

Dear Padre,

I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, "Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will" (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, "I think, therefore I am," but it can also be said that "I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people" (*DN* 14).

Moreover, the heart "is the place of encounter" with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN* 2.), but it's "a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him" (*DN* 57). "More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus" represents "his boundless love" (*DN* 48). Therefore, "any act of love or worship of his heart is thus 'really and truly given to Christ himself,' since it spontaneously refers back to him and is 'a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ'" (*DN* 50). ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	<i>in Ordinary</i> Time Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.

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Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

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Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today's gospel. As he looks at his people—God's chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the "twelve" as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?



Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of June 15, 2026**

Mon.	June	15	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	June	16	7:00 AM	SJ	Kerri Brosius †
Wed.	June	17	5:30 PM	SA	Joanie Clayman †
Thurs.	June	18	4:30 PM	SB	Nursing Home Philip Tierney†
Fri.	June	19	7:00 AM	SJ	Monica Kramer †
Sun.	June	21	8:00 AM	SJ	Jeana Hanna
Sat.	June	20	5:30 PM	SA	Maurice Andre †
Sun.	June	21	11:00 AM	SB	People of the Parish



Kelsey Wyckott June 15th
 Cecelia Stallbaumer June 19th
 Dan Trumbull June 19th
 Carlos Ortiz June 20th
 Jeana Hanna June 21st
 Dwayne Barraza June 21st



Mr. & Mrs. Kaman Dailey June 14th – Dr & Mrs. Donnie Welch June 14th - Mr. & Mrs. David Pandorf June 15th – Mr. & Mrs. Bart Barton June 17th – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Peterson June 19th

Ministry Schedule

Date: June 20 - 21	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	<u>Sunday 8:00 Am</u>	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Steve & Cindy F.	Sue D. & Pam L.	Chancy & Roni B.
Lector	Tara B.	Pam L.	Tristan P.
Server	Avery B. & Corbin W.		Emmett P. & Quinton B.
EMHC	Jason & Jenny J.	Sue D. & Pam L.	Steve & Kristen B.
	Music: Dailey's		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Steve B.

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
 June 7, 2026
Total Collection: \$2652.75

 Pancakes, Prayer, & Play
 Join us for Mass Sunday June 28th
 at 8 AM.
 Afterward, we are gathering at the Stapleton Park Pavillion for a pancakes feed and fellowship while the kids enjoy the park and slash pad!
 Grilling will be available for lunch: please bring meat for your family, while salads, chips & all other supplies will be provided.

Fr Richard Dee Du, of the Missionaries of Faith will be celebrating the masses on the 21st of June to appeal for the needs of their congregation. Please welcome Fr Richard with generosity of heart. Every penny will be used for the mission. A second collection will be taken after communion for the mission. Thank you

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
 June 7, 2026,
Total Collection: \$2319.00

 Thrift Store
 Open June 19th 9AM to 4PM
 Totus Tuus News
 Mass June 20 at St Agnes at 5:30 PM to kick off the beginning Totus Tuus. Parish potluck to follow. All are invited.
 The Jr Jigh & High school students will meet Sunday June 21st. Elementary June 22nd.

Thank you to Gary and Margaret Ann Mills and Camen Purcell for provding housing for the four leaders.

Quotes for Today
Saint Moses of Optina (1782-1862)
Feast Day June 16
"If at some time you show mercy to someone, mercy will be shown to you."

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
 June 7, 2026
Total Collection: \$1518.000
Bell Tower Donation \$100.00

Church Bell Renovation
 We are planning to sandblast and paint the tower and refurbish the bell; it will cost around \$3000.00. If you are willing to contribute to this, please contact Father or a council member. Or you can put your donation in the collection basket and mark it for "Bell"

Community Potluck
 July 1st at noon at the Seven Valley Senior Center
 Everyone of all ages is invited.