



Corpus Christi: The Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ

Second Sunday After Pentecost

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we give special honor to Jesus, truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. As Catholics, we worship the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of Mass. We are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist. Many parishes offer regular exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. We may also choose to visit the church at other times to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We close out this week with the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Gospel on the memorial, the Holy Family visits Jerusalem for Passover. When Mary and Joseph depart, Jesus is not with them. After three days of searching, they find Jesus in the temple.

Luke 2:48-52

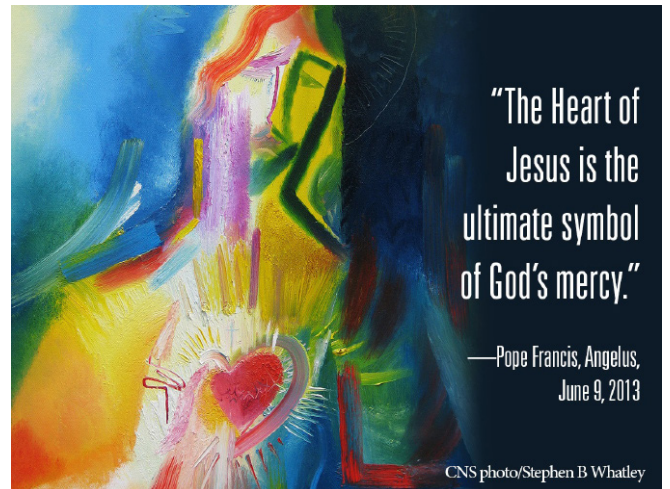
When his parents saw him,
they were astonished,
and his mother said to him,
"Son, why have you done this to us?
Your father and I have been
looking for you with great anxiety."
And he said to them,
"Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?"
But they did not understand what he said to them.
He went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them;
and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests (June 8, 2018)

On the Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Church also recognizes the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience
your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding,
and strength they need to follow in the
footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need
to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments
of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.



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