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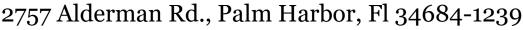


"In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God's infinite love for everyone and for each of us as individuals." St John Paul II





Knight's Messenger





Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism

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Grand Knight's Mssage

Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of **June**, the month of the Sacred Heart, we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord** and **Pentecost**,



the powerful culmination of the **Easter Season**. These feasts remind us of the Church's enduring mission, filled with the Holy Spirit and sent forth to renew the world.

This month also marks the end of our **Fraternal Year**, and we now begin planning for a new chapter in our Council's journey. I want to express my deep **gratitude** for all the work, time, and heart you have poured into our mission of **charity and fraternity**. From countless **hours of service**, to the **fellowship of Christ** in our social gatherings, to moments of sorrow and joy—we've walked this year together as brothers.

Now, as we look forward with **hope**, we prepare to welcome our **new pastor** and continue our mission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With **Pope Leo XIV** leading the universal Church and the steadfast truth that **Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever**, we step into the new fraternal year trusting in His providence.

Know that we will remain active during the **summer months**, continuing our ministry and presence in the parish. I invite each of you to pray and extend the call to other men, letting **Christ Himself inspire those He is calling** to join our brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus!

Efrain Valles





Prayer for First-Responders

Dear Lord, we pray for our first-responders and essential workers.

Please protect them and keep them safe, bless them and draw
them near to your heart. In Jesus name, Amen

June 2025

Council Activities

June 1st: Coffee and Donuts after 8am & 10am Masses
Parish Hall

June 3rd: K of C Business Meeting 7PM Parish Hall

June 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th: Eucharistic Adoration after 8 am Mass 8:30 - 9:00 am

June 17th: Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg. 7 pM Parish Hall

June 22nd: Ladies Auxiliary Funeral Mass - Honoring the Memory of Barbara Chicano + Luncheon at Bliss Cook House following Mass

Future Events

Please refer to the calendar at the end of the newsletter for more activities

SICK and DISTRESSED

Please keep in your prayers our Brother Knights & Ladies. Pray for the repose of the souls of all brother Knights, those who are having medical problems and for those who have lost a loved one.

Also, remember the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, fire and police!

Publication Deadline

Before the 1st of Every Month



St Luke Catholic Church Palm Harbor Mass:

Click for: Bulletin & Mass Times





Brother Knights,

The month of June is rich in both liturgical beauty and seasonal change. Let us welcome June with hearts full of faith, fraternity, and anticipation. I am pleased to share with you the joyful news that our parish will soon welcome a new pastor, Fr. Tim Sherwood who will take charge on **July 1**, **2025**. Please keep him in

your prayers as he prepares to shepherd our community with zeal and pastoral love.

This month, we celebrate the powerful Feast of **Pentecost** on **June 8**, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, igniting the Church into mission. Let this be a reminder to us Knights to continue our own apostolic work, guided by the same Spirit of courage and wisdom.

On **June 15**, we give thanks for our fathers and father figures on **Father's Day**. May St. Joseph, the model of fatherhood, intercede for them all, especially those within our Council and our parish.

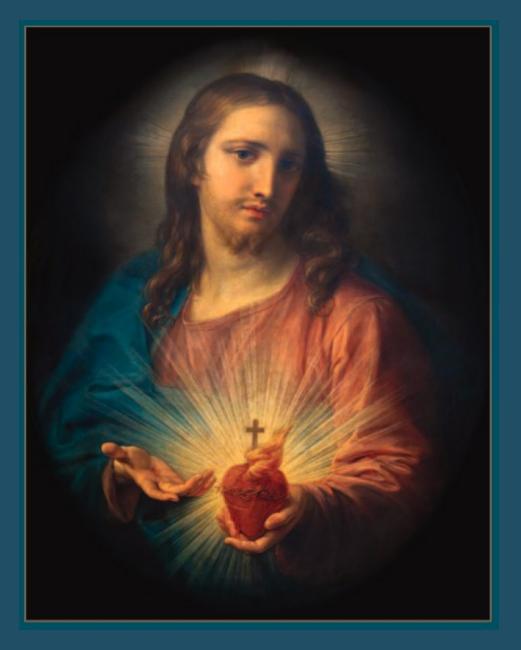
We also honor the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **June 27**, a feast that calls us to draw closer to Christ's merciful love and offer that love in service to others.

