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Eucharistic Adoration

Second Saturday of the month, 6:00 pm
Sacred Heart Chapel, **Portland**

Spanish Masses

Brewer

3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm.
St. Teresa Church - 425 South Main St.

Cherryfield

1st Sunday of the month, 1:00 pm.
St. Michael Church - 51 Elm St

Lewiston

Every Saturday, 6:00 pm. – (Live- Stream)
Holy Family Church
607 Sabattus Street

Pittsfield

1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 12:00 m.
St. Agnes Church - 238 Detroit Street

Portland

Every Sunday, 1:00 pm.
Sacred Heart Church - 65 Mellen Street

Rockland

3rd Friday of the month, 5:30 pm
St. Bernard Church – 150 Broadway St.

Sanford

3rd Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm
Holy Family Church - 66 North Ave



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Sacred Heart of Jesus **June 27**

In the Catholic Church the month of June is dedicated especially to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to remember Christ's faithful and unconditional love for humanity. Moreover, it is a devotion dear to our Lord and which has its roots in the origins of Christianity.

Devotion to the Heart of Jesus has existed since the first Christians meditated on the side and open heart of the Lord. On the other hand, on June 16, 1675, Jesus asked a saint to encourage devotion to His Sacred Heart.

On that day, the Son of God appeared in France to St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque, a French nun of the Order of the Visitation of St. Mary, and showed her his Heart.

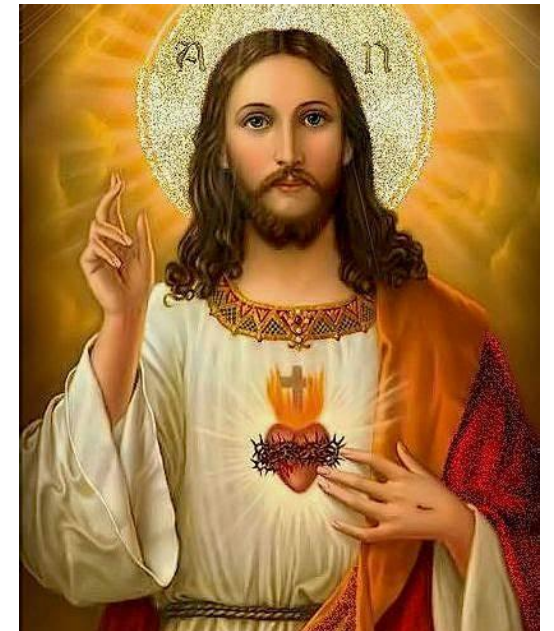
As St. Margaret pointed out, the Heart of Jesus was surrounded by flames of love, crowned with thorns and had an open wound from which blood flowed; from it, moreover, a cross came out.

"Behold the Heart that has loved men so much, and yet from most men I receive ingratitude, irreverence and contempt," Jesus said to the saint.

Pope Benedict XVI affirmed that "when we see the Heart of the Lord, we must look at the side pierced by the lance, where God's inexhaustible will for salvation shines."

He also stressed that "it cannot be considered a passing or devotional cult: the adoration of God's love, which has found its historical-devotional expression in the symbol of the 'pierced heart', remains indispensable for a living relationship with God."

That is why in this month Catholics are called to demonstrate with our works devotion to His loving Heart, as a way of responding to the great love of Jesus, who died for our salvation and remained in the Eucharist to teach us the way to eternal life.





Pentecost June 8

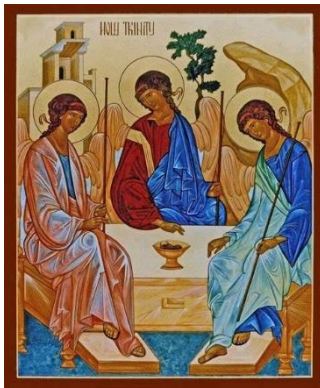
The feast of Pentecost is the second most important Sunday of the liturgical year where Christians have the opportunity to live intensely the relationship

between the Resurrection of Christ, his Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

It is good to keep in mind, then, that all the time of Easter is also the time of the Holy Spirit, Spirit who is the fruit of Easter, who was at the birth of the Church and who will always be present among us, inspiring our lives, renewing our interior and pushing us to be witnesses in the midst of the reality that we are entitled to live.

