graces flowing from the Heart of Jesus, healing and forgiving souls, through the Sacraments of Mercy.

Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
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## History of the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The history of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is important to know so that we may understand why Our Lady came to ask for it at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1732, French Jesuit priest Fr. Joseph de Gallifet, wrote, "Once the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was established in the Church, it was in the order of Providence a natural consequence that a devotion to the Heart of Mary should also be established. The devotion to the Heart of Mary really is a natural result of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. ... The same love that has led Jesus Christ to associate His Mother with Himself in all the glory He enjoys in the Church Triumphant, has led Him to associate her in the same way in all the honor He receives from the Church Militant."

Thirteenth-century saints, Mechtilde, Gertrude the Great and Bridget of Sweden, fostered this devotion through their writings and private revelations. Our Lord revealed to St. Mechtilde, in her *Book of Special Grace*, the reasons why she should honor and salute the Heart of Mary:

- on account of the ardent desires it conceived for the coming of Jesus Christ;
- on account of the love with which it burns and its deep humility;
- on account of its tender love for the Infant Jesus;
- for the care with which it treasured up the words of Jesus; both in His infancy and manhood;
- for its sufferings in the Passion of Christ;
- on account of the prayers it offered up and the desire it formed for the Church;
- on account of the care it takes in Heaven to make the Blessed Trinity propitious to us.

Our Lady told St. Bridget of Sweden, "When He suffered, I felt as though My Heart endured the sufferings also... when My Son was scourged and torn with whips, My Heart was scourged and whipped with Him... His Heart was My heart... so that My beloved Son and Myself redeemed the world as with one Heart."

In the 15th century, St. Bernadine of Sienna, publicly preached devotion to the Heart of Mary. So great was his love and writings on the Heart of Mary that he has been given the title, "Doctor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

St. Francis de Sales also wrote on the Heart of Mary. The crest for the Visitation Order that he founded has the two hearts of Jesus and Mary united together. He not only laid the groundwork but was the main force in influencing the Apostle of the Immaculate Heart, St. John Eudes (1601-1680). St. John Eudes often publicly acknowledged this fact. St. Pope Pius X called him its father, doctor and apostle. Through him, this devotion was made public and received ecclesiastical approbation. At his canonization, the Church emphasized his role in establishing the liturgical devotion to the Heart of Mary. The feast of the Heart of Mary was established first in his congregation and later throughout France. He composed a Mass and Office. In 1680, shortly before his death, his book *The Admirable Heart of Mary*, was completed and published. It consisted of 12 books, which took him 20 years to write, and was the first of its kind.

Our Lady said to the Fatima children on July 13, 1917, "I will come and ask for the Communions of Reparation on the First Saturdays." This request of Our Lady is not a new innovation. In 1892, Pope Leo XIII granted to all the faithful a plenary indulgence to those who devoted 15 consecutive

Saturdays in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. Later, Pope St. Pius X granted a plenary indulgence to all who would perform the 12 First Saturdays in honor of Our Lady, and in 1905, granted a plenary indulgence to those who "spend some time in devout prayers or meditations in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate, on the first Saturday of each month with the intention of persevering in the same practice for the space of 12 months."

Then on June 13, 1912, Pius X granted new indulgences to the faithful who performed the devotion of reparation to Our Lady on the First Saturdays of the month. The Holy Father wrote, "To the faithful who on the First Saturday of each month perform some special exercise of devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate, in order to make atonement for the blasphemies whereby the name and prerogatives of the same Blessed Virgin are reviled, may gain a plenary indulgence" on the condition of confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the Pope.

Prior to the publication of the Fatima revelations, Pope Benedict XV added to Pius X's declaration, "a plenary indulgence at the hour of death, if after Confession and Communion, or at least being duly contrite, they invoke with their lips if possible, otherwise in their hearts, the most Holy Name of Jesus, and accept death with resignation from the hand of God as the due punishment for their sins on the condition of making the devotion on eight successive First Saturdays."

One can certainly see the similarity of these grants of indulgence to the promises attributed to Our Lady at Fatima. She ratified the acts of Pius X, when five years to the day – on June 13, 1917 – Our Lady showed the three children her Immaculate Heart, "surrounded by thorns that seemed to pierce it," which not only gave us the reason for this reparation but demanded it.

On Dec. 10, 1925, when Lucia was a postulant in Pontevedra, Spain, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appeared to her. Lucia describes the encounter, "... suddenly my room lit up and it was the light of my dear Mother in Heaven who came with the Child Jesus on a luminous cloud. Our Lady, as if wanting to instill courage, rested her hand on my shoulder, and as she did so, showed me her Immaculate Heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. The Child Jesus said: 'Have compassion on the Heart of your most Holy Mother, covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.'

"Then Our Lady said, 'Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and announce that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to My Immaculate Heart.'

When Our Heavenly Mother called for the First Saturdays of Reparation, she took a traditional devotion, simplified it and gave it a greater efficacy.

Our Lady has asked for reparation, but what does it mean? Reparation consists of making amends to God for our sins and those of others by prayer and penance. **When we make reparation for the sins of others, this is called 'vicarious satisfaction.' It is atonement made for an offense not by the person who committed the offense, but by someone else on their behalf. This is the crux of the Fatima message... to save souls!**



## History of the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary— CONTINUED

Cardinal Larrona, the papal legate to Pope St. John XXIII, said at Fatima on May 13, 1962, “It is urgent for us to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. God wishes it! Our Lady told us! Our efforts must therefore multiply; we must be assiduous in practicing the First Five Saturdays of Reparation, not just once, but continually, for those who do not or will not heed Our Lady’s plea!”



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## 12 PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. 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.



## The First Saturday Promises

Our Lady of Fatima asked us to make the First Saturday Communion of Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart.

Her promise: *“I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of five (5) consecutive months shall*

- ① confess,
- ② receive Holy Communion,
- ③ recite five decades of the Rosary, and
- ④ keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me.”

Our Lord said: **“The souls who make the Five First Saturdays with fervor and to make reparation to the Heart of Your Heavenly Mother please Me...”** **“I want My Church to ...put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart.”** ...Jesus to Sister Lucia

## Why Five Saturdays?

It is sometimes asked why Our Lady asked for Communions of Reparation on five First Saturdays, instead of some other number. Our Blessed Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucia May 29, 1930. He explained that it was because of five kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely:

- **blasphemies against Her Immaculate Conception,**
- **against Her Perpetual Virginity,**
- **against the Divine and Spiritual Maternity of Mary,**
- **blasphemies involving the rejection and dishonoring of Her images, and**
- **the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of this Immaculate Mother.**

**“Have Compassion on the Heart of Your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.”** ...Jesus to Sister Lucia of Fatima

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