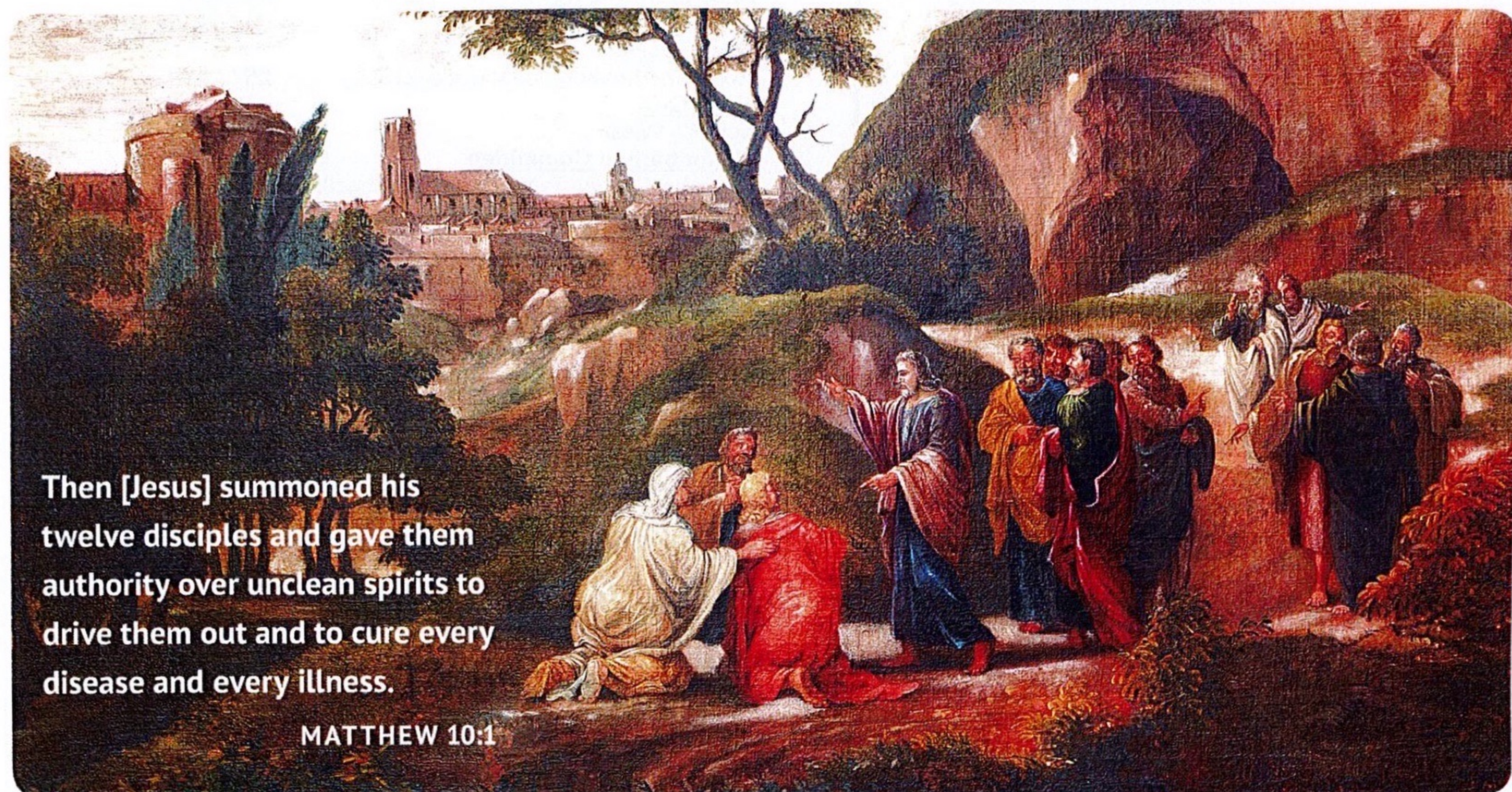




Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

ANN M. GARRIDO

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? ●



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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

Mass Intentions

Saturday / June 13th – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary / St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Siobhan Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

