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**JUNE 22, 2025** 

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### Daily

7:00 am Church ₹

#### **Saturday**

8:30 am Church 🕏

Confession to follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

#### Sunday

7:30 am Church 9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall\* 10:30 am Church 窄 12:00 pm (Spanish) Church 5:00 pm Church



#### **CHURCH HOURS**

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am -4:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

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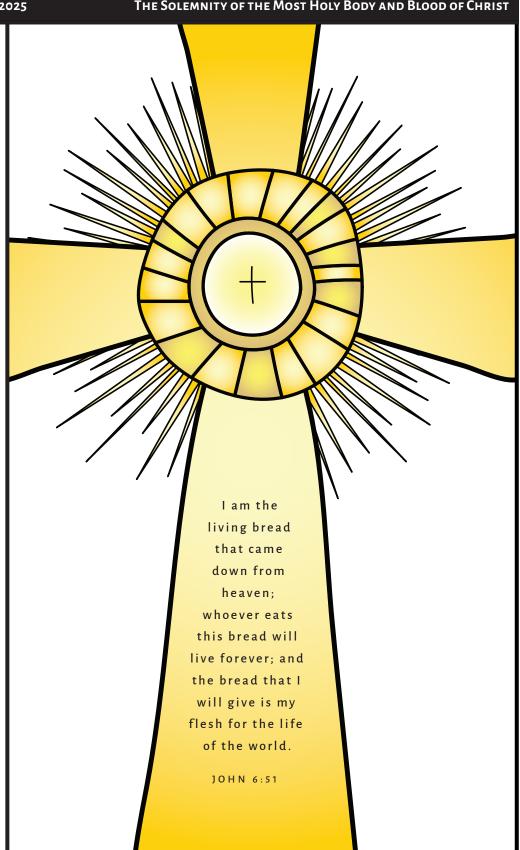
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## Mass + Intentions

#### To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

Saturday, June 21	8:30 AM	† Dr Mary Ellen Cooney Bowes
	4:00 PM	† Lawrence Sheridan
Sunday, June 22	7:30 AM	† Vito Palumbo
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	† Frances Gaffney
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish
Monday, June 23	7:00 AM	† Miguel and Margarita Fadhel
Tuesday, June 24	7:00 AM	† Anthony Natale
Wednesday, June 25	7:00 AM	† Anthony and Evelyn Slotwinski
Thursday, June 26	7:00 AM	† Mary & Andrew Soccodato
Friday, June 27	7:00 AM	† John and Regina Blair
Saturday, June 28	8:30 AM	† Carlo Cinicolo & Family † Mary Grace † Billy Molina † Megan Catherine Watson † Monica Lynch
	4:00 PM	† Lorrinda Presuto
Sunday, June 29	7:30 AM	† Antonio Martini
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	† Dennis and Mary Coakley
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish



Tuesday, July 1 - Sunday, August 31

Daily Mass 7 am (Monday through Friday)
Saturday 8:30 am | 4 pm Vigil
Sunday 7:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 pm Spanish | 5 pm

All Masses will be held in the Church.

The 4 pm Mass on Saturday, July 26 will be held in Memorial Hall.

The 9 am Mass will resume in September.





Learn more about this pastoral initiative launched by Cardinal Joseph W Tobin, CSsR, and keep up with the latest developments by scanning the QR code above or visiting WeAreHisWitnesses.org



## Stewardship Reflections...

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

"Todos comieron y se saciaron; y se recogieron doce cestas llenas con los pedazos que sobraron." (Lucas 9:17)

La historia de los Panes y los Peces nos muestra que cuando compartimos lo que tenemos, aunque no parezca mucho, ¡los milagros suceden! ¡No piense que su don es demasiado pequeño o insignificante! Cada uno de nosotros tiene un rol en el plan de Dios; ¡usted solo necesita poner su confianza en el Señor! Nada es imposible con Dios. Usted puede ser la respuesta a las oraciones de alguien más.



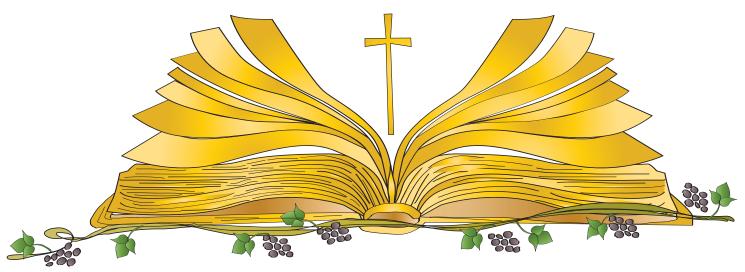
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

DYLAN FAULKNER CARLO CATILLO



"A Time to be Healed"

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#### Dear Friends:

There is a newness in the air, a stirring of hope and renewal that calls each of us to attention. With the election of Pope Leo XIV, the Church steps forward into a new chapter—one guided by deep faith, unwavering mission, and a commitment to the Gospel that speaks to the heart of every believer.

