



HOLY INSIGHTS

June: Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

“O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary.”

~ St. Gertrude the Great

A message from Fr. George...

My dear Parishioners,

This month of June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (“Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu” in Latin) is one of the most widely practiced and well known Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of His divine love for humanity.



In John's gospel it says, "but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, immediately blood and water flowed out... for this happened so that the scripture passage might be fulfilled. "Not a bone of it will be broken." Again, another passage says, "They will look upon him whom they have pierced" (John 19, 34-37).

An East Syrian early church father St Ephraim says "the blood and water flowed out from the pierced side of Jesus signifies Baptism and Eucharist that make Ecclesia or Church". Therefore we can definitely say that Ecclesia is the product of Sacred Heart of Jesus. I conclude this message with famous quote from Mother Theresa of Calcutta:

"The fruit of Silence is Prayer;
the fruit of Prayer is Faith;
the fruit of Faith is Love;
the fruit of Love is Service;
the fruit of Service is Peace."

Therefore in this Mercy Year we can use this month more fruitfully by contemplating these good thoughts as we go about our lives.

Fr. George Ettuparayil



June Birthdays!

"God bless you & keep you,

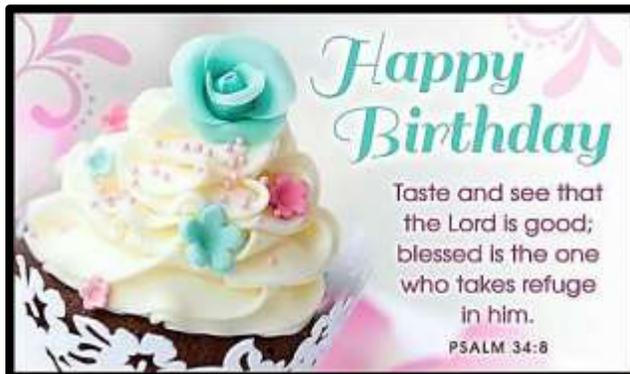
God smile on you & gift you,

God look you full in the face & make you prosper."

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Happy Birthday to...

- ❖ **Ryan Jacob Abhilash**
- ❖ **Jacob Philip Prasad**
- ❖ **Joel Roy**
- ❖ **Elisha Scott**
- ❖ **Ann Thomas**
- ❖ **Athulya Manoj**
- ❖ **Anjali Manoj Kumar**
- ❖ **Arshia Patrick Diyya**
- ❖ **Maria Ann Boby**



May Wedding Anniversaries!

"Your Word tells us that when a man finds a wife, he has found a good thing. You also make it clear in Your Word how important and sacred marriage is in Your eyes. Lord, we pray that You will bless these couples with the grace, forgiveness and love that is needed for continued married lives. We know it takes work, God, but we also know that if You're in the midst of a marriage, it will be a success. Let Your blessings be on these couples in Jesus name. Amen."

Happy Wedding Anniversary to...

- ❖ Jose Vengapally & Shyla Jose
- ❖ Satheesh Joseph & Bindhu Satheesh
- ❖ Thomas Apprem & Lissy Thomas
- ❖ Bennichen C. Thomas & Lovely Sebastian
- ❖ Thomas Chacko & Aney John

"You're a wonderful couple...

joined by God above.

May your marriage continue...

in God's love."

If you do not see your child's birthday or do not see your wedding anniversary mentioned, we may not have your data. Please reach out to the secretary to ensure this gets updated in the Parish Records

Verse of the Month

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (Peter 5:7)

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Margaret was born on July 22nd in Burgundy, France. When she was just eight years old, she was sent to the Poor Clares school when her father died. For five years, she was completely bedridden with rheumatic fever until she was fifteen years old. During this time, she developed a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. In 1671, Margaret refused to get married and joined the Visitation convent. She was professed the following year. Her first experiences seeing Christ was when she was just twenty years old. On December of 1673, she began a series of revelations that were to continue over the next year and a half. In these revelations, Christ informed her that he chose her as an instrument to spread devotion to his Sacred Heart. He instructed her that a feast of the Sacred Heart had to be established. Thought she was able to convince her superior, Mother de Saumaise, that her visions were genuine, she was unable to convince a group of theologians or the members of her community. However, she received the support of Blessed Claude La Colombiere, the community's confessor for a time. The opposition ended when Mother Melin was elected superior and named Margaret her assistant. She later became Novice Mistress and saw the convent observe the feast of the Sacred Heart in the beginning of 1686. Two years later, a chapel was built at Paray-le-Monial to honor the Sacred Heart and soon the observation of the feast of the Sacred Heart spread to other convents. Margaret died at the Paray-le-Monial on October 17 and was canonized in 1920. She is one of the three main saints who are called "Saints of the Sacred Heart," including St. John Eudes and Blessed Claude La Colombiere. Her feast day is observed on October 17th.

"Conform yourself as closely as possible to His humility and gentleness in dealing with your neighbor... Love those who humble and contradict you, for they are more useful to your perfection than those who flatter you."

~St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

