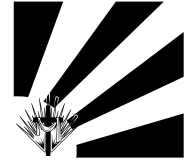




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Month of June

WORD: *Remembering Christ's love is sharing life with Him.*

READINGS

June 06 Gn 14:18-20
Ps 110:2-4
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11-17

June 13 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11
Gal 2:16, 19-21
Lk 7:36 - 8:3 or 7:36-50

June 20 Zec 12:10-11, 13:1
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9
Gal 3:26-29
Lk 9:18-24

June 27 1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Gal 5:1, 13-18
Lk 9:51-62

MONTHLY COUNSELS

June 6 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Submission)

Theme: We share life with Christ when we receive him in the Holy Eucharist.

Promise: *"They all ate and were satisfied."* (Luke 9: 17)

Reflection: On the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Gospel illustrates what we must routinely do on the ordinary days of life and more eloquently in our times of crisis and extreme need. We must first recognize who we are. We are children of God with inadequacies and limits. Like the apostles, we identify ourselves and our need: **"Dismiss the crowd so they can go to the surrounding villages... for we are in a deserted place here."** Jesus said to them, **"Give them some food yourselves."** Like the disciples, we must sincerely desire to satisfy the identified need: **"Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."** The need must be genuine not a counterfeit need. It must be honest not a pretense or a mockery that makes sport of God's bounty. Submit to God. Trust that he will meet that need. Jesus said to his disciples, **"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."** **They did so and made them all sit down.** We must do as the disciples did, obey God's prompting and leading without question, for to truly fulfill every human need we must know the limits of our powers. It is humility to confess our inadequacies and depend not on our sufficiency but submit to God's will and bounty. We have never done anything with success before with only meager provisions except when we provide God our **five loaves and two fish**, our meager means, our inadequate supplies, and let God have his way with us. There is nothing impossible with God. He feeds those who are in need of feeding. He heals those who are in need of healing. God's bounty meets every need.

Prayer: Thank you Jesus for teaching me that love ceases not and hope pauses not as long as you nourish us the with the bread of your presence. Thank you for teaching us that we must do with the little we have for you will always find a way to make it more. Amen.

Order: **"Give them some food yourselves."** (Luke 9: 13a)

Direction: Obey God and trust in his plan. Accept the work he has set upon us. Expect that he will satisfy us. Give up counterfeit hungers, sham commitments, mockeries and make up limitations.

June 13 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Humility)

Theme: We share life with Christ when we acknowledge our sinful nature.

Promise: *"The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die."*
(2 Sm 12: 13)

Reflection: In the Gospel I see Simon the Pharisee and an unnamed sinful woman who represent exact opposites of our human character in a particular slice of time as they interact with Jesus. Simon represents pride, our sense of false godliness that blindsides us to saving grace. We are Simon when we talk of forgiveness and salvation but have no personal experience of them. We only have untested convictions. We are Simon when we claim we have religion which is not the same as having Christ. We are Simon when we say we know Christian doctrine which is not the same as practicing it. Who was the sinful woman? In a moment of pride, like Simon, I identify her as a prostitute or the symbol of sin in general. In a moment of humility, I recognize the sinful woman as the poor sinner in me seeking forgiveness. Receiving forgiveness, I am tearfully thankful, faithful and believing.

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Life in the Spirit Seminar #10

Invocation Mass at St Bernadette, Scottsdale
June 18, 2010 at 7:30 PM
LSS Proper Days 1 & 2 at Our Lady of
Perpetual Help, Glendale
June 19 & 20, 2010

Please contact Gerry & Gladdine Bautista for more details.

Youth Encounter #6

July 30-Aug 1, 2010
Living Water Retreat Center
595 S. Aspaas Road, Cornville, Az 86325

The YE is open to all youth ages 15-20 years old.

Waiver from parents required.

Please contact May Siongco and Ariel & Judy Bautista for more details.

THE LORD'S PROVISIONS

Cash flow as of May 2010
Receipts \$2,690.00
Disbursements \$1,030.07
Surplus (Deficit) \$1,659.93

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She represents our sense of love, service and gratitude that arises from the personal consciousness of God’s grace and forgiveness. We are the sinful woman in our conviction that goodness is not motivated by the threat of embarrassment or shame or even the threat of hell. We are the sinful woman inspired by gratitude at a second chance in life. We are the sinful woman overwhelmed by the possibility of a second chance at heaven. What did this humble woman do that we must do in our life? If we know where Jesus is as she knew, we must look for Jesus and seek him **bringing an alabaster flask of ointment.** We bring Jesus our treasure, our life, our all and begin to bathe his feet with **tears.** Remembering envy, pride, presumption, jealousy and all our other grievous sins that have played their roles in our failure to love, we fall on our knees and say, **“I have sinned against the Lord.”** Finally, we are that sinful woman aching for Jesus to say, **“Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”**

Prayer: Lord, forgive the wrong I have done. I acknowledge my sinfulness. In your mercy O Christ, grant me a share of your life and promise.

