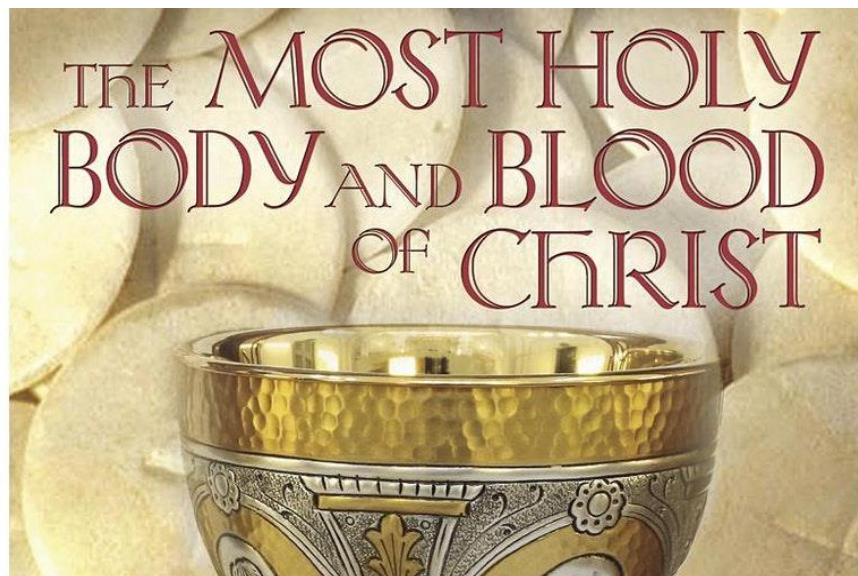

ST. PETER CLAVER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Where the Joy of the Lord is Our Strength"*

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

JOHN 6: 51-58

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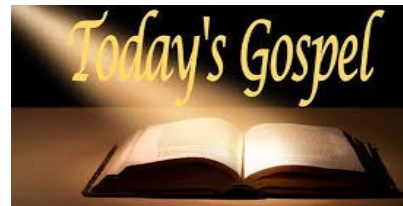
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Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." **JOHN 6:51-58**

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY ERIC BAIN, SPC SUMMER HELPER

The mystery of the Eucharist will never be completely understood, but there are a few aspects of the mystery that are my favorites. The Eucharist is a gift; it is the best gift I have ever received and I am sure it is the best gift anyone has ever received. Usually, when we give and receive gifts, there is an exchange. I give you something and you give me something of relatively the same value. However, the sacrament of the Eucharist is God giving Himself to us, His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is the closest we can come to God outside of heaven. It is a gift we will never be able to reciprocate. The only way we can even come close to reciprocating this gift is by giving ourselves to God, by loving Him with our entire heart, soul, and strength. The Eucharist is defined as "the Source and Summit of our Faith." It is everything. The entirety of the mass is structured around this perfect gift of the Eucharist. It puts on display His fiery love for us and it is an amazing display of humility. Not only did He become a man so that we may come to know and love Him, but He also died for us. Then, He gave us Himself in the Eucharist where He is so vulnerable, with no way of protecting Himself. He put himself into our care so that we may love him in our reverence towards the Eucharist in how we handle Him and in how we act in His presence. He does all this because of how much he loves us and desires us to be with Him. Now that Churches are opening again, it gives us the opportunity to be with our loving God once again in the sacrifice of the mass and in adoration. And in this time of separation from these gifts, no matter how much we may have missed receiving these divine gifts, He has missed it infinitely more.





**8:00AM - SATURDAYS (BUT CANCELLED JUNE 13) AND
10:00AM - SUNDAYS**

1. OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS:

- You are still not obligated to attend mass, but encouraged to do so if you feel comfortable.

2. CONSIDER STAYING AT HOME IF:

- You're over 60;
- You have heart or lung conditions or diabetes, or are immuno-compromised
- Anyone in your household is running a fever, or has a cough or is experiencing any respiratory illness.
- You have not been wearing a face masks, observing social distancing, and washing your hands frequently in the community at large.

