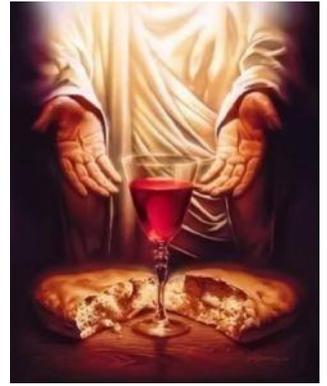


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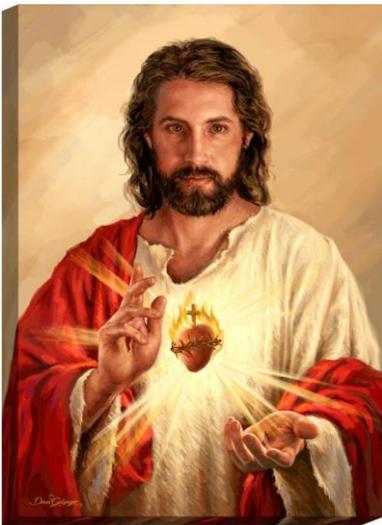
Tuesday June 16th, 2020

Dear Friends:

This Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As I became a Catholic as an adult, I was quite unfamiliar with devotion to the Sacred Heart until quite a few years after my reception. At one point, our parish offered families the opportunity to be enrolled in the devotion and we, in doing so, received a framed picture, which was hung in our living room.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2Ejipe3rVE>



I remember coming home from the hospital after miscarrying a baby at around three months of pregnancy and lying on the couch in a tear-stricken stupor. As I looked towards the picture of the Sacred Heart I could see/imagine? my baby (whom in my mind I had named Hilary as this could be the name of a boy or a girl) in the hands of Jesus. I was able to give my baby over to Him and let go. I've never forgotten that experience. Although I still take issue with the very Renaissance models of Jesus in most Sacred Heart pictures, which totally ignore the

Semitic heritage into which he was born, I have a far better understanding of the devotion people have to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is celebrated on Saturday. (And I have the same concern about pictures of Mary!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2D3JbxV0I7k>

I have had a couple of requests for prayers for Friday and have put together a prayer liturgy which could be used. The readings are from the Living With Christ Missalette and I have included the Collect and Readings and some suggested Intercessory Prayers.

You may enjoy this beautiful performance of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Pie Jesus"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2Ejipe3rVE>

With every blessing,

Gillian

FRIDAY JUNE 19 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Also the World Day of Prayer for Priests)

The heart of Jesus is adored as a symbol of his threefold love: human, spiritual and divine.

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Deuteronomy 7.6-11) Moses spoke to the people: "You are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. "It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you — for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, and who directly repays with destruction the one who rejects him. He does not delay but repays directly the one who rejects him. "Therefore, observe diligently the commandment — the statutes, and the ordinances — that I am commanding you today."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103) **R:** The steadfast love of the Lord is everlasting on those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

Second Reading (1 John 4.7-16)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in them, and that person in God. Friday So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation (Matthew 11.29) Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (Matthew 11.25-30) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will." He continued: "All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

More prayer resources can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/blogfeed/getpost.php?id=92850>

Prayers of the Faithful Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

1. We pray for the Church. That we may work to form our hearts according to the heart of Christ, We pray to the Lord. –
2. We pray for Francis our Pope, Douglas our Bishop, and all our clergy. That they may serve God's people with joy and that they may receive care and support, We pray to the Lord. –
3. We pray for our school community. That we may look to the past with gratitude and discern God's will in our present, We pray to the Lord. –
4. We pray for those who have been abandoned and rejected. That they may experience their dignity in the love of Christ, We pray to the Lord. –
5. We pray for all who have been affected by the inequities and injustice of racism and prejudice, that they may be lifted up in hope for a better future, and that we all may learn to live together more harmoniously and equitably, We pray to the Lord. –
6. We pray for our country. That we may honour the poor and the vulnerable and serve the common good, We pray to the Lord. –
7. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and the dying. That they may find healing and strength in Jesus, We pray to the Lord. –
8. We pray for all those who have died -especially for those who have been members of our school community. (OR, especially those who died in this Covid-19 pandemic That they may rest secure in the Sacred Heart of Christ, We pray to the Lord. –

Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father....

A Traditional Italian Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Heart of Jesus pierced for our sins and giving us your Mother on Calvary!
O Heart of Mary pierced by sorrow and sharing in the sufferings of your divine Son for our redemption! O sacred union of these Two Hearts!



Praised be the God of Love who united them together! May we unite our hearts and every heart so that all hearts may live in unity in imitation of that sacred unity which exists in these Two Hearts.

Triumph, O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary! Reign, O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! – in our hearts, in our homes and families, in the hearts of those who as yet do not know you, and in all nations of the world.

Establish in the hearts of all mankind the sovereign triumph and reign of your Two Hearts so that the earth may resound from pole to pole with one cry: Blessed forever be the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and a fervent love of the spiritual life. May all my actions be done for the greater glory of God in union with the divine heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

By the way, for anyone experiencing pregnancy or intrapartum loss, Morning Light Ministries at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Port Credit provided me with much help and support, <http://morninglightministry.org/>

Only in eternity shall we see the beauty of the soul, and only then shall we realize what great things were accomplished by interior suffering. —Mother Angelica