The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity – June 15

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of faith and of Christian life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is, therefore, the source of all the other mysteries of faith; it is the light that illuminates them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of truths of faith" (DCG 43). "The whole history of salvation is nothing other than the history of the way and the means by which the true and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself, reconciles to himself men separated by sin, and unites himself with them" (DCG 47). It is celebrated one week after Pentecost.



Corpus Christi June 22

Known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, truly and truly present substantially under the appearances of bread and wine. That Presence occurs thanks to a change that the Church calls transubstantiation (change of substance), at the moment when the priest, during the Consecration in the Mass, says the words that Christ himself pronounced on the bread and wine: "This is My Body", "This is My Blood", "Do this in memory of Me". In 2025, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is June 19, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 22 in some dioceses.



Sts. Peter and Paul June 29

Simon, son of Jonah and brother of Andrew, was the first among the disciples to confess Christ as the Son of the living God, and therefore was called Peter. Paul, an apostle to the Gentiles, preached Christ crucified to Jews and Greeks. The two, with the strength of faith and love for Jesus Christ, proclaimed the Gospel in the city of Rome, where both suffered martyrdom.

St. John The Baptist June 24

Contemporary of Jesus, he is considered the precursor of the Messiah and the last prophet of the Old Testament, since he announced the imminent arrival of the Savior. He spent 20 years living in the desert to get used to solitude, fasting and silence until, having fulfilled his penance, he baptized Jesus on the banks of the Jordan River.



Who is the Holy Spirit?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Holy Spirit is the **"Third Person of the Holy Trinity."** That is, since there is only one God, there are three different persons in Him: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This truth has been revealed by Jesus in his Gospel.

The Holy Spirit cooperates with the Father and the Son from the beginning of history to their consummation, but it is in recent times, inaugurated with the Incarnation, that the Spirit is revealed and given to us, when he is recognized and welcomed as a person. **The Lord Jesus presents it to us and refers to Him not as an impersonal power, but as a different Person, with a self-work and a personal character.**

"God is Love" (Jn 4:8-16) and Love, which is the first gift, contains all the others. This love **"God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."** (Rom 5:5).

Since we have died, or at least been wounded by sin, the first effect of the gift of Love is the remission of our sins. Communion with the Holy Spirit, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Cor 13:13; it is the one that, in the Church, gives back to the baptized the divine likeness lost by sin. By the Holy Spirit we can say that "Jesus is Lord", meaning to enter into Christ.

Through Baptism we are given the grace of the new birth in God the Father through his Son in the Holy Spirit. For those who are bearers of the Spirit of God are led to the Son; but the Son presents them to the Father, and the Father grants them incorruptibility. Therefore, **without the Spirit it is not possible to see the Son of God**, and without the Son no one can approach the Father, because the knowledge of the Father is the Son, and the knowledge of the Son of God is achieved by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit with his grace is the "first" who awakens us in faith and initiates us into new life. He is the one who precedes us and awakens faith in us. However, he is the "last" in the revelation of the persons of the Holy Trinity.

The Holy Spirit cooperates with the Father and the Son from the beginning of the Plan of our salvation until its consummation.

Jesus presents the Holy Spirit to us saying: **"The Father will give you another Paraclete"** (Jn 14:16). A word from the Greek "parakletos", which literally means "one who is invoked", is therefore the advocate, the mediator, the defender, the comforter.

Remaining and working in the truth is the essential problem for the Apostles and for the disciples of Christ, from the earliest years of the Church to the end of time, and **it is the Holy Spirit who makes it possible for the truth about God, man and his destiny to reach our day unaltered.**



Source: Catholic.net - ¿Quién es el Espíritu Santo?