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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM, 9:30 AM., 12:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM, 12:00 PM

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY- 5:30 PM

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

Held in or across the office

11:00 AM – 11:55 AM

or any time by appointment.

For Clergy and Religious: any time

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: by appointment

“H & B” Indicates: Health & Blessings

“L & D” Indicates: Living & Deceased

SI Indicates Special Intention

“+”, “++” Indicates: One or more deceased

Suggested offering for Mass intentions is \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

Vigil Mass 5:30 ++ Rosemary & Howard O'Malley rb
Tom & Lisa Cook

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

7:00 + John Sandor rb Daughter Kathy
9:30 Mass Novena
12:00 + Thomas Cicatiello rb Sons

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

7:00 Mass Novena

12:00 + Johnny Sandor rb Sister Kathy

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

7:00 Mass Novena

12:00 + Paul Frabutt rb TOF

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

7:00 Mass Novena

12:00 + Michelle Lomardo rb Ann & Bob DePiere

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

7:00 Mass Novena

11:00 *HOLY HOUR ADORATION*

12:00 John & Sara Cavicchia rb Granddaughter

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

7:00 Mass Novena

12:00 Allen Diaz rb M/M John Angelo

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

7:00 Mass Novena

11:00 *HOLY HOUR ADORATION*

12:00 ++ M/M Charles Ccyk rb Jerry & Loretta Angelo

4:00 Vigil Mass ++ Rosemary & Howard O'Malley
rb Tom & Lisa Cook

LIVING PEACEFULLY

The state of living peacefully occurs when we have accepted reality. How we process life events determines whether or not we come to an acceptance of reality. Many times we are unable to evaluate events correctly because of misguided teaching experienced in our childhood. For instance – were we taught that calamity happened as a result of God’s anger towards our personal sin? Were we led to believe that sickness and poverty were a blessing of the Lord, and we should relish in our suffering? Do we as adult Catholic Christians believe that God plays favorites? Divine action is needed to correctly evaluate reality and is formed by the process of understanding one’s holiness. If not, the danger lies in incorrectly evaluating particular experiences which hinders our spiritual growth.

Incorrect evaluation of reality begins with manifestation of an event. We feel a certain way about the event and project God’s action towards it based on how we feel. Then based on the outcome, we try to explain it, or move into anger and disappointment. We do not respect the time that is needed to evaluate things clearly. This eventually leads to a skewed view of reality and hinders our spiritual growth.

To correctly evaluate life events and the reality surrounding them begins with the manifestation of holiness (hagiophany). Here we recognize an event in life that impacts or forms our existence. Examples include sickness/healing, rejection/acceptance, winning/loosing, gaining/loss of material wealth, etc. These life events are viewed as either positive and pleasant, or negative and unpleasant. Understanding our holiness in Christ aids in correctly evaluating reality.

Next is the study of holiness (hagiology). Here we reflect on a life event from the perspective of the present situation, rather than from a perspective of time passed. The outcome of this defines the quality of the event and the reality surrounding it. Example – getting a flat tire on the way to the airport and as a result missing the flight. Perhaps not arriving at the airport at the planned time could have resulted in avoiding a disaster (such as 9/11). Another example – an impoverished individual wins one million dollars. A year later the family is destroyed and lives in greater poverty due to the lack of understanding of how to have handled such a great amount of money. Studying and reflecting on our holiness helps us discern reality correctly with life events that affect us.

Lastly is communicating the outcome and evaluating the life event (hagiography). We tend to communicate and evaluate an event as either the best or the worst thing that has happened to us. With the passing of time we may find that what we determined to be “bad” was to our benefit, and what we evaluated as “good” may have not been beneficial. Understanding and discernment assist in accurate evaluation of life events, and thus, we can accept

reality in a correct way that is conducive to our spiritual growth and foster a state of peaceful living.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotion, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term “Sacred Heart of Jesus” denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The “Sacred Heart” is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers. (*From—Catholic Culture— Excerpts from Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*)

~ PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS ~

*O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, Fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within Your Heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to You with humble trust saying,
Heart of Jesus, Help Me. Amen.*

The Sanctuary Candle for this week is in memory of Gloria Cellio, donated by daughter Michelle and Family.

~ HAPPY FATHER’S DAY ~

We remember all fathers, living and deceased, as well as our spiritual fathers in the Faith, and those men in our lives who acted as fathers to us.

MORNING HOUR PRAYERS

5:00 – 6:45 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:45 – 9:00 AM All Decades of the Rosary
Tuesdays 9:15 – 10:15 AM Prayers for Peace
Wednesdays 11:00 – 11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
Thursday & Saturday 11:00 – 11:45 AM Adoration
(*See weekly schedule above for Novena days and times.*)

Reminder—All checks to the Shrine and Gift Shop must be made to **Franciscan Friars**. Thank you.