Order: **“Go in peace.”** (Luke 7: 50b)

Direction: Humility is to acknowledge faults and make up for them. Confess sin and seek forgiveness. Be not judgmental. Be forgiving and loving always.

June 20: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Self-denial)

Theme: We share life with Christ when we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow him.

Promise: *“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”* (Luke 98: 24)

Reflection: **Once Jesus was praying in solitude.** Jesus worked and preached. Jesus ministered and served. Also, he prayed. That is one more lesson we learn from him. There is a time for toil and labor, an appropriate time for everything under the sun including prayer and solitude. We do not talk when we need to listen. We do not teach when we need to learn. Jesus is the **Christ of God.** Of this we are certain. There is no arguing or denying it. **“I am the truth, the way, the life.”** There are other truths that follow. **“But who do you think that I am?”** Indeed, if we confess Jesus to be the **Christ,** such a confession had and has consequences. The gift of salvation is free but it is not cheap. Our free gift cost Jesus his life for us to receive it. Every gift has an inherent cost. It was necessary for the Christ to suffer and die for our salvation. **“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”** That may be why we sometimes hesitate and waver in our faith. The cost of commitment, the rigor of discipline and the price of forgiveness are all imperatives of discipleship. None is optional. Self giving not self idolatry, self denial not self promotion are the consequences of following Christ. In returning our love for Christ, we must be selfless not selfish. Love is when we give ourselves to the other. In loving God, we must truly die. We must be dead to sin to be alive in God.

Prayer: Jesus, I accept you as my Lord and savior. Lead me where I must go. Give me the grace to persevere in your service that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

Order: **“Follow me.”** (Luke 9: 23b)

Direction: Never be timid in the pursuit of Christ. Never be silent in proclaiming his love. Never be passive in the imitation of his virtues. Do not simply wish but work to share in God’s glory.

June 27 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Servanthood)

Theme: We share life with Christ when we serve one another through love.

Promise: *“You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.”* (Psalm 16:11)

Reflection: Ever the perfect example, Jesus **resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem** even though he knew what awaited him. There has been no more willing servant to the cause of man’s salvation. There has been no humbler sufferer of injustice and wickedness, no more sincere substitute to take our place as sacrifice. **While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5: 8b).** Before such a sterling example, how do we explain away half hearted commitment or lackluster discipleship? Commitment to the service of God is a singular focus of mind and purpose. It requires sincerity and self surrender. Do we follow because it is to our advantage? Is it proper compassion and righteousness to seek on others God’s wrath? Is it ever proper to ask, **“Lord, do you wish us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?”** Is there ever a place for hate and prejudice? What is it to follow Christ? If we do not know, ask. What is it to follow Christ? Go and see. Do not rush. Do not speak amiss of conviction. Servanthood is not mere willingness to serve. There are essential details of faith that we must observe. It is not a mere matter of keeping a promise. We must learn and experience sincere conviction. We must cry out the soul’s cry and need for Christ. To follow Christ is not a mere matter of convenience and deferment of decision. It is not as simple as, “I’ll get around to it.” It asks deep questions like, “What indeed are my priorities?” And so Jesus exhorts us, **“Let the dead bury its dead.”** He tells us in no uncertain terms that we have a more serious mission with the living. **Let the dead** whose priorities are elsewhere bury those none priorities. Whom God calls, he equips. God provides for whom he calls and chooses. In serving God there are no divided loyalties, no part time believers, no faint hearts even as to serve is a privilege not a sacrifice.

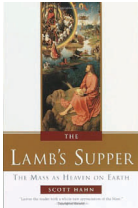
Prayer: Jesus, my Lord and savior, have mercy on me a sinner. Help me to follow you. I know to expect pain and failure. If they do not come, I give thanks to you. If they do come, I accept them. They do not compromise my love for you.