At the same time, our own Archdiocese of Newark embarks on a powerful initiative, We Are His Witnesses, a movement that calls us to embrace our role as disciples, bearers of Christ's love in a world yearning for truth.

In some of his first words to the Church, Pope Leo outlined his global vision when he asked us torecommit collectively and completely to the path that the universal Church has followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. He noted that Pope Francis masterfully and concretely set the agenda forth in the Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium wherein we read some of the fundamental points:

- the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation;
- the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community;
- growth in collegiality and synodality;
- attention to the "sensus fidei", especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety;
- loving care for the least and the rejected;
- courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities.

ORE LOCALLY, WE ARE HIS WITNESSES, the pastoral initiative launched by our Archbishop, Cardinal Joseph W Tobin, CSsR, on Pentecost Sunday in June 2025, invites all of us to walk together on a journey —a path of pastoral conversion inspired by the Word of God and rooted in Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). This initiative invites the entire Church to reimagine parish life, mission, and ministry in response to a changing world. More specifically, we are invited initially to focus on these three areas of mission:

#### 1. Evangelization & Outreach -



- Inviting people into intentional discipleship
- Reaching beyond parish walls (e.g., schools, campuses, marginalized communities)
- Providing formation and training for discipleship
- Promoting intercultural understanding and inclusion

#### 2. Pastoral Care



- Celebrating vibrant and inclusive liturgies
- Supporting lifelong faith formation and Catholic education
- Strengthening collaboration across ministries and cultures
- Ensuring the presence of trained and compassionate leaders
- Engaging youth, young adults, and families

#### 3. Sustainability



- Embracing collaborative leadership in response to fewer priests
- Responding to demographic changes and sacramental trends
- Aligning parish facilities and resources with mission
- Encouraging inter-parish cooperation and shared services

I have already shared this with our new Parish Council and am excited that they have generously agreed to help put some flesh on this skeleton. (And your participation in the listening sessions with the Pastoral Council have some helpful insights for this strategic exercise.)

As we go forward in these days of hope and renewal, we note St Paul's words that "Hope does not disappoint". We gather as a community of faith here at St Teresa of Avila not only to celebrate this moment, but to recognize our responsibility in it. We are part of something greater—something unfolding with divine purpose.

As our plan unfolds, let us open our hearts to this new journey, ready to witness, to serve, and to proclaim the faith that sustains us.





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## PURPOSE

Our Confirmation candidates learned how more deeply look UP to God in prayer, IN to their own hearts, and OUT to serve others at their retreat experience. Their hearts left full and on fire to receive the Holy Spirit in September!









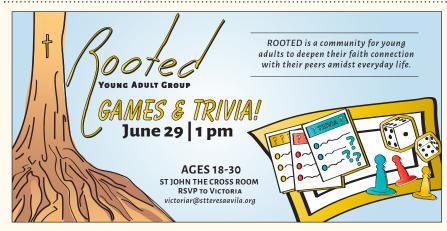














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# Why is June the Month of the **Sacred Heart** of **Jesus**?

By Francesca Pollio Fenton Jun 1, 2023 EWTN Great Britain

THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS most simply because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost.

# However, other reasons exist as to why June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart.



Apparition of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Sacred Heart of Jesus | CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

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In 1856, Pope Pius IX
designated the Friday
following the feast of
Corpus Christi as the feast
of the Sacred Heart for
the universal Church. Ever
since, the month of June
has been devoted to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus and
his immense love for us all.

On the current calendar, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highestranking feast in the liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation.

The feast dates back to 1673, when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France began to receive visions about the Sacred Heart.

Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate his Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside his chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: "My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means."

These visions continued for 18 months.

On June 16, 1675, Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honored his Sacred Heart. He also gave Sister Margaret Mary 12 promises made to all who venerate and promote the devotion of the Sacred Heart.

He said: "I ask of you that the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special feast to honor my heart, by communicating on that day, and making reparation to it by a solemn act, in order to make amends for the indignities which it has received during the time it has been exposed on the altars. I promise you that my heart shall expand itself to shed in abundance the influence of its divine love upon those who shall thus honor it. and cause it to be honored."

Sister Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920.

The Vatican was hesitant to declare a feast to the Sacred Heart, but as the devotion spread throughout France, the Vatican granted the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France in 1765.

# These are the promises the Sacred Heart of Jesus made to St Margaret Mary Alacoque:

- 1. will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2. I will give peace in their families.
- 3. I will console them in all their troubles.
- 1. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
- 5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
- 6. Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- 9. I will bless those places wherein the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
- 10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
  - Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my heart.
    - In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the first Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

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#### Fr Thiago Ibiapina-

and Spirity

O SPEAK OF PRAYER IS TO SPEAK OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD. This is what Saint Teresa of Jesus, the great doctor of the Church, taught us with both her words and her life. She didn't offer a rigid method, but rather a path, a living experience of relationship with the One who dwells within us. Her way of praying reveals the heart of the Christian journey: a

friendship with Christ that transforms us from the inside out. And in our own time, we must return to this path if we are to become people with the heart of

The first step is cultivating a personal life of prayer. This is where everything

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begins. Teresa described mental prayer as "nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends, taking time often to be alone with the One who we know loves us." Prayer is not a task; it is a relationship. And like any friendship, it requires time, honesty, and constancy. Set aside time every day to speak to God, to listen, and to sit in His presence. Even in dryness or distraction, do not abandon the effort. Teresa herself struggled for years before discovering the peace that comes from fidelity to prayer. The fruit of this inner life is strength, humility, and spiritual clarity.