Finally, we close the month with the feast of **Saints Peter and Paul** on **June 29**, pillars of the early Church who remind us of the power of bold faith and enduring witness.

As **summer begins**, may this be a season of spiritual renewal, fraternity, and joyful service. Let us embrace this time to grow in faith and love, strengthening our commitment in courageously living the Gospel.

Fr. Camilo Simoes SAC

Chaplain



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour

St Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Thursday, July 10th, 2025 7:00pm



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John and his wife Kathleen were married on Valentine's Day in 1997 and are blessed with 4 wonderful children, Matthew, Haley, Johnny and Allison. They are also proud grandparents to 3 awesome grandkids, Clay, Bentley and Annabelle.

John lives in Oldsmar in the same house he was raised in since the age of 4. Along with having proudly served, and recently retired, as an officer in the US Army Signal Corps after 29 years, he also volunteered in the BSA as Cub Scout leader and Scoutmaster for over 13 years. John also currently serves as the Chair of the Oldsmar Veteran's Advisory Board.

John has many favorite pastimes but spending quality time with the family is always top of his list. His family enjoys going to Disney, family get-togethers, visiting their son in Savannah, boating, cruising and traveling to fun and different places. John's hobbies include computers, 3-D printing, drone flying, and playing with the latest tech gadgets.

John is driven by his deep Catholic beliefs and by the love and support of his family. John has been a Knight since 1992 and is dedicated to the mission of the Knights of Columbus and feels honored to serve in this wonderful organization. In following his desire to help others, he is grateful to have the opportunity to serve his brother knights and their families, helping them achieve the financial security they strive for.





More from our Field Agent/Financial Advisor:

Many people this time of year are wrapping up spring cleaning around their home. But if you're like me, you might need a little nudge each year — a reminder to get started on that process.

Similarly, we could all use a reminder to do some "spring cleaning" for our finances.

Just as spring cleaning in your home might help you realize that a piece of furniture no longer suits your needs, we might also find that it's time to reconsider our financial strategy in light of our current life situation.

For example, have you recently gotten married, welcomed children, or made a career change? Do you have children heading off to college, or are you welcoming any grandchildren? It may be time to think about life insurance.

If you do have life insurance, when's the last time you reviewed your policy? Do you have coverage only through your employer? Now is a great time to ensure it matches your family's current needs.

Have you started preparing for retirement? Whether close to your golden years or still decades away, you can learn more about annuity options that give you a guaranteed income.

Additionally, through our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA), you can maximize your contributions to your retirement and investment accounts. If you're close to retirement, you want to ensure that you diversify your retirement portfolio and have proper asset allocation that aligns with both your risk and return preferences. KoCAA can help you review your investment strategy to ensure you're on the right track to hitting your retirement goals.

You might find that things have changed in your life since your last "spring cleaning." Even if it's been a while since you last reviewed your financial goals — or even if you're just getting started — I'm here to help. Let's set up a time to talk and make sure you have the coverage you need.

Thank you and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

John D Ruckart, FICF

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Learn about our investments: https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/meet-john-ruckart



Bishop Greco Assembly #2160 Announcements Fourth Degree

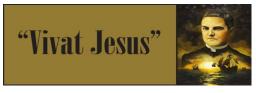


The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus, and it comprises of 17% of the membership of the Order. The distinctive uniform of Sir Knights make them the most visible arm of the Order to the public.