3. TWO OPTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS ON THE GROUNDS OF SPC:

- Option 1** - Go inside the Church to participate in the Mass.
- Option 2** - Stay in your vehicle; **Turn TO FM 100.1 to hear the Mass.**

4. IF YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND MASS:

- WEAR YOUR MASK** on the parking lot and inside of the church and keep it on inside of the church
- SUBMIT TO A TEMPERATURE CHECK AND SANITIZATION** at the entrance of the church

5. IF YOU DECIDE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION:

- For Option 1:** Those inside the church will receive communion first as they keep their masks on until it is time to ingest the Host after which the mask is immediately replaced per instructions of the ushers.
- For Option 2:** There are two options: Walk Ups and Drive Ups.
 - Walk Ups** maintaining 6 feet distancing will receive communion first.
 - Drive Ups** will receive communion after Walk Ups.

6. IF YOU DECIDE TO GIVE YOUR OFFERTORY TITHE:

- Ushers with **long handled baskets** will come to the cars to collect your tithe (You don't have to get out of your cars to give.)
- You still have other options for giving, which are **preferred**: mail in, text, go on line or use mobile app.



**SATURDAY: 7:00AM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &
8:00AM MASS - CANCELLED**

**10:00AM MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
FOR MARY CARROLL**

SUNDAY: 10:00AM MASS IN ENGLISH

Mass is LIVESTREAMED on our Facebook page. To participate in our LIVESTREAMED Mass, tune in on our Facebook page by typing in the following link into your search engine:

<https://facebook.com/StPeterClaverCatholicChurch/>



JUNE 14: Shanice Fenwick

June 21: Alice Pollack and All Fathers & Father Figures
June 28: Anthony and Elnora Jackson



Matt Allen; Judson "Mark" Barnes; Wayne Barnes; Anita Birdine; Stephanie Bowman; Eric Briscoe; Louise Briscoe; Bertille Bryan; Eva Butler; Geraldine Carroll; Mary Carroll; Catherine Carter; Chris Cassagnol; Gabriel Cassagnol; Shelly Cenci; Michael Chase; Kirk Crafton; Yvonne Cutchember; Nolan Davidson; Mary Dove; Helena Dutch; James Gant; Jessica Goldring; Winston Green; Virginia Harriston; Janice Hewlett; Jimmie Hill; Mary Catherine Hickson; Sister Marilyn Hopewell; Thelma Jones; Willie Jones; Patti Lachkovic; Heaven McClane; Horace McClane, Jr.; Dianne McCombs; Arnold Moreland; Eleanor Moland; Vernicia Morgan; Angie Prucha; Dinah Robinson; Frank Smith; Patricia Smith; Charles L. Spears; Mary Spears; Catherine Taylor; Joseph Taylor; Vernon Thomas; Estelle Thompson; Mary Elizabeth "Bede" Thompson; William "Bill" Thompson; Huntington Wiggins; Charles Winters; Gail Yearick.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

11:00AM - 3:00PM

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 6/7/2020

Offertory Collection	\$3,405.00
Budgeted Offertory=	\$2,900.00

OFFERTORY EXCEEDS BUDGET +405.00

WE MET OUR FINANCIAL GOAL THIS WEEK.

We are so very blessed!

Your generosity is much appreciated. We recognize that you are making sacrifices to financially support the costs associated with running the church and its ministries.

WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE MADE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO TITHE WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY OR WITH YOUR GIFT DONATION:

1. You can still **mail in your offertory or gift donation:**

St. Peter Claver Church, PO Box 240, St. Inigoes, MD 20684

2. You can download our **new mobile app**

Go to the appropriate app store to download the free Mobile App (Church by MinistryOne). Open the App and locate the church via zip (20684). Select “Saint Peter Claver Church” (SPCC). Follow the instructions.

3. You go on our **new church website (www.stpeterclaverchurch.org)**

Go to the website; locate “donate” on the navigation bar at the top; press the “donate” button; follow the simple instructions from “ParishSoft.”

4. You can plan with your bank to set up an **electronic check (e-check) payment on the schedule that you prefer.** Your bank will mail your electronic payment to SPC.

5. You can now **TEXT YOUR DONATION**

Text To: 301-478-8765; Put as your message the word GIVE; When you send, you will receive a link from ParishSoft; click the link which will take you to the St. Peter Claver Church page; choose the fund to which you will be donating (offertory, gifts and donation, maintenance, etc.); put in your amount; indicate how you would like to give; please add the processing/convenience fee (2.5%) to your giving so that the church does not have to pick up the charge; press the submit button. **YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR GIVING!**

Please remember this: Whether you tithe or not, you will be kept in prayer and you are asked to pray for St. Peter Claver Church and the Church in general.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, THE FINDER OF LOST ITEMS (FEAST DAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 13)

Saint Anthony was born **Fernando Martins** in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, the then capital of Portugal. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin.

Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When **Franciscan friars** settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to **Saint Anthony of Egypt**, Fernando felt a longing to join them. Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. **When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony.** Anthony then traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health. As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying.

An undetermined amount of time later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would present the homily. The Dominicans were known for their preaching, thus the Franciscans assumed it was they who would provide a homilist, but the Dominicans assumed the Franciscans would provide one. It was then **the head of the Franciscan hermitage asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit told him to speak of.** Though he tried to object, Anthony delivered an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups. Soon, news of his eloquence reached **Francis of Assisi**, who held a strong distrust of the brotherhood's commitment to a life of poverty. However, in Anthony, he found a friend.

In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. Anthony had a **book of psalms** that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, he greatly valued it. When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, **he stole Anthony's valuable book.** When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief did return the book and in an extra step returned to the Order as well. The book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna today.

Anthony occasionally taught at the universities of Montpellier and Toulouse in southern France, **but he performed best in the role of a preacher.** So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, most unlettered and the innocent could understand his messages. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by **Pope Pius XII** in 1946.

Once, when St. Anthony of Padua attempted to preach the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he went out and **preached his message to the fish.** ...When critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should also listen to what Anthony had to say.

He was only 35-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by **Pope Gregory IX.** Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet **his tongue was totally incorrupt**, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles." St Anthony is venerated all over the world as the **Patron Saint for lost articles**, and is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things and even lost spiritual goods.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=24

SPC’S WEEKLY CALENDAR 2020

(Some Ministries are conducted with other churches: St. Cecilia’s, IHM, & St. Michael’s)

SUN. June 14	MON. JUNE 15	TUES. JUNE 16	WED. JUNE 17	THUR. JUNE 18	FRI. JUNE 19	SAT. JUNE 20
GOSPEL MASS @ 10:00AM@ SPC	Mass @ 7:30AM @ St. Cecilia	Mass @ 7:30AM @ St. Cecilia	Mass @ 7:30AM @ St. Cecilia	Mass @ 7:30AM @ St. Cecilia	Mass @ 7:30AM @ St. Cecilia	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @7:00AM @SPC
LATIN MASS @3:00PM AT SPC	LATIN MASS@ 6:00PM @ SPC		LATIN MASS @ 6:00PM @SPC		CPR Rosary @2PM; Free Dial-in #: 1-605-475-4700 Access #: 870115	Mass @8:00AM @SPC



SPECIAL TALKS BY FATHER SCOTT WOODS
ON YOUTUBE.COM:
CHECK THEM OUT AND BE BLESSED!

Father Scott humbly agreed to presenting his thoughts on various recommended topics.

William Bolin, our Campus Minister, has framed them within beautiful contexts.

You can access the following topics via
<https://facebook.com/StPeterClaverCatholicChurch/>:

- 1. Father Scott’s Vocation Story
- 2. St. Catherine of Siena
- 3. The Pandemic: Don’t Just Survive-Thrive
- 4. Confession: What, Why and How?
- 5. Loving Fallen-Away Family Members
- 6. Our Lady of Fatima
- 7. God is the Center of Your Family
- 8. Examination of Conscience
- 9. Purgatory: The What and the Why of It
- 10. Racism, Prayer and the Current Events
- 11. The Beauty of the Latin Mass



THE CATHOLIC VOICE: REFORMS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN MARYLAND

June 10, 2020 — Annapolis, MD

Legislators in Maryland, as in other states, are beginning to look for meaningful reforms and accountability following the tragic death of George Floyd. House of **Delegates Speaker Adrienne Jones (D-10)** announced a bipartisan **Workgroup to Address Police Reform and Accountability**.

The Maryland Catholic Conference will monitor reform efforts. In recent years, the Conference has supported numerous justice reform measures that are in line with Church teaching, calling for systems of justice that are restorative in nature and that promote healing, education, rehabilitation and community support.

A particularly meaningful step was made with the passage of the **bipartisan Justice Reinvestment Act in 2016**. The legislation called for reform policies and spending that recognized the dignity of every person and addressed the disparate impact many criminal justice policies have on African Americans and other minorities. This legislation also may have paved the way for a next set of reforms.

Central to each of the Church’s public policy positions is the dignity of every person. As **Pope Francis** said in a message to the United States on June 3: “[W]e cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.” It is undeniable that George Floyd was not afforded such dignity or respect for the life he lost on May 25, 2020.



