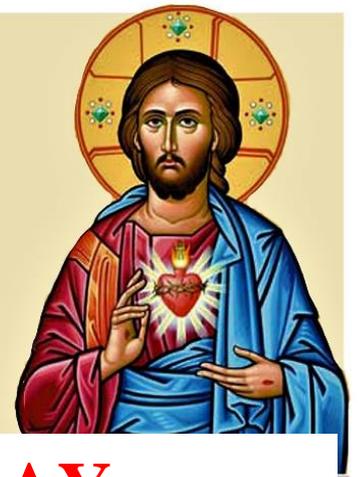


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY June 22/23, 2019

### COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

June 22/23 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ

June 24 – Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist

June 29 – Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

**July 5 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*Patronal Feast of our parish – counted from Pentecost Sunday*

Reception following the 8:30 AM Mass

First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass and reception

July 6/7 – Celebration of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at both Masses

July 6 – Reception after Mass for the parish feast

### **July 13/14 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

July 15 – Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre

July 22 – Feast of St. Mary Magdalen

July 25- Feast of St. James, Apostle

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits

August 2 -First Friday – Adoration after the 8:30 AM Mass

August 5 – Dedication of St. Mary Major

August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7 – Restoration of the Society of Jesus

August 10/11 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**



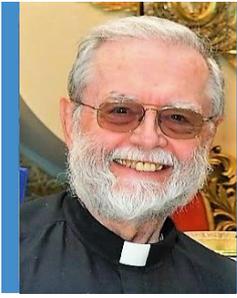
*Pope Francis'* **FOR JUNE**

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

**VIDEO OF THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE**

<https://youtu.be/BFnk7Aeg6gg>



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

At least three things come to my mind when I hear the phrase “the Body of Christ.”

The first is, not surprisingly, the Host, because each time I present the Host to someone receiving Communion, I pause and utter that phrase. The one receiving is supposed to say “Amen” – in other words, “I believe” – and some do. It is the reminder that we are not simply receiving a piece of white bread but the actual Body of Jesus Christ.

The second image is, of course, the body of Jesus Christ – the bleeding and torn piece of flesh nailed to two pieces of wood and left to hang in public until all life had left. That body, of course, was born in Bethlehem, and the image of the Babe in the manger, the image of the child Jesus in the Temple, the image of Jesus walking the roads of this region and speaking in Um Qais – these are also “the body of Christ” but somehow the one that always arises first – at least for me – is that body on the Cross, the image of love and sacrifice that should be a part of everything I do.

And finally – “the Body of Christ” – I am reminded of that wonderful image of Saint Paul, who speaks of the Mystical Body, reminding us that the body of Christ is also the body of the Church, the various followers and believers and members of this Holy Church that Jesus founded, each different, each performing different functions but each a member of this one Church.

We are the hands of Christ. We are the feet of Christ. We are the voice and the image of Christ for others. We are the Body of Christ. We are made so through the promise of redemption we receive because of that body on the Cross, and through the physical Body of Christ that we share when we receive Holy Communion. We are the Body of Christ because of His love and because we physically share His Body at Mass.

It’s not an honorary membership, being a part of this Mystical Body. It’s not a pin we can put on a suit, or a card we stick in a wallet. It’s not a degree we simply hang on a wall so our friends are impressed. Being a member of the Body of Christ is responding to a call to action – not just an invitation but a challenge from Jesus to go out into the world where the sinners are and care for them. Teach them. Visit them and clothe them and feed them and heal them and love them, whether we ever mention the name of Jesus Christ or not.

Because THEY are also the Body of Christ. They may not be Catholic or even baptized, they may not go to Church or even believe in God. But although in different ways, just as Christ is in us, so too Christ is in them. Because of that we love them, and because of that, we do for them what we would do for Jesus – what Jesus would do for them – what Jesus has done for us.

At Mass I hold up the Sacred Host and utter the words, “The Body of Christ.” And the people say, “Amen.”

Look in the mirror. See your face looking back. And say the words, “The Body of Christ.” If you can – if you believe – if you accept those words – then with all your heart and your soul – say, “Amen.”

Let us continue to pray for one another and for a world that needs changing.

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## SACRED HEART CELEBRATIONS

### FRIDAY, JULY 5

The usual Mass at 8:30 AM will be celebrated at the Jesuit Center. Following the Mass there will be a reception in honor of the Solemnity. It is also a First Friday, so Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following Mass. Adoration will extend until 10:30 AM, so those who wish may attend the reception and then return to the chapel for prayer.