Order: **“Go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”** (Luke 9: 60b)

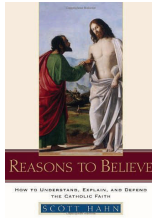
Direction: Do not take back any word of love. Hold fast to love and purpose. Our mission is to serve. Our goal is to follow Christ. † **RSC.**

BIRTHDAYS	
3 - Dory Hey	15 - Betty Jaravata
6 - Ramon Cuasay	15 - Vic Zapanta
8 - Jack Marquez	21 - Rob Omega
8 - Sharon Fernando	21 - Malou Reyes
12 - Bing Omega	26 - Romy Tioseco
13 - Nina Custodio	28 - Rock Calvo
14 - Bea Bautista	29 - Mario De Leon
ANNIVERSARIES	
19 - Jess & Ning Laforteza	
17 - Gerry & Gladdine Bautista	
16 - Tony & Venus Fuentes	

GREAT SUMMER READS:



The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth | Reasons to Believe by Scott Hahn



Briefly on Hahn: He is currently a Professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville, and is the founder and director of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. In 2005, he was appointed as the Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Liturgical Proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. A former Protestant minister who converted to Catholicism himself, his talks have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to re-embrace the Catholic faith. †

HOLY SEE NAMES FIRST HISPANIC BISHOP OF PHOENIX



Pope Benedict XVI, recognizing local pastoral needs, has appointed the first-ever *auxiliary bishop* to the Phoenix Diocese. The Holy See announced the appointment of Fr. Eduardo Alanis Nevares, vice rector of the College of Liberal Arts at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Bishop-elect Nevares, scheduled to be consecrated to the episcopacy July 19 at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral, will be the first Hispanic bishop of the diocese.

"It is significant that he comes to us during the Year for Priests," Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted said, "since he has such a wide and rich experience in promoting vocations to the priesthood, in forming men for priestly ministry in the seminary, and in building up the unity and fraternity of priests."

Bishop-elect Nevares, he noted, also has experience in diaconal formation and has served as director of charismatic groups in the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, where he is a priest.

"Serve the Lord with gladness" will be the bishop-elect's episcopal motto. Bishop-elect Nevares taught Spanish to seminarians at the Josephinum. "With just one phone call, your life changes," Bishop-elect Nevares said. "In the seminary, I'm surrounded by all sorts of doctors of theology. I never expected to be named a bishop."

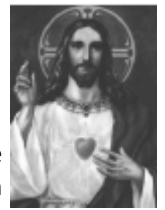
The **Feast of Corpus Christi**, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.



To learn more, check out Fr. John Corapi at this web link: <http://www.zenit.org/article-13463?!=english> and to know more about Fr. Corapi, please check out: <http://www.fathercorapi.com>

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus ~ JUNE 11

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on the interior life and on His threefold love—His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life. Pope Pius XII of blessed memory writes on this topic in his 1956 encyclical, *Haurietis Aquas* (On Devotion To The Sacred Heart). ~Excerpt 61: But after His glorified body had been reunited to the soul of the divine Redeemer, conqueror of death, His most Sacred Heart never ceased, and never will cease, to beat with calm and imperturbable pulsations. Likewise, it will never cease to symbolize the threefold love with which He is bound to His heavenly Father and the entire human race, of which He has every claim to be the mystical Head. From the earliest days of the Church, "Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. Through the wound in the side, the wounded Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of love." ~Catholic Encyclopedia



The Immaculate Heart of Mary ~ JUNE 12

In order that, properly speaking, there may be devotion to the Heart of Mary, the attention and the homage of the faithful must be directed to the physical heart itself. However, this in itself is not sufficient; the faithful must read therein all that the human heart of Mary suggests, all of which it is the expressive symbol and the living reminder: Mary's interior life, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for her God, her maternal love for her Divine Son, and her motherly and compassionate love for her sinful and miserable children here below. The consideration of Mary's interior life and the beauties of her soul, without any thought of her physical heart, does not constitute our devotion; still less does it consist in the consideration of the Heart of Mary merely as a part of her virginal body. The two elements are essential to the devotion, just as soul and body are necessary to the constitution of man. ~Catholic Encyclopedia



Ordinary Time Definition and Summary

Ordinary Time is the liturgical period outside of the distinctive liturgical seasons, and runs 33 or 34 weeks. In Latin, Ordinary Time is called *Tempus Per Annum* ("time throughout the year"). Ordinary Time falls between Christmas and Lent, and between Easter and Advent, exclusive. Prayers: Ordinary Time Prayers

Basic Facts

Liturgical Color(s): *Green*; Type of Holiday: *Season*
Time of Year: *The Monday following the Baptism of the Lord, until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday; Monday following Pentecost until the evening before Advent*
Duration: *Total of 33 or 34 weeks*
Celebrates/Symbolizes: *The Holy Trinity*
Alternate Names: *"Sundays of the Year"*
Scriptural References: *Various*

!!! TEACHING MINISTRY UPDATE !!!

For those who may have missed early sessions of our Catholic Development Formation Program (CDFP), starting on **June 4**, every first Friday **after the Healing Mass in St. Bernadette's**, you may attend for the first time, for make up or for review: **Growth in Prayer, Bible Book Series or New Creation Realities.**

Starting on **May 30**, every last Sunday of the month until August, in **Victory Homes**, 1212 N Spencer St., Mesa 85203: teaching on the same topics at **1 to 4 pm** until further notice. Class Shepherds are to notify Teaching Ministry a month in advance of a class reunion, their request for a teaching topic in the CDFP.