PRAYER FOR RACIAL UNITY

Maryland has been deeply enriched by the gifts of Black Catholics, including **Mother Mary Lange** who, in 1828 in Baltimore, founded the first Catholic school for Black children in the United States. One year later, she founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious order for women of African descent. A woman of deep faith and trust in God, Mother Mary went on to found more schools for children and adults, teach religious education, care for orphans and do much more, often overcoming racism, a lack of funds and other obstacles. Today, she is a **Servant of God**, in the process to be canonized a Catholic saint.

Mother Mary Lange, we turn to you for solace, healing and strength as we seek to combat racism and to lift up the equality and dignity of all children of God.

Prayer for the Beatification AND Intercession of Mother Mary Lange:

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provide educational, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange’s love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision. Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and a more fervent love of You. Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favour (here mention your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange. (Your Catholic Voice)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday, June 19, 2020

...**The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** is a celebration that falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. The liturgical feast was first celebrated in Rennes, France. The liturgy was approved by the local bishop at the behest of **St. John Eudes**, who celebrated the Mass at the major seminary in Rennes on August 31, 1670. ...In 1856, **Pope Pius IX** established the Feast of the Sacred Heart as obligatory for the whole Church, to be celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi.



The Roots of the Devotion

But the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is much older. The beginnings of a devotion of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus are found in the fathers of the Church, including **Origen, Saint Ambrose, Saint Jerome, Saint Augustine of Hippo, Saint Hippolytus of Rome, Saint Irenaeus, Saint Justin Martyr, and Saint Cyprian**. In the 11th century this devotion found a renewal in the writings of Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries. This expression was given form by **Saint Bernard of Clairvaux** in the 12th century in his famous poem/prayer “**O Sacred Head Surrounded.**”

A Franciscan Connection

In the 13th century, the Franciscan **St. Bonaventure’s** work “With You is the Source of Life” (which is the reading for the Divine Office on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart) began to point to the heart as the fountain from which God’s love poured into our lives: “**Take thought now, redeemed man, and consider how great and worthy is he who hangs on the cross for you. His death brings the dead to life, but at his passing heaven and earth are plunged into mourning and hard rocks are split asunder. It was a divine decree that permitted one of the soldiers to open his sacred side with a lance. This was done so that the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death on the cross, and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled: ‘They shall look on him whom they pierced.’ The blood and water, which poured out at that moment, were the price of our salvation. Flowing from the secret abyss of our Lord’s heart as from a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting.**”

The Devotion Spreads Slowly

At the end of the 13th century, **St. Gertrude**, on the feast of St. John the Evangelist, had a vision in which she was allowed to rest her head near the wound in the Savior’s side. She heard the beating of the Divine Heart and asked John if, on the night of the Last Supper, he too had felt this beating heart, why then had he never spoken of the fact. John replied that this revelation had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need to rekindle its love.

The Devotion Renewed: Saint Marguerite Marie Alacoque

In the late 17th century the devotion was renewed and adopted elsewhere, especially following the revelations to **Saint Marguerite Marie Alacoque**. The saint, a cloistered nun of the Visitation Order, received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart, the first on December 27, 1673, and the final one 18 months later. ***The visions revealed to her the form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a “Holy hour” on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.***

Initially discouraged in her efforts to follow the instruction she had received in her visions, Alacoque was eventually able to convince her superior of the authenticity of her visions. She was unable, however, to convince a group of theologians of the validity of her apparitions, nor was she any more successful with many of the members of her own community. She eventually received the support of **St. Claude de la Colombière, S.J.**, the community’s confessor for a time, who declared that the visions were genuine. Alacoque’s short devotional writing, ***La Devotion au Sacré-Coeur de Jesus*** (Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus), was published posthumously in 1698. ...

