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Saturday

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All Masses will now be
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Mon, Wed and Fri

12:15 PM

Tues and Thurs

7:00 PM

Sat 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (*Vigil Mass*)

Sun 9:00 AM

CHURCH HOURS

Mon, Wed and Fri

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Charismatic Prayer Group Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

St. JP II Theology of the Body Prayer Group Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 PM, by Zoom, tob@bell.net

Knights of Columbus Michael Fonseca, gk16254@ontariokofc.ca

Men's Fraternity Saturdays, 8:00-10:00 AM, by Zoom

Merciful Moms Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 AM

Youth Ministry <https://mercifulredeemermi.archtoronto.org/en/parish-life/our-ministries/outreach/youth-ministry/>

Forged Young Adult Ministry www.forgedministry.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul www.mrcssvp.ca

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Bible Study Group Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading: Hebrew 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 7, 12:15 PM

+ Loy Arevalo

+ Alina & Bernadino Pinto

+ Dumalina Gomes

Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 PM

+ Susan Rampersad-Abraham

+ Theresa Pereira

+ Baby Abel Pinto

Wednesday, June 9, 12:15 PM

+ Walter Sequeira

+ Rita Thompson

+ Selwyn Coutinho

Thursday, June 10, 7:00 PM

+ Maria Magdugo

+ Mirardo Lazaro

Thanksgiving by Eliza Rose Yu

Friday, June 11, 12:15 PM

+ Raymond Richard King

Thanksgiving by Valerie Menezes

Thanksgiving

Saturday, June 12, 9:00 AM

+ Swampillai & Philomena Anthonypillai

+ Departed Members of Dunbar Family

+ Ludwika & Korolina Rychlik

+ Philomena Stanislaus Thuraisingam & Victor

+ Mathilda San Francisco

+ John & Angelina Ferns

+ Joyce Ferns

+ Menino Paul Fernandes

Thanksgiving

Saturday, June 12, 3:00 PM

+ Cecilia Noronha

+ Departed Members of Wylie Family

Special intention for Craig Mitchell

Sunday, June 13, 9:00 AM

+ Augusto & Gina Cecchin

+ Agnes Kwok-Sun

+ Eliza Rodrigues

Thanksgiving by Dimple Chaudhry

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the fulfillment of God's great desire to be one with his people –to establish an everlasting covenant with us – a covenant which guarantees our forgiveness and reconciliation.

Jesus' body is broken, and his blood poured out for us on the Cross. Jesus' willingness to sacrifice himself so that we can be reconciled to God and to one another completes his Father's loving plan – a new covenant is made permanent.

Today's Gospel account reminds us that Jesus gave us a continuing memorial of his loving sacrifice – a way for us today to share in his saving death and resurrection. Each time we come together to celebrate Eucharist, we break bread and share a cup that signifies the Body of Jesus broken and his Blood poured out for us.

The Blood of Christ reminds us of an earlier covenant between God and his people. Like Israel of old, Jesus' Blood forms us into a new people of God – the Church. During each Eucharist we proclaim, as they did, "All that God has said, we will do."

As we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we enter a deeper communion with Jesus and with one another. We become the Body of Christ present in our world. Like Jesus, we must become willing to do our Father's will, opening ourselves to accepting a share of the sufferings that may entail.

We are never alone in our efforts because sharing in Eucharist makes us a covenant community. Our oneness in Eucharist must lead us to oneness in daily living.

Today's feast is a strong reminder of the realities of our Christian life:

Our God desires to be intimately one with us and the Eucharist is the place where that happens most clearly. As we eat Jesus' Body and drink his Blood, he becomes one with us and we with him.

Our sharing in Eucharist also draws us into deeper communion with all the members of the Church. We become more fully the Body of Christ.

As the Body of Christ in our world, we continue the mission of Jesus to announce the good news of God's love to all our brothers and sisters, especially those who need to hear that God loves them.

As we give thanks today for the great gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus in Eucharist, let us re-dedicate ourselves to living out our oneness in Jesus as we go about the daily tasks of living this week.

Gospel Reflection CF: <https://oblates.squarespace.com/sundays-salesian-feed/body-and-blood-of-jesus-christ-june-6-2021-1>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezra 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

St Vincent de Paul Society

As you know, due to Covid we had to cancel the bundle up drive for May. If you still wish to drop off clothing, linens draperies and boots/shoes, you can do so directly to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul store in Etobicoke.