Purpose

As Fourth Degree Knights, our purpose is to:

- Promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community,
- Educate its members and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of the USA,
- Promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of the Republic form of government and its democratic institutions,
- Oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous and contrary to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality; and,
- Support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state, and national government, and to recognize excellence in public life.
- The Fourth Degree, both collectively and individually, supports those religious, civic, and charitable causes which are designed to implement one or more of these five objectives.







District Deputy Report

Brother Knights,

As our calendar year winds down, it is time to look back and see what we have accomplished. To be proud of our successes and to learn from our not so stellar events. To see where we helped others and hopefully changed some for the better, and to know what we must do more of to influence those around us in how they act towards others. Our events were great in bringing us closer as Brother Knights and in fund raising to be able to assist others in their short falls. Spreading God's word and doing what we think He would have us do is what is ultimately most important in our lives and in our dealings as Knights. Hopefully our new officers will continue with what we have learned so that we can make our parishes and our councils even stronger and a better place to co-exist in. I hope that you have an enjoyable summer and that you come back refreshed and ready to do more good things for others.

May God bless us for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus! David Creamer District Deputy 37



















Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary Annual Picnic

Although the picnic took place in April, photos arrived too late to make it into the May Newsletter.

It was a great success with 75 people in attendance. (Even Cooper had a good time)

In Memorandum

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mike Giacalone 08/18/20

Brian McParland 5/10/21

Ken Listle 8/18/21

Eugene Wittman 11/20/21

Richard Sweeney 8/27/21

"Ted" Kostanski 11/07/21

Thomas Riggio 05/02/22

Charles Viaud 04/22/22

Rich Barbaro 01/31/23

Armand Iannone 7/29/23

Walter Schwacke 09/02/23

Deacon Joe Reid 09/16/23

Nunzio Quagliana 03/14/24

Robert Kurtz, 08/0 1/24

Fr. Matteo Rizzo 03/20/25

Fr. Richard Rosin 12/01/24

William "Bill" Kelly 04/03/25

Terry Biondi 8/19/21

Mary Cabano 11/22/21

Molly Garofolo 02/22/21

Myra Grayem 11/18/21

Nancy Giacalone 01/30/22

Nancy Lay 07/02/22

Peggy Caufield 10/5/22

Carol Murray 09/10/23

Muriel Crane 12/2/23

Lucille Matejka 12/10 /23

Teresa Schum 02/13/24

Marilyn Breton 02/15/24

Barbara Chicano 03/04/25



As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us, and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they wil say 'a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory."

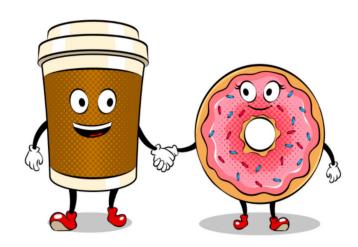
Ven. Fulton Sheen

Coffee & Donuts

Share Christ Fellowship with other Parishioners.

Sunday, June 1st (and every first Sunday of Month)

Available after 8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass



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St Luke Council #12196

Exorcist Diary #344: Three Things Demons Don't Want You to Know



Msgr. Stephen Rossetti

[Mary Magdalene in the "Passion of the Christ"]

One of the torments for those afflicted by demons is a voice in their heads that constantly belittles and tears them down. In hell, demons constant condemn and disparage its human denizens. Demons bring this "hell" with them when they roam the earth. Thus, the demonically afflicted in this life experience aspects of hell. A destructive mental torment is one of them.

But demons are inveterate liars. Everything they say, unless commanded by God to tell the truth, is either a lie or a manipulation. What they do not want you to hear or to know is the Truth.