***2nd collection – Maintenance Fund**

Sunday/ June 14th – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Wege †

by: Jim Wege

***2nd collection – Maintenance Fund**

****Knights of Columbus Big Breakfast after 9 am Holy Mass**

Monday /June 15th – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Wege †

by: Jim Wege

Tuesday/ June 16th – Weekday

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday/ June 17th – Weekday

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Neal Montgomery †

by: Richard and Norma Frisk

***Altar Society card party at noon**

Thursday /June 18th – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mary Welch †

by: Ron Martin and family

*** Single /Retired Ladies Luncheon noon-1 pm**

****Bingo starts at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm**

Friday/June 19th – St. Romuald, Abbott

9 a.m. Holy Mass : David Scheschi †

by: Joe and Doris Waggoner

***Diocesan offices closed for Juneteenth Day**

Saturday / June 20th – Weekday

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Mary Kocz

by: Kocz Family

***2nd collection – Church in Latin America**

Sunday/ June 21st – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Brad Fortuna †

by: Terry Phelps and Family

Happy Father's Day !!

***2nd collection –Church in Latin America**

Thought for the week

Ordinary Time 11th Sun-A

**Mt.10:1,5:-
 "Jesus Summoned Twelve His Disciples
 and Sent them out ."**

Lord Jesus,

**You sent Your disciples to
 proclaim Your Kingdom.**

**Fill us with the Holy Spirit,
 that we may be faithful witnesses
 of Your Gospel.**

**Help us to bring Your truth, love
 and mercy**

**to our families, our parish, and
 the whole world.**

 **Wishing you a Blessed Week** 



June 6th and 7th, 2026

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Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



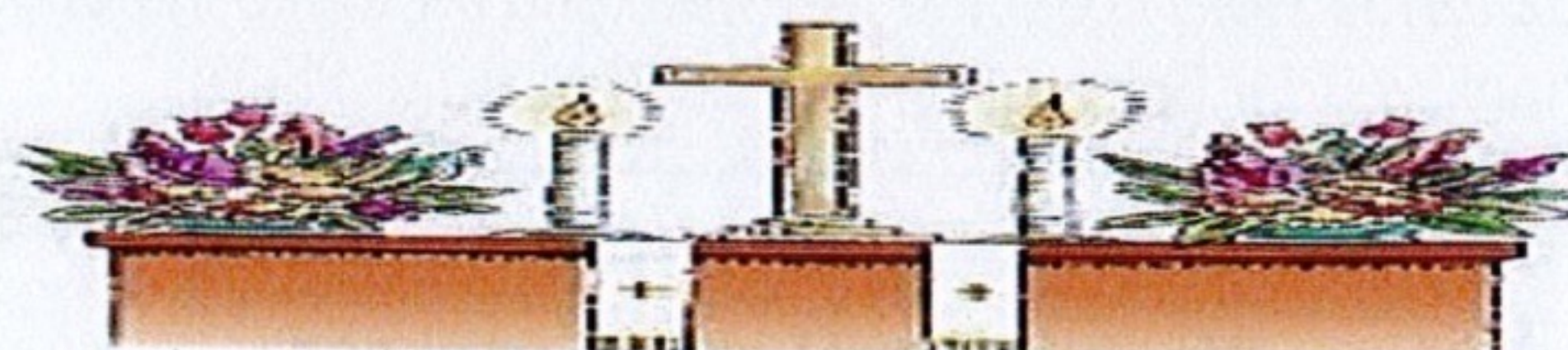
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**Tabernacle Roses are generously
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 honor of their granddaughter,
 Siobhan Kootz's birthday.**

Knights of Columbus Big Breakfast

Sunday June 14th the Knights will be cooking their big breakfast after 9 am Holy Mass . The Knights do so much for our church financially and with the work they do here at the church with the upkeep. Please, join them downstairs the parish hall and enjoy breakfast and support them. **We thank and appreciate our Knights for all they do! Tickets will be on sale at the door.**

Jubilee Mass at St. Andrew

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock to honor Fr. John Oswald (65 years), Msgr. Lawrence Frederick (60 years), Msgr. David LeSieur (50 years), Fr. Joseph Marconi, Fr. Salvador Vega-Alvarenga, and Fr. Arokiasamy M. Irudayaraj (25 years) on their anniversary of priestly ordination. For additional information contact María Velázquez at 501-664-0340, ext. 340.

