

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27

5:00 p.m. +**Nettie, Joseph Jr., and Joseph Roche**
By The Wyker Family

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**
10:30 a.m. +**Cesar Landaeta**
By Brian and Gerry Moss

Monday, May 29

8:45 a.m. +**Daniel Jukins**
By Dad

Tuesday, May 30

8:45 a.m. **In Honor & Intensions of St. Philomena**
By Mary Kovacs

Wednesday, May 31 Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45 a.m. +**Corrado and Jennie Tridente**
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Thursday, June 1 NO MASS

First Friday, June 2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

8:45 a.m. +**Antonietta and Sabino Antinolfi**
By Daughter

First Saturday, June 3 Saint Charles Lwanga

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**
5:00 p.m. +**Ann Guerriere**
By Charlie and Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m. +**Anna and Edward Durnin**
By Mary Rupell and Family
10:30 a.m. +**Helen, Peter, and John Fabian and Kelly McBreen**
By Helene Picht

Mary. Incidentally, these are two of the most widely popular devotions to Jesus and Mary.

Both devotions involve receiving Holy Communion on a certain number of consecutive first Fridays or first Saturdays of the month. You can think of it almost like a novena which is prayed on consecutive days for a particular intention, but instead, these devotions are performed on consecutive months for the particular intention of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, respectively.

The devotions are similar in that they call on the faithful to “stand in the gap” by doing penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

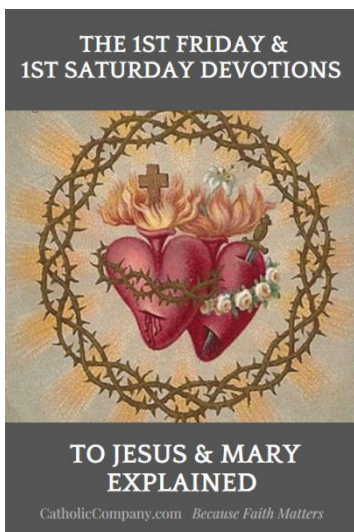
First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Nine consecutive Fridays in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alocque (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind. Jesus asked for special prayers and practices to make amends (reparation) for this great neglect to the proper reverence owed to God. For those who did this faithfully, he made what St. Margaret Mary referred to as the “Great Promise” which was the last and greatest of the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor [the grace of final repentance], or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life.”

The specific conditions to receive the Great Promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are:

1. Receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays of the month (this assumes that the person is in a state of grace, having made a sacramental confession for any mortal sins prior to receiving communion).
2. Having the intention, at least implicitly, of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Five consecutive Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The practice of the



Have you ever heard the terms “First Friday” and “First Saturday” thrown around in Catholic circles, without knowing why there was something special about start of each month?

The First Friday devotion and the First Saturday devotion are both reparatory devotions in the Catholic

Church that arose from separate private revelations. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of

First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917. She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children: "I shall come to ask . . . that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

There are five requirements to obtain this promise from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, one should:

1. Have the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart in a spirit of reparation.
2. Go to confession (within eight days before or after the first Saturday).
3. Receive Holy Communion.
4. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
5. Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary with the goal of keeping Our Lady company (for example, while in church or before an image or statue of Our Lady).

While keeping up with these devotions over five or nine consecutive months is not easy, the reward for making the effort is eternal. Look again at those promises from Jesus and Mary!

Nothing in this life is more important than holy religion (living according to the will of God as revealed through his Church), offering yourself to God as a self-gift for the benefit of others (Christ-like reparation for the sins of others), and obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ (joining the saints in heaven for all eternity). So, resolve to make the effort to do one or the other (or both!) of these devotions, and pray for the grace to follow through to the end. God always gives the grace to those who wish to faithfully accomplish his requests!

Church & Religious Education Calendar

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

May 27/28: Special Collection: National Shrine of Immaculate Conception Dome

May 29: Church offices closed

June 2 & 3: First Friday, First Saturday Masses



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck

Our Offering

May 14: \$2,495	Last Year: \$2,416
May 21: \$1,833	Last Year: \$2,415

Hate Weeds?



We do too and we need help in getting rid of them on the church property. If you are moved to help keep the church property beautiful and presentable, please give us a hand (pun

intended) in yanking them. You could do this at your leisure—any time, any day that the spirit moves you—just come on down; perhaps you'll be finishing where someone else left off. Your help is greatly appreciated—Thank You!

A Note from Father Damian

I will be on vacation the month of June. During my absence, Father Piotr Pasterczyk, a professor at the Catholic University in Poland, will be taking care of my priestly duties. I will remember you in my prayers and ask that you remember me in yours.

Mary Rupell has been working from home and will continue to do so until cleared by her physician to return to the office. Please contact her with any questions or requests:

sttheodorenj@gmail.com or 908-246-2698 (if phoning, please leave your name, number, and message).

We will be hosting a charity Baby Shower in the Parish Center on June 11 after the 10:30 Mass. Looking for donations of **new items only**. However, we do not need car seats. More info to come in the next bulletin.