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**Devotion to the Sacred Heart**

No doubt you have heard the expression, “the Sacred Heart of Jesus.” But are you aware of the long development of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

From the time when St. John the Evangelist recorded the wounding of the Heart of Jesus on the Cross and the Blood and Water that flowed from it, the Church has in various ways recalled the love of God represented there in a special way. Devotion to the Sacred Heart remained more of a private expression of love for Jesus Crucified until the Lord Himself encouraged individuals to give honor to his Heart as a means of growing closer to Him.

The Catholic Encyclopedia tells us, “What deserves special mention is the vision of [St. Gertrude](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\06534a.htm) on the [feast](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\06021b.htm) of [St. John the Evangelist](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\08492a.htm)… Allowed to rest her head near the wound in the [Saviour's](file:///C:\\Users\\FatherMartinFlum\\Downloads\\New%20Advent\\newadvent\\cathen\\08374c.htm) side, she heard the beating of the Divine Heart and asked St. [John](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\08492a.htm) if, on the night of the [Last Supper](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\14341a.htm), he too had felt these delightful pulsations, why he had never spoken of the fact. St. [John](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\08492a.htm) replied that this [revelation](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\13001a.htm) had been reserved for subsequent ages when the world, having grown cold, would have need of it to rekindle its [love](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09397a.htm).”

“It was to [Margaret Mary Alacoque](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09653a.htm) (1647-1690), a [humble](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\07543b.htm) Visitandine nun of the [monastery](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\04340c.htm) at [Paray-le-Monial](file:///C:\\Users\\FatherMartinFlum\\Downloads\\New%20Advent\\newadvent\\cathen\\11476b.htm), that Christ chose to reveal the desires of His Heart and to confide the task of imparting new life to the devotion. These [revelations](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\13005a.htm) were numerous, and the following [apparitions](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\15477a.htm) are especially remarkable:

1. that which occurred on the [feast](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\06021b.htm) of St. John, when [Jesus](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\08374c.htm) permitted St. [Margaret Mary](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09653a.htm), as He had formerly allowed [St. Gertrude](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\06534a.htm), to rest her head upon His Heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of His [love](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09397a.htm), telling her that He desired to make them [known](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\08673a.htm) to all [mankind](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09580c.htm) and to diffuse the treasures of His [goodness](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\06636b.htm), and that He had chosen her for this work (27 Dec., probably 1673);
2. that in which He requested to be [honoured](file:///C:\\Users\\FatherMartinFlum\\Downloads\\New%20Advent\\newadvent\\cathen\\07462a.htm) under the figure of His Heart of flesh; that, when He appeared radiant with [love](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09397a.htm) and asked for a devotion of expiatory [love](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09397a.htm) — [frequent Communion](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\06278a.htm), Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the observance of the Holy Hour (probably June or July, 1674);
3. that known as the "great [apparition](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\15477a.htm)" which took place during the [octave](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\11204a.htm) of [Corpus Christi](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\04390b.htm), 1675, probably on 16 June, when He said, "Behold the Heart that has so [loved](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09397a.htm) [men](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09580c.htm) . . . instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of [mankind](file:///C:\Users\FatherMartinFlum\Downloads\New%20Advent\newadvent\cathen\09580c.htm)) only ingratitude . . ."

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Be sure to read about the Sacred Heart devotion in the box in the next column. We will begin in December at St. Michael to have a Mass at 7:30pm on the first Friday each month, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart.

Years ago, at St. Peter in Waldorf, a group of folks asked if I would be willing to host a Cenacle every Friday evening with Adoration and Prayers to the Sacred heart. Their intention was to pray for priests and especially that the Archdiocese of Washington would be blessed with holy vocations to the priesthood. The effort was very successful. The same group has asked that we would host a similar evening of prayer every first Friday of the month here.

This corresponds to the request of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that we give honor to Him specifically under the sign of his human heart blazing with Divine Love. He asks us to recognize and respond to the great love that He has for us which is symbolized by the image of the Sacred Heart. We hope many of you will mark your calendars for first Friday each month and join us in reparation to his Heart that has so loved us.

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Two repair items need to be completed soon. First, the roof at St. Dominic has been losing a lot of slate tiles and we are actively trying to determine how we are going to fix it. Until that is fixed, we cannot install the sacristy door that has been made to match the new front door. Second, the floor tiles in the parish hall are starting to come up in many places – the whole floor must be redone.

The Finance Council asks you to consider making a gift to the parish, a THANKSGIVING donation, that will help us continue to make those repairs to our hall and churches that are pressing at this time. You can use the envelope marked THANKSGIVING that came with your regular contribution envelopes or just write “Thanksgiving” on the memo line.

