

# Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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## REFLECTIONS

### **The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which is the Feast of Corpus Christi. The celebration has its origins in popular piety of the 17th Century emphasizing a focus on the love of the heart of Christ for humanity. The early Church, focusing on the person of Jesus rather than on any particular attribute or part, nonetheless emphasized the Lord's love for humanity.

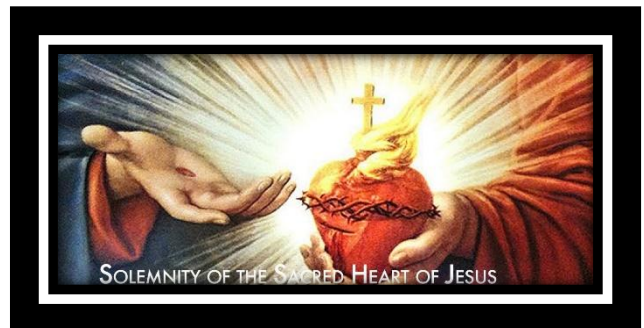
Just as we might view the birth of Jesus as God's love and light breaking into a world grown cold and dark through sin, so we can view devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a response to a world grown cold through the religious confusion and a spiritual heresy of the 17th Century, Jansenism. This heresy, focusing on the depravity of the human person, persuaded many people that they were unworthy to receive the Eucharist. Confused and demoralized, Christians needed a reminder of God's love and mercy and a positive view of the sacredness of the human person.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart, first promoted by Saint John Eudes, was focused on the need for gratitude to Jesus for the redemption made possible through the loving sacrifice of the Cross. Importantly, this sacrifice is made most profoundly present to Christians through

the sacrifice of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. From the beginning this Feast has been closely linked with the Eucharist as devotion expressed to the loving heart of Jesus.

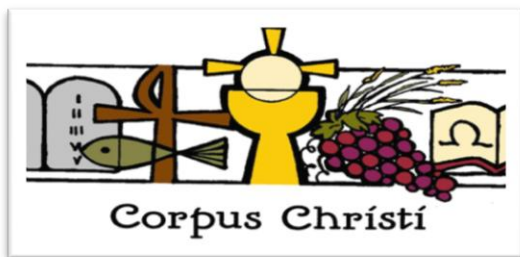
Devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to Jesus and his love, a love expressed in his Incarnation, his earthly ministry of service to others, and culminating in his sacrificial death in order that we might have life. It is the celebration of the inexhaustible love of Jesus. When Jesus says 'I love you,' he backs up his declaration with the sacrifice of his life. No cheap expression here, only sincere words backed up with living proof. That is real love and what we celebrate in the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. It is also the challenge of Christian discipleship – to live, serve and love as Jesus has first loved us.

*From Father Ken*



## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is one of five occasions in the year in which a Diocesan Bishop is not to be away from his Diocese (unless for a grave and urgent reason). The history of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ began in 1263 when a German Priest known as Father Peter of Prague was celebrating Mass at the Church of St. Christina in Bolsena, Italy. He was having doubts about Jesus truly being present in the Blessed Sacrament. As he recited the prayer of consecration during the Holy Mass, blood starting seeping from the consecrated host and it fell on the Altar and Corporal. Father Peter reported the Miracle to Pope Urban IV who sent delegates to investigate. The Miracle was confirmed and the relics were placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto where they remain today. The miracle confirmed the visions given to Sister Juliana of Mount Cornillon. The Lord instructed her to work toward establishing a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi for the Universal Church in 1264.



The monthly sandwich making opportunity for the Presbyterian Night Shelter is Tuesday June 24th at 7:00 PM in the PAX Center. Please join the Knights of Columbus in ministry.



The Poor Box located in the entrance to the Chapel is available for donations. All donations go toward assisting the needy residents of SFV and the Food Pantry.

**Mark your calendars:** our next Ecumenical Brunch will be Sunday July 6th at 11:00 AM in the Lounge.

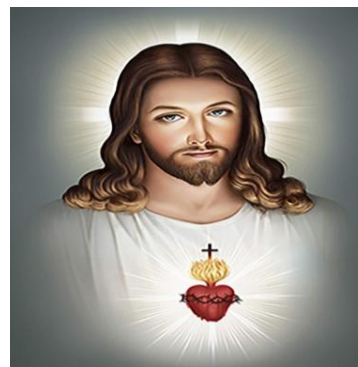
For those of you who Minister during Masses, please notify Cat in the Chapel office by the 17th of the month if you are unable to serve on particular dates in the following month due to other commitments or situations. If circumstances arrive that prohibit you from serving on

your scheduled days, please let Cat know as soon as possible so she can find a replacement. Thank you in advance for your assistance regarding this matter.

Mass intentions will be forwarded to Father Valentine in Nigeria on a regular basis. Please advise Cat in the Chapel office if you wish to request Mass Intentions prayed for by Father Valentine.

On Friday June 27th we celebrate the Solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This Solemnity calls us to reflect on the love and care Jesus has for each one of us, as we contemplate his sacrifice and desire to seek and save those who are lost. Pope Leo spoke of Jesus' love and calls on us: "Let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain the Lord will hear us and help us."

*May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. God Give Upon Peace.*  
*Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions	
June 22, 2025	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
June 23, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Charles Gunter By Fred & Alex Parkhurst
June 24, 2025	By Fr. Bob Strittmatter
June 25, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Teresa Babb By Lori Sortore
June 26, 2025	Repose of the Soul Dorothy Lee Briggs By Judy Winaski
June 27, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Thomas Shimmer By Jack & Genie Kearney
June 28, 2025	Repose of the Soul of Charles Gunter By Kathleen Childs (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)