Store address: 60 Newcastle Street, Etobicoke from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Tuesday to Saturday)

Email: stores@ssvptoronto.ca

You can leave your items in the open bin at this location. Thank you for your donations and helping those in need. Many blessings!!

Leave No One Behind: Vaccine Equity in the Global South

15 June, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Online Event

Join us for a discussion on the barriers that the world's poorest people face when trying to access COVID-19 vaccines. Featuring internationally renowned speakers: Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ; Dr. Sunita Narain; Dr. Katrina Plamondon; and Dr. Jeffrey Sachs.

With only 0.1 per cent of people in low-income countries vaccinated, COVID-19 has revealed the inequalities between the Global North and the Global South. Canadian Jesuits International supports the global campaign for vaccine equity through a waiver of certain provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Register: <http://bit.ly/VaccineEquityWebinar>

Contact: Canadian Jesuits International

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Humanitarian Relief – India's COVID-19 Outbreak

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country's needs at this time. In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows. Relief services and materials provided by the Church, or with its support, include:

- Food at kitchens and distribution centres in slums, at migration transit points, etc.
- Masks, sanitizers and hygiene kits to vulnerable communities
- Psychosocial support and hotline services to traumatized and grieving people
- Public education campaigns on infection prevention and vaccination
- Supporting the public healthcare system, including donating expertise, facilities and equipment from Church-run clinics and hospitals

To learn more about Caritas' work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – India's COVID-19 Outbreak – Disaster Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide. Thank you for your continued assistance.

NEWS & UPDATES!

Adoration Chapel

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Please observe the following:

MAXIMUM of 6 Visitors at a time
(The Church is also available private prayer.)

SIGN IN and OUT at each visit

(Use the Registered* or Drop-in Visitors' log)

SANITIZE your area before leaving

CLOSE the Angelic Doors covering the Monstrance if the Chapel will be empty when you leave

Register with the Adoration Ministry at (905) 812-0030 ext. 9 or email adoration@mercifulredeemer.org with your name, phone number and day and time of the regular weekly hour visit you promise to keep.

St Rose of Lima

As we come to June, St. Rose of Lima School is very proud of the school year and the many extraordinary opportunities and challenges faced during Covid-19. This would not have been possible without the well coordinated efforts and dedication of our staff, students, parents and support from the school board and parish team.

In May alone, students enjoyed excellent presentations including Scientists in The School, author Lakshmi Iyer, Coach Miguel Martinez and numerous virtual trips to enrich their learning experience. Living the catholic faith and concerned about families facing food insecurity during this pandemic, the St. Rose community raised \$1810 for Eden Food for Change. As a faith community we also celebrated The Crowning of Mary with the members of the Rosary Apostolate.

June is National Indigenous History Month; to honour Indigenous heritage, culture and experiences. It is a time to look to the past, to engage and listen. We learn to treat others with fairness, the virtue of the month, and to treat others the way we want to be treated.

Congratulations to the Grade 8 graduates moving to high school. Thank you and best wishes to Fr. Tom as he moves to his new parishes. Farewell and thank you to families moving to other cities and to staff leaving the St. Rose of Lima community. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Change of Address

If your home address or telephone number has changed, please send us an email at register@mercifulredeemer.org.

Merciful Redeemer ShareLife Campaign

Thanks to your generosity, so far we've raised \$110,590 which is 44% of our goal. To donate, please visit our parish website!

The next Sharelife Sunday is the weekend of June 18/19.



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IS TO

LOVE, WALK WITH &
EMPOWER THE YOUTH
OF OUR COMMUNITY

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For High School Students (Gr. 9-12)

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 PM
Next Life Night: Saturday, June 12th, 2021.

Lifeteen is a high-school youth ministry that strives to lead teens closer to Christ by strengthening our teens' Catholic identity, while also rooting them firmly in Christ and in His Church. If you are interested in joining the program in our parish, please register your child using the link found on the parish website. Once you register your child with the link provided, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link before every Life night. Attend our second last Life night of the year where we will be talking about living out our faith in the public square! Tune in to hear from our guest speaker, Erin Kinsella.



For Middle School Students (Gr. 6-8)

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 PM
Next Edge Night: Saturday, June 19th, 2021

* End of Year Celebration (Online):

Edge is a middle-school ministry program that aims to offer a safe and fun environment where you can learn more about your faith. If interested, please register using the link found on the parish website. Once you register your child with the link provided, you will automatically be sent the Zoom link before every Edge night. Join us as we celebrate the end of the Edge year together!