Magnificat Ladies Luncheon

Magnificat will hold their next luncheon on **Saturday, June 27 from 11 am until 2 pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall.** The speaker for this luncheon is Dell Stiner from Tennessee. Come join us for a day of worship, fellowship and a meal as we end the day to listen to Dell's testimony. We will sell tickets Saturday and Sunday, June 13 & 14 and Saturday and Sunday, June 20 & 21 before and after the Masses. For more information contact Lori Templet 225-717-0238.

Food Pantry Collection

292 items were collected last weekend for those in need. Thank you for being generous and blessing others.

Single Retired Ladies Luncheon

You are invited to join us on **Thursday June 18th** from noon to 1 pm. In the parish hall.

Please bring a dish to share.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser

Return your bottle on Father's Day Sunday June 21 2026 with your donation. Please, do not keep any bottles even if you need to return them empty. Thank you.



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Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge and KayLynn Rodenbeck.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- June 13th - Warren Burton
- June 13th - Lynn Colles
- June 13th - Diane Keithley
- June 13th - Christine Wortman
- June 14th - Jeffrey Pope
- June 15th - Tim Wortman
- June 16th - Stacey Burton
- June 17th - Allison Munroe
- June 19th - Shawn Kirsch
- June 20th - Rhonda Greenway
- June 20th - Mary Kocz



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ Richard and Norma Frisk June 16th – 64 years
- ♥ Eddie and Greta Ishmael June 20th – 17 years

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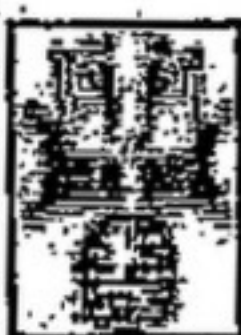