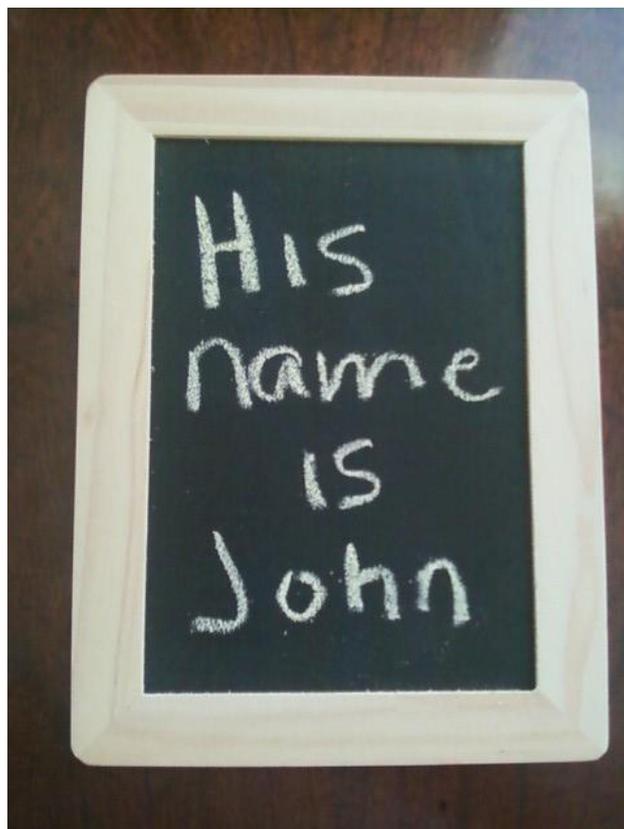
### SATURDAY, JULY 6

Because this is our parish patronal feast, we will celebrate the Mass of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at our two weekend Masses. Following the Mass on Saturday, we will have a reception in honor of the feast at the parish hall. All are invited, and those who wish are invited to contribute baked goods or specialty items to help make the event even more special.

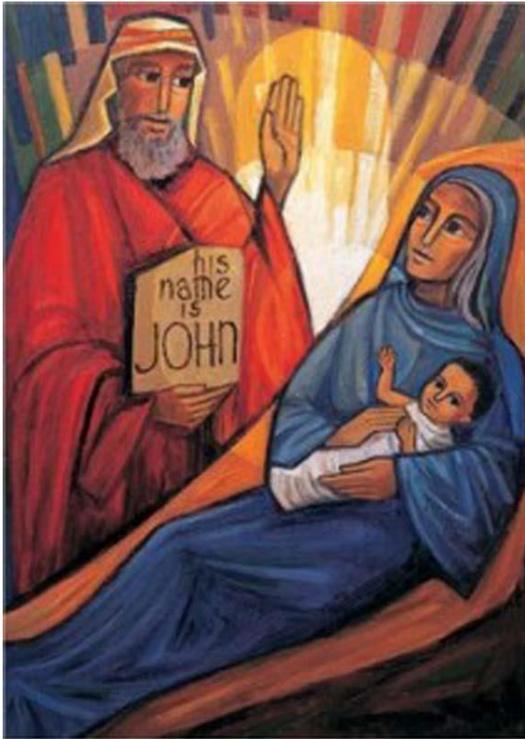
## AUGUST CLOSING

As has been the custom in the past, the Jesuit Center will be closed during the month of August. The daily Mass at 8:30 AM will continue as scheduled throughout the month. Jesuits will still be available but advance scheduling is suggested.

*You'll probably find  
that it suits your book  
to be a bit cleverer  
than you look.  
Observe that the easiest  
method by far  
is to look a bit stupider  
than you are.*



## SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST – June 24, 2019



According to Jesus Christ, John the Baptist was the greatest man born since Moses. He was the first person to recognize Jesus Christ, although both were in the womb. He baptized Jesus and preached repentance before Jesus came into public life. And just as Moses did not get to see the Israelites entering into the Promised Land, so John did not live to see Jesus rise triumphant after the Resurrection.

He is a saint who has two feast days: the Feast of the Beheading, and the Feast of his birth. The hand of God was in his life from the very beginning, his call was difficult, and he followed that call up to the moment of his death. "He must grow greater and I must grow smaller."

St John is a special saint for Jordan, of course, because of his ministry of baptizing that was carried out in Jordan. But today this feast is of increasing importance as abortion becomes more prevalent and the conversation about the status of babies in the womb more compelling.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.'" Mary was newly-pregnant and Elizabeth was in her sixth month – and one of the babies jumped for joy at the sound of Mary's voice. The presence of human life is clear in this moment in Scripture.

The Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian church, being listed by the Council of Agde in 506 as one of that region's principal festivals, where it was a day of rest and, like Christmas, was celebrated with three Masses: a vigil, at dawn, and at midday. It is one of the patronal feasts of the Order of Malta. In the Roman Rite it is celebrated since 1970 as a Solemnity, and it takes precedence over a Sunday on which it happens to fall.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church and other Eastern Christian Churches, St John the Baptist is usually called St John the Forerunner. This title indicates that the purpose of his ministry was to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the Byzantine Rite, the Feast of his Nativity is celebrated on June 24. It is a major feast day and is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil. It has an Afterfeast of one day. The feast always falls during the Apostles' Fast.

In addition to the birth of John the Baptist, the Byzantine Rite also has the following commemorations of the life of John the Baptist: January 7 – The Synaxis of St John the Forerunner (main feast day, immediately after Theophany (Epiphany) on January 6); February 24 – First and Second Finding of the Head of St. John the Forerunner; May 25 – Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Forerunner; August 29 – The Beheading of St. John the Forerunner; September 23 Conception of St John the Forerunner and the Commemoration of Sts. Zechariah and Elizabeth.

The Armenian Apostolic Church commemorates the "*Birth of John the Forerunner*" on January 15, and June 7 is the "*Commemoration Day of St John the Forerunner.*" September 1 is the Feast of "*Saints John the Forerunner and Job the Righteous.*" In Ukraine Belarus and Russia Ivan Kupala Day is celebrated in the 7th of July.