Save The Date

Summer Opportunities

Edge Camp 2021

NEW DATES* 29 August - 2 September

Edge Camp is for all those who are currently in Gr. 6-8 and all participants must already be registered in our edge ministry program. For more details on how to register, please contact Danielle, the youth minister.

June Prayer Time:

10 June at 4:00 p.m.

Edge Friendship:

16 June at 4:00 p.m.

Lifeteen Fellowship:

17 June at 4:30 p.m.

**"I plead with you -
never, ever give up
on hope, never doubt,
never tire, and never
be discouraged. Be not
afraid."**

-Pope John Paul II

Updates on June as the 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 devotions, 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, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

The Popes on Devotion to the Sacred Heart

The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765, and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889 Pope Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first class, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church.

"For evangelization today," he said, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."

Here are some of the relevant documents: Leo XIII in his Encyclical Letter *Annum sacrum* (1889) on the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart; Pius XI in *Caritate Christi Compulsi* (On The Sacred Heart) and *Miserentissimus Redemptor* (On Reparation To The Sacred Heart); Pius XII in his Encyclical Letter *Haurietis aquas*; Paul VI in his Apostolic Letter *Investigabiles divitias Christi* (1965) and John Paul II in *Message on the centenary of the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* (1999), in *L'Osservatore Romano*, 12 June 1999.

Scriptural Basis for the Devotion

Jesus, who is one with the Father (cf. John 10, 30), invites his disciples to live in close communion with him, to model their lives on him and on his teaching. He, in turn, reveals himself as "meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11, 29). It can be said that, in a certain sense, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a cultic form of the prophetic and evangelic gaze of all Christians on him who was pierced (cf. John 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), the gaze of all Christians on the side of Christ, transfixed by a lance, and from which flowed blood and water (cf. John 19, 34), symbols of the "wondrous sacrament of the Church" (St. Augustine).

The Gospel of St. John recounts the showing of the Lord's hands and his side to the disciples (cf. John 20,20), and of his invitation to Thomas to put his hand into his side (cf. John 20, 27). This event has also had a notable influence on the origin and development of the Church's devotion to the Sacred Heart.

These and other texts present Christ as the paschal Lamb, victorious and slain (cf. Apoc 5,6). They were objects of much reflection by the Fathers who unveiled their doctrinal richness. They invited the faithful to penetrate the mysteries of Christ by contemplating the wound opened in his side. Augustine writes: "Access is possible: Christ is the door. It was opened for you when his side was opened by the lance. Remember what flowed out from his side: thus, choose where you want to enter Christ. From the side of Christ as he hung dying upon the Cross there flowed out blood and water, when it was pierced by a lance. Your purification is in that water, your redemption is

in that blood".

The Sacred Heart and Our Spiritual Life

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work.

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are numerous. Some have been explicitly approved and frequently recommended by the Apostolic See. Among these, mention should be made of the following:

Personal Consecration

Personal consecration, described by Pius XI as "undoubtedly the principal devotional practice used in relation to the Sacred Heart" (*Miserentissimus redemptor*).

Family Consecration

Family consecration to the Sacred Heart, in which the family, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony already participating in the mystery of the unity and love of Christ for the Church, is dedicated to Christ so that he might reign in the hearts of all its members (*Aliae concessiones*).

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, approved for the whole Church in 1891, which is evidently biblical in character and to which many indulgences have been attached (*Aliae concessiones*).

Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

The act of reparation, a prayer with which the faithful, mindful of the infinite goodness of Christ, implore mercy for the offences committed in so many ways against his Sacred Heart (*Aliae concessiones*).

The Practice of the First Fridays

The pious practice of the first Fridays of the month which derives from the "great promises" made by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary. At a time when sacramental communion was very rare among the faithful, the first Friday devotion contributed significantly to a renewed use of the Sacraments of Penance and of the Holy Eucharist. In our own times, the devotion to the first Fridays, even if practised correctly, may not always lead to the desired spiritual fruits. Hence, the faithful require constant instruction so that any reduction of the practice to mere credulity is avoided and an active faith encouraged so that the faithful may undertake their commitment to the Gospel correctly in their lives. They should also be reminded of the absolute preeminence of Sunday, the "primordial feast" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), which should be marked by the full participation of the faithful at the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Excepted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.

I will establish peace in their families.

I will console them in all their troubles.

They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.

I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.

Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.

Tepid souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.

I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.

I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.

Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.

The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

(https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm)

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart to access the full suite of resources available.