Thanksgiving Day is less than two weeks away. We have much to be thankful for here at St. Michael and St. Dominic. Our faith reminds us, as it did the settlers at that first Thanksgiving meal, how wonderful the Lord has been to us. Every blessing throughout our life has come from the hands of the Lord. And He delights to bless us through the lives of others - subtly hiding his provident love for each one of us.

*Holy Family,* ***Jesus, Mary and Joseph****, save souls!*

Fr. Martin Flum

**WINGS - Young Adults**

Young adults, don’t forget to check our website to see what we have planned for this month: [www.stmwings.wixsite.com/1234](http://www.stmwings.wixsite.com/1234) .

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

Monday: Acts 28:11-16.30-31/ Ps 98/ Mt 14: 22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6: 18-31/ Ps 3/ Lk 19: 1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7: 1. 20-31/ Ps 17/ Lk 19: 11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2: 15-29/ Ps 50/ Lk 19: 41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:3-37.52-59/ 1 Chr 29/ Lk 19: 45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6: 1-13/ Ps 9/ Lk 20: 27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5: 1-3/ Ps 122/ Col 1: 12-20/ Lk 23: 35-43

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

**Saturday, 11/23/19 5pm**

**Rosary Leader:** Alice Williams **Lector**: Cheryl Kerwin

**Server:** Claude Boswell EMHC: Arlene Bloom

Sunday 11/24/19 **8am**

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

**Server:** Dan Wilson **EMHC:** TBD

**Sunday, 11/24/19** 11:30am

**Rosary Leader**: Kevin Mondorff **Lector:** Maureen Ingle

**Server:** Kayla Aure  **EMHC:** TBD

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**St. Michael’s**

Offertory Collection for Nov 10th $ 5,232

**St. Dominic’s**

Offertory Collection for Nov 10th $ 730

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Martha Adams, Joe Aviles, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Jackie Chapman, Brianna Daniels, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Florence Henderson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Rachel Makle, Mike Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Ann Proctor, Betty Proctor, Doris Riess, Dawn Russo, Lucille Shanks, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, George Thomas, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday,      11/16/19   5pm  Our Parishioners

Sunday, 11/17/19 8am Doris Reiss +

Sunday, 11/17/19 10am Mary Teresa Sobnosky +

Sunday, 11/17/19   11:30am All Souls Intentions

Monday, 11/18/19 8am Carol Sobnosky

Tuesday, 11/19/19 8am Joseph Sobnosky Jr.

Wednesday, 11/20/19 8am All Souls Intentions

Thursday, 11/21/19       8am Lilian Sobnosky

Friday, 11/22/19 8am Joseph Sobnosky IV

**MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

During November we will be offering Masses for the repose of the souls of our beloved dead whose names were submitted to us with the “All Souls Day” envelopes. In accord with Archdiocesan policy, these “collective intentions” will be offered twice each week.

**SERIES: CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY**

The talks on Fridays in November at 7:30pm continue with:

* on November 22 **The Blessed Virgin Mary**
* on November 29 **Jesus Christ, Divine Wisdom**

For those who are intent on growing in their faith, this series helps us learn the wisdom of the saints. Each talk will be given within the context of a holy hour. You will have the opportunity to spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, listen to the teaching and receive Benediction.

***Entering Canaan* - Days of Prayer and Healing**

Project Rachel Ministry is offering two upcoming *Entering Canaan* Days of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing from abortion. The event in English will take place on Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and the event in Spanish will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. If you or someone working with you would like more information, please call the helpline at 301-982-2008.

**COURAGE TO SPEAK – Men’s Pre-Advent Retreat**

On Saturday, November 23rd, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington, Maryland will be hosting a Men’s Pre-Advent Retreat.  Fr. Dan Leary, Pastor of St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church, Silver Spring and Kevin Wells Catholic author of “The Priests We Need to Save the Church” will be the speakers.

The retreat will take place from 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. It will begin with Mass, followed by a light breakfast then the speakers.  Adoration and Confession will be available immediately after the retreat.  Cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit Fr. Bill Ryan and the Togo Mission.  Advance registration is required.  To register visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/3528>

**BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING**

Give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas! This program delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. Please drop off your donated bears starting Thanksgiving through December 8th in the box located at the back of the church. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Or, your tax-deductible monetary donations can be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the *Bread of Life Center for Peace* and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also purchase a bear or make donations through the website at [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org/) -- click on Bear Hugs Project. Please contact Patricia DiSandro at 240-681-3606 for any questions about this special outreach. Thank you for your continued generous support of Bear Hugs!

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS is at 9 AM**