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Last Monday of the month
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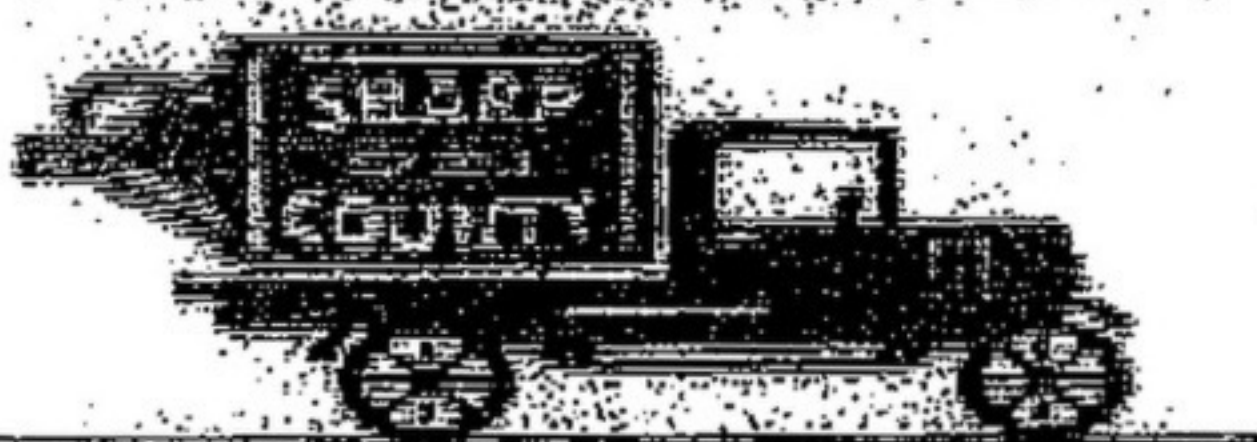
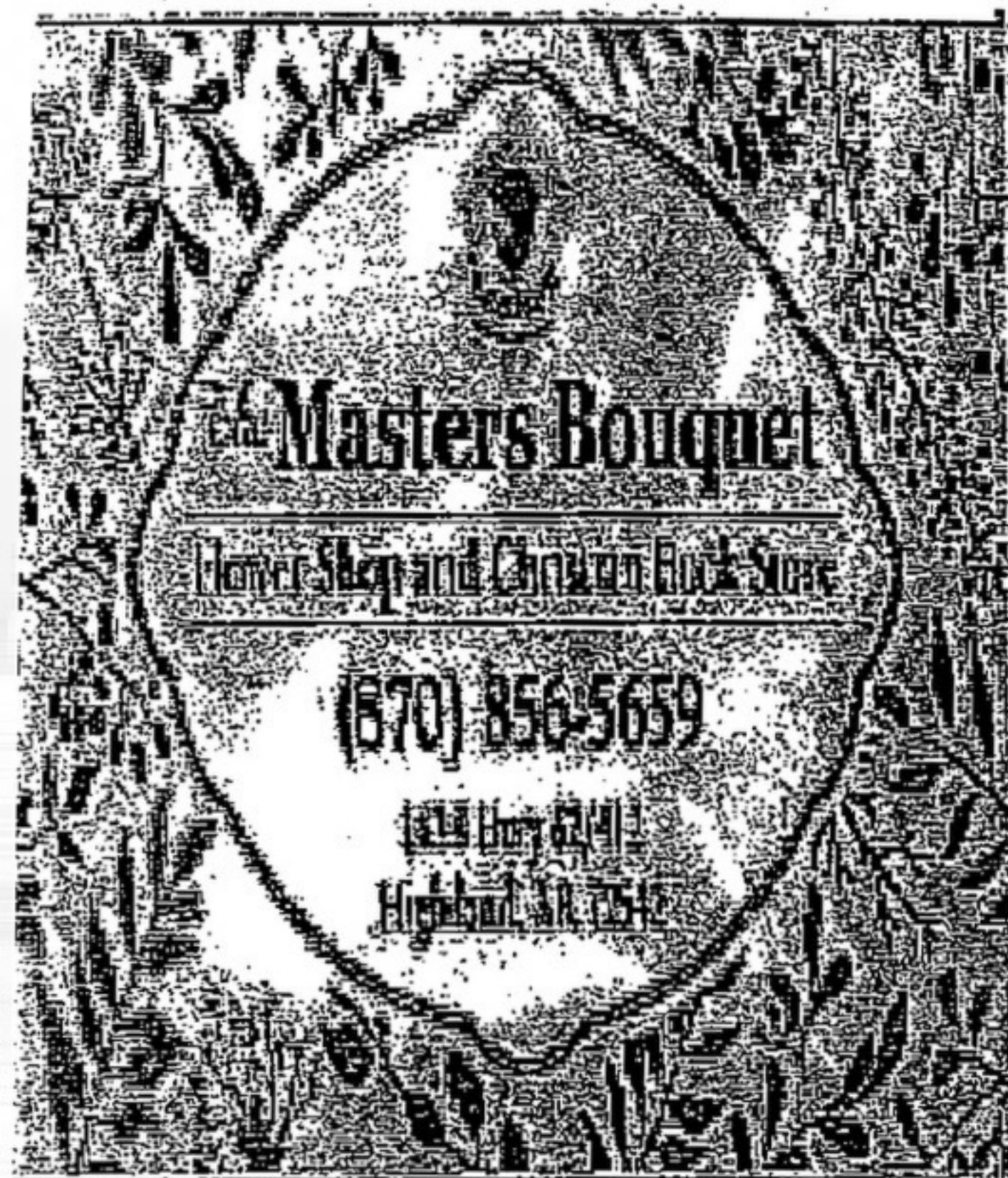
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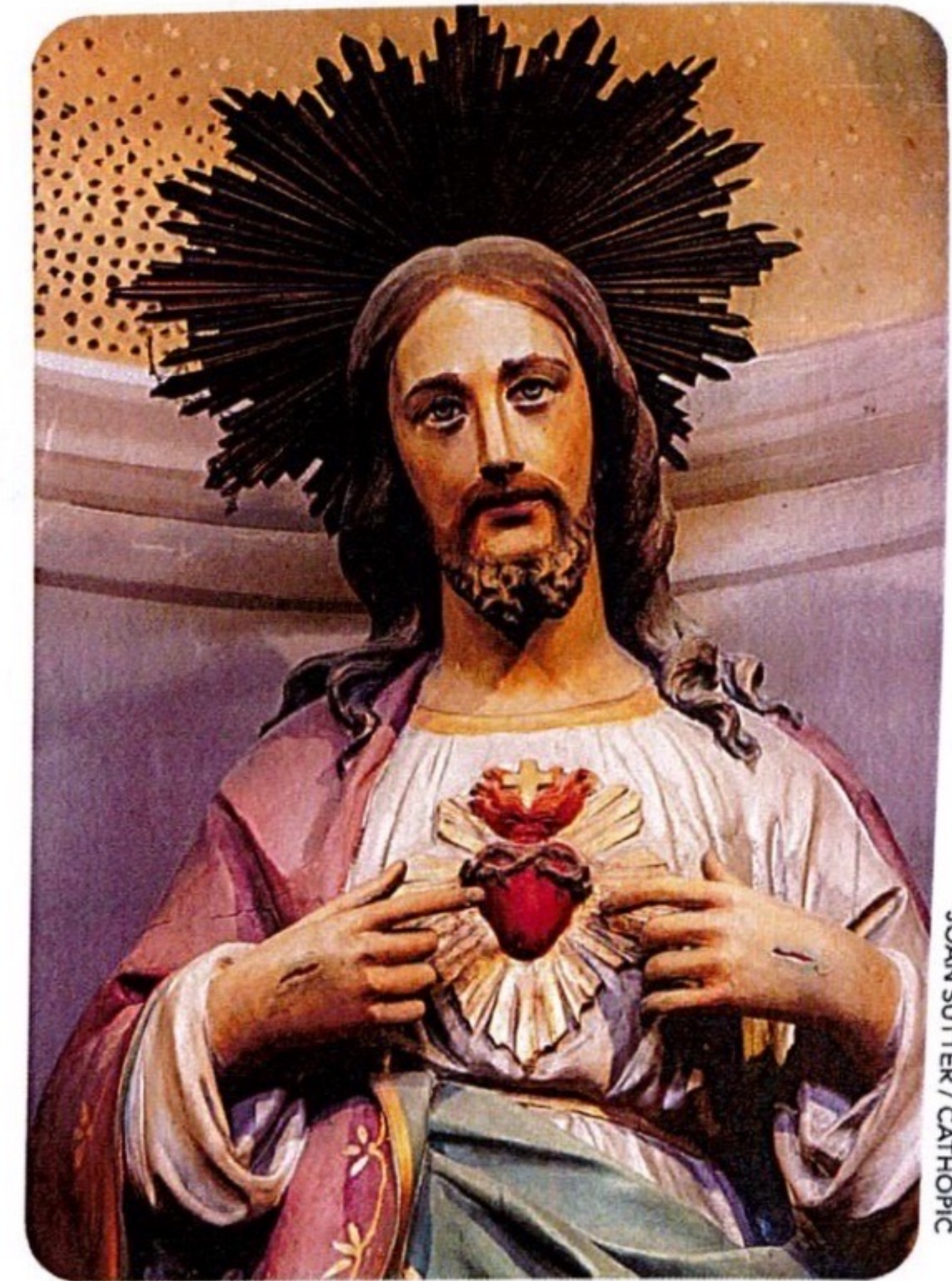
BEER-WINE-LIQUOR

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	1 Kgs 21:17–29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14	Sir 48:1–14	2 Kgs 11:1–4,	2 Chr 24:17–25	in Ordinary
Mt 5:38–42	Mt 5:43–48	Mt 6:1–6,	Mt 6:7–15	9–18, 20	Mt 6:24–34	Time
		16–18		Mt 6:19–23		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.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025