June 16, 2019

**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EUCHARISTIC HEART OF CHRIST**

*from Fr. John Hardon, S.J.*

There is one passage in the encyclical *Haurietis Aquas* of Pope Pius XII that has become classic in describing how and of what the physical heart of Christ is the symbol. "The heart of the Incarnate Word," says the Pope, "is rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of the threefold love with which the divine Redeemer continuously loves the eternal Father and the whole human race.

"1. It is the symbol of that divine love which He shares with the Father and the Holy Spirit, but which in Him alone, in the Word, namely, that was made flesh, is it manifested to us through His mortal human body, since 'in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.'

"2. It is moreover the symbol of that most ardent love which, infused into His soul, sanctifies the human will of Christ. At the same time this love enlightens and directs the actions of His soul by a most perfect knowledge derived both from the beatific vision and from direct infusion.

"3. Finally, it is also a symbol of the sensible love of Jesus Christ, since His body, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, has a most perfect capacity for feeling and perception, much more than the body of anyone else.

What are we to conclude from all of this? We are to conclude that, in the Holy Eucharist, the physical heart of Christ is at once the symbol and effective sign of the Savior's love three times over: once of the infinite love He shares with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Blessed Trinity; once again of the created love by which, in His human soul, He loves God and also loves us; and still again of the created affections by which even His bodily emotions are drawn to the Creator and to us unworthy creatures.

… We have in the Eucharist the effective means by which we can show our love for God, since it is not just our own affections when we unite them with the heart of the Eucharistic Christ. It is His affections joined with ours. His love elevates ours, and ours as a consequence is raised to a participation in the divinity.

But more than that. By our use of the Eucharist, that is, by our celebrating the Eucharistic Liturgy and by our reception of the heart of Christ in Holy Communion we receive an increase of the supernatural virtue of charity. We are thus empowered to love God more than we would ever be able to do otherwise, especially by loving the people whom He graciously - though often painfully - places into our lives.

***The Most Holy Trinity***

Dear friends in Christ,

During the month of June, we give special honor to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Heart of our Lord which was formed in the womb of the Virgin Mary is filled with the love of the Father.

That divine love called us into being from eternity. Before time began, the Lord our God knew that He would form each of us within human history to know Him and love Him and to live in a community of fellowship.

As creatures intended and made by God, it would be most natural for us to return all our affection and love to Him who made us. Yet, we often find ourselves wrapped up in so many projects and concerns that even “Love is not loved.”

Aware of man’s weakness and distraction, the Father has sought throughout salvation history to awaken in us the personal reality of our relationship with Him. He does this fundamentally in his communion with the Son and the Spirit. The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit on mission amongst us. As we hear in the Gospel,

“*Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,* *the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.* *I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”*

On this solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we ponder the inner life of the three divine Persons who are one God. Seeking to know the Creator who so lovingly fashioned us and knit us together, we acknowledge as well the role played by our earthly fathers in our conception and formation. What a privilege fathers have to receive the gift of a child and to live so as to manifest the love of our eternal Father. What a high calling men as fathers have toward their children!

The Sacred Heart is the model and inspiration for how we are to love the children God has given us. Jesus, by his sacrificial life, shows us how a real man behaves toward his wife and children. The Lord Jesus gave his life so that his Bride, the Church, might be cleansed and strengthened and protected. He sends the Spirit of Truth as an Advocate for us. But He also remains among us in the Holy Eucharist radiant with love for us. God does not leave us orphans.

Good fathers faithfully remain, they give of themselves without reserve and they provide a resting place in their hearts for us. Let us love the Father of all life and ask the Sacred Heart to teach us to love our fathers as He loves our heavenly Father.

Come Holy Spirit from the bosom of the Father,

**Fr. Martin Flum**

**ST. MICHAEL’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Saturday, 06/22/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Joseph Sobnosky **Lector**: Cheryl Kerwin

**Server**: James Aviles **EMHC:** Joseph Sobnosky

Sunday 06/23/19 **8am**

**Rosary Leader:** Ron Smith **Lector**: Jeanine Wilson

**Server:** Dan Wilson **EMHC:** Joseph Sobnosky

**Sunday, 06/23/19** 11:30am

**Rosary Leader**: Kevin Mondorff **Lector:** Chris Patterson

**Server:** Taylor Nickens  **EMHC:** Maureen Ingle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      06/15/19     5pm  Father’s Day Intentions

Sunday,         06/16/19         8am     Liz Cooke

Sunday,         06/16/19       10am   Father’s Day Intentions

Sunday,         06/16/19   11:30am  Parishioners & their families

Monday, 06/17/19 8am Krista Wells

Tuesday, 06/18/19 8am Rev. John Reutemann, III ****

Wed., 06/19/19 8am Larry Cooke

Thursday,     06/20/19        8am      Sophia Basak ****

Friday, 06/21/19 8am Tymandra DiMario ****

**Readings for the week of June 16, 2019**

Sunday:           Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/

 Jn 16:12-15
Monday:          2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/

 Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:          2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/

 Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:    2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:        2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4,7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/

 Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:         2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/

 Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:  Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23- 26/Lk 9:11b-17

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for June 8th & 9th $ 4,228.00

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for June 9th $ 636.00

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness especially, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Carol Carter, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Brianna Daniels, Kathy Fisher, Pat Hammond, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Adam Lumpkins, Rachel Makle, Louis Miller, Regina Nasatka, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, George Thomas, and Belinda Windsor, may they not grow weary under their burden but be strengthened by the love God has for them.

**We need LECTORS and Altar servers!**

A workshop for lectors will be offered here at St. Michael Church in Brandywine. This workshop will instruct lectors on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word at Mass. Date and time is TBD. Please encourage the youth in the parish to serve at the altar as our crew is getting older.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School will be held Mon – Fri, July 15th – July 19th from 9am to noon. Our theme is “Life is Wild \* God is Good”. For more information, contact Vicky Hayden by leaving a message at the parish office 240-681-3551. You can also register or donate online through the parish website ***https://stmichaelsbaden.weconnect.com***

ST. MICHAEL AND ST. DOMINIC PARISH DINNER!

This year, with an enhanced menu, one can Dine In or Carry Out at $23 for an advance sale ticket ($25 at the door). Children (ages 7-12) are $10.00; (ages 6 and under are FREE)! There will be three raffles: 1. one for cash prizes ($1000 and a $500); 2. a special quilt, handmade for this occasion, and 3. a Kay Jeweler’s necklace will also be raffled off to some lucky winners.

We need volunteers for our Parish dinner! The volunteers really made the event a spectacular success last year. If you are interested in being a part of the team this year, please contact, CC Meinhardt at 301-440-4295 or Yvette Parker at 301-274-0910.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – PETER’S PENCE**

Next week, we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit *www.usccb.org/peters-pence.*

 **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

Next Sunday June 23rd, on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) our children will receive First Holy Communion. At St. Dominic’s it will be during the 10am Mass on Sunday and at St. Michael’s it will take place at the 11:30 Mass. All of the parishioners are welcome to a reception after the 11:30 Mass in the parish hall. Also, our candidates will receive Confirmation on June 24th at 7pm at St. Michael’s. Come celebrate the Sacraments with us!

**Happy Father’s Day !**