Please note the following adjustments in schedule for June:

Friday, June 11

Praise & Worship at St. Bernadette @ 7:30 PM

Friday, June 18

LSS Invocation Mass LSS at St. Bernadette @ 7:30 PM

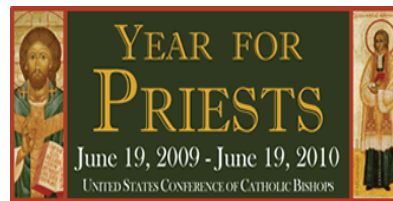
Friday, June 25

Eucharistic Celebration for BLD Foundation Day at St. Bernadette @ 7:30 PM

ON HOUSES, BACKYARDS AND GARDENS

Our first home in America was a modest duplex in a Philadelphia suburb where our only treasure was our four toddlers. There was no backyard but just before we could enter the double doors of the house, we had to greet a regal magnolia. O, the magnolia, with its exquisite petals and cups of beauty and color always spoke of comfort and welcome and peace. With no effort on our part, the magnolia in the side yard garden just lived. Then we had two transition homes in New Jersey, each with large backyards studded with sturdy maples, oaks, white birches and poplars. The gardens were tended, the soil turned, the flower beds watered and there we bonded with our four children as we watched tender plantings grow, plucked the weeds away and pruned the trees. Then we moved to the house by the sea, to an ancient structure as massive and solid as we thought we were in our prime, and we called it 'the house of our growing up.' There we kept the memories from our children's pre-teen years and on, their bruised knees, torn kites and first broken hearts. But we were extremely busy and so were the children. We had time saving devices and automatic sprinkler systems and though we still believed that "I am closer to God in my garden than anywhere else on earth," in truth, the children and we had other attention and care. Backyards and gardens like memory are fragile things. We need to work on them to build on them. We cannot aspire to bring meaning and symbols to life except through living it from moment to eternal moment, from blunder to wonder, from each joy to the next, from one discovery to another. When the children grew up and left, we were back to just the two of us as it was in the beginning. We cannot escape mulling over how human mortality measures life's final worth and how God's mercy masters all. We had moved to a small patio home in Arizona with little frontage and lesser backyard. There is a garden of sorts but we keep it with no particular discipline.

"As the sparrow finds a home/ and the swallow a nest to settle her young,/ My home is by your altars, / Lord of hosts, my king



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As the Year for Priests draws to a close, Pope Benedict XVI said a priest's foremost role is to be a shepherd to

his flock, and he asked the faithful to support their priests in their task of bringing people closer to God.

At his regular weekly audience in St. Peter's Square May 26, the pope said priests should follow Jesus, who he called the "supreme shepherd of souls," in their mission to "take care of the people of God, be teachers of the faith, animating and sustaining the community of Christians."

The pope quoted St. Augustine in pointing out that **"it is a labor of love to graze the flocks of the Lord," and that love should act as the "supreme guide in conduct for the ministers of God."**

By following this guide, the pope said, a priest should show "unconditional love, be full of joy and open to all; be attentive to those around him, gentle to children, to the weak and to the simple; and show the infinite mercy of God with encouraging words of hope." Because of the world wars and the rise of dictatorial leaders in Europe in the last century, the pope said, many people today still have a deep mistrust of authority of all types. The church, he said, is called to offer an authority based on service, "not in its own right but in the name of Jesus, who in the name of the Father received all authority in heaven and on earth."

Each priest in turn receives that responsibility, the pope said. "The spiritual authority conferred in Holy Orders should be matched by the priest's interior fidelity to his pastoral mission and his personal readiness to follow obediently the lead of Christ," he said.

In living for the benefit of his flock, the priest-shepherd must dedicate himself totally, "often going against the current, and remembering that he who is big must act like the smallest, and he who governs must act like the servant."

The pope said that leading others does not mean domination but is rather illustrated in the humble act of Jesus Christ's washing of the feet of the apostles and in the wood of the cross. The pope asked the faithful to **"support your priests in their ministry of leading men and women to God, bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel and its message for hope." Pope Benedict also asked for prayers "for my own ministry of governance in the church."**

The pope called the special year for priests last June to encourage "spiritual perfection" in clergy. The current scandal regarding priestly sexual abuse had not yet exploded in all its force, involving several European countries and the United States. The pope will mark the closing of the Year for Priests with a Mass at the Vatican June 11.

'On Houses' continued...

and my God." (Psalm 84: 4)

From the beginning, Jesus knows that our final home is the Father's house where there are backyards and gardens that thrive with loving attention and care.- RSC.