At the same time, our relationship with God is nourished and deepened in the liturgical life of the Church. The sacraments are not just rituals; they are encounters with the living Christ. The Eucharist, above all, is the summit and source of our communion with God. We must approach the sacraments with reverence, recognizing their beauty and

> power. It is in the Church, in her liturgy, that the personal and communal dimensions of

prayer unite. As Teresa reminded her sisters,

> "We are not angels; we are humans," and so God meets us through physical signs, bread and wine, water and oil, word and gesture.

Finally, it is essential that we set aside time for retreats and moments of silence. In a noisy and anxious world, the soul needs space to listen.

Whether it is a weekend away or simply a day of recollection, these times of retreat help us return to the center, to Christ who dwells in our hearts. Saint Teresa often spoke of recollection: the inward turning of the soul to God, who is already present. In solitude, we are not alone. We are more profoundly with God.

Praying is to open one's life to transformation. It is to allow Jesus to shape our hearts until our words, actions, and desires echo His own. Prayer is not for the few; it is for every Christian. And the time to begin is now. Congratulations, Newlyweds!

Silvana & Thomas







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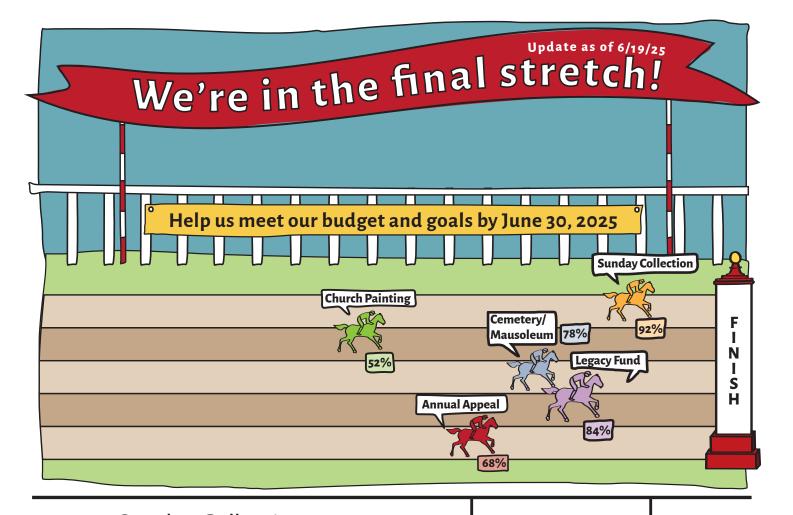
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Fr Thiago Rodrigues Ibiapina completed his M Div & STB from St Mary Seminary, Baltimore and was ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 2022. He holds a Licentia in Philosophy and a Bachelor in Philosophy both completed in Brazil; as well as his MA from Clark University. He is currently an Associate Pastor in Massachusetts at Saint John Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton and Immaculate Conception Church in Lancaster, as well as a Philosophy Professor and Theology Adjunct Professor. Fr Thiago offers online and in person seminars, parish missions and retreats for the laity and consecrated life.





Sunday Collection  As the Archdiocese contemplates the new pathways of We Are His Witnesses, it is important for our parish to have a balanced budget.	BUDGET 1,350,000 ACTUAL 1,248,153 DEFICIT (101,847)	Select 'Sunday Offering' from the dropdown.
2 Church Painting Join your fellow parishioners to contribute to beautify our spiritual home.	BUDGET 120,000 ACTUAL 62,433 DEFICIT (57,567)	Select <sup>(</sup> Church Painting <sup>)</sup> from the dropdown.
3 Cemetery/Mausoleum Now is the time to think about your eternal home. Visit our mausoleum office for information.	BUDGET 128,750 ACTUAL 100,291 DEFICIT (36,514)	Select 'Cemetery Perpetnal Care Fund' from the dropdown.
Legacy Fund  Help us with the projects that are most important to the parish, 100% of donations are retained by St Teresa of Av	BUDGET 325,000 ACTUAL 273,429 DEFICIT (51,571)	Select <sup>(</sup> Legacy Fund <sup>)</sup> from the dropdown.
5 Annual Appeal If we reach our goal, the parish saves \$33,000 for the next budget and at the same time helps others.	GOAL 172,050 PLEDGED 116,307 SHORTFALL (55,743)	Select 'St Teresa of Avila in Summit 2025' from the dropdown.



Contributions to the Sunday Collection, Church Painting, Cemetery/Mausoleum, and Legacy Fund may be made online by scanning the QR code, or visiting st-teresa.org/donate.

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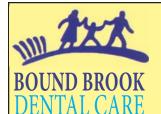


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