Resources include:

- **Pastoral Letter** – Cardinal Collins’ beautiful letter is available in written, audio and video formats along with video reflections on the Sacred Heart of Jesus featuring short interview segments between Cardinal Collins and Fr. Seamus Hogan of St. Augustine’s Seminary.
- **Novenas** – one prepared for students and families, running from June 2 – 11, 2021 with simple resources supplied by the Institute for Catholic Education (ICE). The second is a daily online 30-minute retreat, beginning June 3, 2021, with content provided by St. Augustine’s Seminary and culminating with a livestream Mass from St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica celebrated by Cardinal Collins.
- **Activities for Children** – content provided by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- **Quotes from the Pastoral Letter**, available as infographics that can be shared extensively.
- **Prayers and Questions for Reflection** – including the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and questions for deeper reflection organized by each section of the letter.
- **Images and Prayer Cards** – electronic format – available for easy download and printing.
- **Practical Suggestions for Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** – many of the suggestions incorporate resources noted above.

We will continue to include additional resources as they become available.

In this time of much suffering, uncertainty and confusion, let us redouble our efforts to discover our call to peace, truth and unfathomable joy in the love of Jesus Sacred Heart.

Why Tender-Heartedness Is Manly (and Needed More Than Ever)

“Wait, there is more,” I told my dad as we walked outside. Typically, our walks were only one-hour-long. This one stretched into four. It contained moment of truth after moment of truth, for within it I was sharing elements of my testimony with him for the very first time. There were parts that were difficult for him to hear. Some parts pained his heart. Yet, he listened. He showed me the love of Christ and let me pour it all out. By the end of our walk, I knew I was loved more than ever. What happened was that my dad tender-heartedly received me.

He did this quite possibly in the moment when I needed it most—in the moment that I came to him.

A Dilemma for Our Day

I share this because, for one reason or another, tender-heartedness is often seen as a weakness or even a non-masculine trait. Perhaps, some falsely believe that it is akin to merely “being nice,” and therefore being a pushover. I know that some men flee from the idea of tender-heartedness because it was not modeled to them from their fathers, and as such, they feel inept in that department. And men typically do not gravitate to where they feel inept. However, the tender-heartedness of my father brought into being one of the most powerful experiences of my life.

He did this by lovingly receiving me where I was, while listening to me for the sake of listening as opposed to crafting a retort. He never invalidated the reality of my experience; however, he also loved me enough to appropriately challenge my ways of thinking in certain respects. That day, through him, I truly believe I experienced the love of God.

Ultimately, the tender-heartedness of my father brought about a stronger bond between us, and as that bond grew, so did my reception of the intimate fatherly love that he had to offer. It was healing to the soul in so many ways.

Children Looking Elsewhere

I share this because in our world today there are many factors negatively impacting how fathers might bond with their children. Of particular concern is the potential after-effect of children striving to fill the void of the absence of an intimate relationship with their father or father-figure by going elsewhere—and that includes going online. Many children who do that will, without their father’s knowledge, become influenced by activists and special interest groups who strive to exploit their earnest search

for purpose, meaning, love, and belonging.