The devotion was fostered by the Jesuits and Franciscans, but it was not until the 1928 encyclical **Miserentissimus Redemptor** by **Pope Pius XI** that the Church validated the credibility of ***Alacoque’s visions of Jesus Christ in having “promised her [Alacoque] that all those who rendered this honor to His Heart would be endowed with an abundance of heavenly graces.”***

The World Consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Maria Droste zu Vischering, was a German noble women, who at the age of 25 joined the congregation of **Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd**, in Munster. She was given the name, **Sr. Mary of the Divine Heart**. In 1894, at the age of 31, she was transferred to Portugal and appointed superior of Oporto, Portugal. ***While there she reported some messages from Jesus Christ in which she was asked to contact the pope, requesting the consecration of the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.***

On June 10, 1898, her confessor at the Good Shepherd monastery wrote to **Pope Leo XIII** stating that Sister Mary of the Divine Heart had received a message from Christ, requesting the pope to consecrate the entire world to the Sacred Heart. The pope initially did not believe her and took no action. However, on January 6, 1899 she wrote another letter, asking that in addition to the consecration, the ***first Fridays of the month*** be observed in honor of the Sacred Heart. In the letter she also referred to the recent illness of the pope and stated that Christ had assured her that Pope Leo XIII would live until he had performed the consecration to the Sacred Heart.

Pope Leo XIII commissioned an inquiry on the basis of her revelation and Church tradition. In his 1899 encyclical letter ***Annum Sacrum, Leo XIII decreed that the consecration of the entire human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus should take place on June 11, 1899.*** ...

<https://sacredheartfla.org/seasonal/feast-days-solemnities/the-solemnity-of-the-most-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Historically, devotion to the Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser intensity than that of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of **St John Eudes**. John Eudes was born in 1601 in Normandy, France. He entered the Congregation of the Oratory of France, founded in 1611 by **Cardinal de Berulle** and was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1625.



St. John brought people to love Christ and the Virgin Mary by speaking tirelessly about their Heart, the sign of the love God shows for us and the communion to which we are called. To offer them liturgical worship, he composed Masses and Offices in their honor and had the first **Feast of the Holy Heart of Mary** celebrated on February 8, 1648, at Autun (France,) and the **Feast of the Heart of Jesus** celebrated on October 20, 1672.

He died on August 19, 1680 and was canonized by **Pope Pius XI** on May 31, 1925. Nevertheless, it was not until after the Apparitions at Rue du Bac concerning the "**Miraculous Medal**" made to **Catherine Labouré** in 1830, and the establishment of a society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the **Church of Our Lady of Victories** in Paris in 1836, that this particular devotion became really well known. Since then devotion to **the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, has gradually grown more widespread in the Church, particularly since the apparitions at **Fatima**.

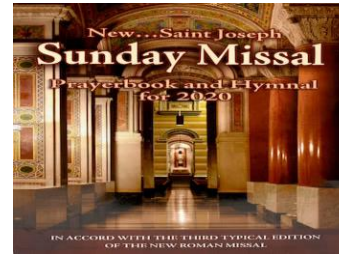
The main difference between the devotions to the hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes his divine heart as being full of love for mankind, but with this love for the most part being ignored or rejected, while devotion to Mary's heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God. Therefore, it is not an end in itself, so the love of her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her heart is immaculate, that is sinless, means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that he should be loved.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings. **The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation.** A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God. This involves a total gift of self, something only ultimately possible with reference to God; but Mary is our intermediary in this process of consecration.

Because of the strong analogy between Jesus and Mary, the consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, although it is subordinate and dependent on it. That is, although the act of consecration is ultimately addressed to God, it is an act that is made through Mary.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/mary/popular-marian-devotions/the-immaculate-heart-of-mary>

SUNDAY MISSALETTES, WORD AMONG US DEVOTIONALS & THE CATHOLIC STANDARD ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP



Paper materials have been banned from the inside of the church because they can possibly transmit COVID 19.

Ushers, however, will be distributing the Sunday Missalettes, The Word Among Us Devotional, and The Catholic Standard to parishioners attending Mass for them to keep. Please do not bring them into the church.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US AT ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC CHURCH!

- You are invited to return to St. Peter Claver where you can experience God's **mercy**, love, kindness, and unbounded generosity with other worshippers who, though not perfect, love the Lord nonetheless in spirit and in truth.
- Here at St. Peter Claver, we desire that you encounter the incredible gift of **mercy** with us at whatever point you find yourself in your life.
- Encountering **mercy** means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.
- God's unfailing **mercy** will strengthen, heal, and equip you to fulfill his plan for your life.
- "God doesn't tire of us," Pope Francis has said, but "we are the ones who tire of seeking his **mercy**."
- We pray that, while worshipping with us, you have experienced our motto:
"We are Spirit-Led, Gospel Fed, and Mercy Filled, where the joy of the Lord is our strength."



If you felt welcomed, let us know; if you did not, let us know; and we will get back to you.

Contact us at 301-872-5460 or st.peterclaver@verizon.net