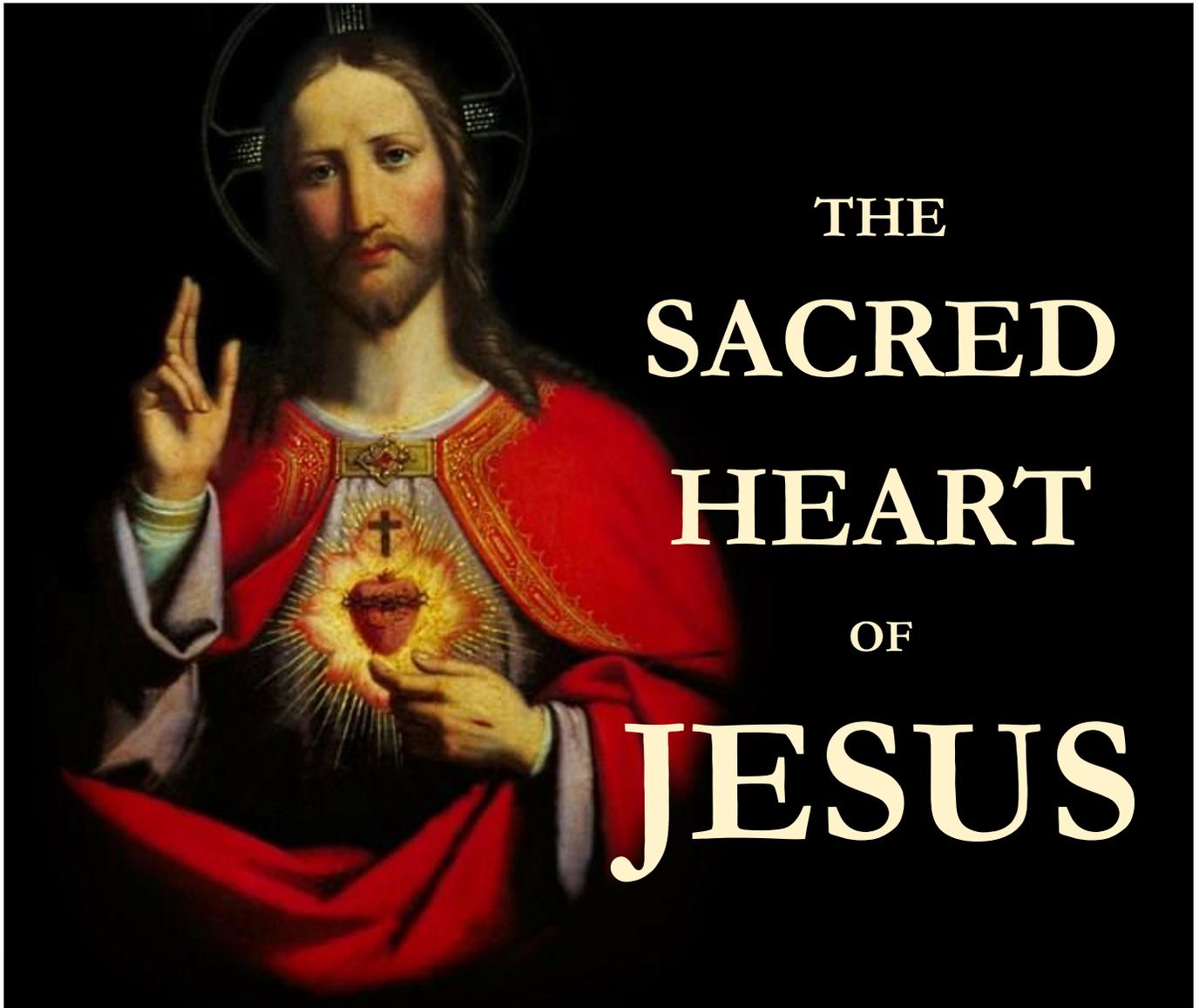
These activists/groups are typically not interested in the strengthening of the father-child bond. Instead, they not only strive to unmoor children from their parent’s values, but in some cases, they strive to cause children to alienate themselves from their parents altogether. This is done very effectively by misinforming those children about what their parents believe, while also stacking them with new ideas and new language within which to describe and define their experiences. This lends itself to children further alienating themselves, not necessarily with malice, but rather out of their natural desire to belong somewhere, especially after being brought to perceive that their family and family values are at odds with who they now understand themselves to be. Some of those children press for the family to accept their new-found mindset, while others hide from their families while being supported by others, unbeknownst to their families. Either way, many parents wake up to realize that their child has become invested within an alternate ideology that has pointed them outside of their family to find their primary sense of belonging and community.

The results of this type of trajectory are often catastrophic, with results ranging from heightened anxiety in children to full-on methods of escapism, which can culminate in self-harm to the point of irreversible damage or even death. While this phenomenon doesn’t appear to be letting up, it does seem to be apparent that more and more people are awakening to the reality that the bonds between parents and children need to be stronger than ever if the children are to have a reasonable hope of retaining the values (and faith) of their parent(s).

Look Forward with Renewed Purpose

Given that the lack of a bond can be so catastrophic, and that the impact of tender-heartedness can be so healing and so preventative (though not always), it behooves us as men to strive to turn to God more than ever to learn how to love better, such that tender-heartedness among men may become more “second nature” than not. The fact is that the more we surrender ourselves to God the Father, the more tender hearted we will be able to be and the greater the potential for us to bond well with our children. This, in turn, reduces the likelihood that our children will desire to look elsewhere for their affirmation and formation.

Article CF: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2021/05/19/why-tender-heartedness-is-manly-and-needed-more-than-ever/>



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Saturday, June 26, 2021 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

LIVE WEBINAR

Presented by

Fr Jacques Philippe

Registration: <https://summer2021retreat.eventbrite.ca>

All are welcome. (Suggested offering \$10 per person)