I offer three truths that the demons do not want you to know:

- +**You are beautiful.** God made you in His image and He is beautiful. Demons try to entice you to believe that you are worthless. The Truth is you have an unrepeatable supernatural dignity and worth. Moreover, because of your baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, you are now a temple of the Holy Spirit. Demons want you to deny this and they tempt you to choose evil and sin.
- +You are infinitely loved by God. Demons want you to think that God doesn't care about you. They tell you that you are alone and abandoned. They try to isolate their intended victims and then darken their thinking. The Truth is that you have a divine love that is unique to you. God focuses His infinite love on you and showers you personally with an overflowing abundance of His love.
- +*You are forgiven.* Demons constantly torment us with our sins and weaknesses. They will tell us that we are hopeless and rejected. They tempt us to despair. And they will tell you that everyone is better off without you. These are all demonic lies. Jesus paid the price. The Truth is God forgives your sins: your sins are swallowed up in the ocean of God's mercy. God the Father waiting at the edge of his property to welcome you, the prodigal child, to His and to your home.

Whenever you hear messages that you are worthless, unloved, alone and rejected, be assured that these messages ultimately come from the bowels of hell. Sadly, these lies are sometimes conveyed to us by other human beings including family members, even parents.

When we hear these demonic lies, whether directly from demons or from the mouths of humans, we might use the three R's: I reject it; I rebuke it; I renounce it, and I cast it out. We then replace it with the Truth: God made me beautiful; He loves me with an infinite love; all of my sins are swallowed up in His mercy.

Moreover, God has a place for you in His home, and He is waiting. Focus your heart on Him so that when the time comes, the saints and angels will escort you to your heavenly home. That is the Truth!

Msgr. Stephen Rossetti

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

JUNE 14, 2025 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.





* COLLECTING DONATIONS *

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ACCEPTED ITEMS

- · Computer displays (LCS.LED.Plasm) . Laptop and desktop computers
- · servers, racks, and server peripherals
- Network/communications switches etc.)
- · Telephone Equipment
- · Peripherals (Ink/LaserJet printers, scanners)
- · Accessories (keyboards, mice, cables, speakers) · Circuit boards/electronic components

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS/ MEDIA

- · Cell phones, PDAs, telephones
- · Game devices (Xbox, Play Station, Nintendo, etc.)
- CDs, DVDs, magnetic tapes
- Video devices (camera, VHS/DVD players, etc.)
- . Flat panel TVs
- Stereo systems, radios
- CRT monitors/TV's
- Smoke alarms

OFFICE/BUSINESS EQUIPMENT

- · Photocopiers and multi-use copiers, floor
 - standing copiers, printers, shredders
- · Workgroup printers
- · Toner cartridges (new and used) . Most medical equipment
- · Workstations, servers, RISC

BATTERIES

- UPS/battery backups
- · Lead-Acid (not leaking)
- · Lithium-Ion
- . Household (cell phone, hearing aids, watches etc.)





NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS

- · Appliance: refrigerators, stoves, washer/dryer, microwaves
- · Air Conditioneers
- · Fans, floor lamps, vacuum cleaners
- · Medical/biohazards waste
- · Oil Waste
- . Paint Cans
- · Mercury devices including fluorescent light bulbs and thermostats

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

The Knights of Columbus Council #12196 is sponsoring Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

STS Electronic Recycling will be in the church parking lot to recycle computer equipment, electronics, business equipment, cell phones, CDs, DVDs, certain batteries and much more.

> For a complete list of accepted and not accepted items go to www.stlukealderman.org/ and scroll down the page.

STS provides data destruction meeting HIPAA and NIST standards, so your data is secure.

\$ Collecting Donations \$ Be sure to share this event with your family, friends, and neighbors!



Knights In Action



Repairs to Fr. Camilo's Home new gutters, new screens, & trim trees













Knights of Columbus launch new Pilgrim Icon Program honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus



By Francesca Pollio Fenton

CNA Staff, Jan 13, 2025 / 12:20 pm

For more than 45 years, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has brought sacred images to Catholic parishes around the world for prayer and devotion. On Jan. 3, the Knights launched a new Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus program during a Holy Hour at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

During the Holy Hour, an icon depicting the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767 was displayed. This reproduction of the original image is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the apostolic blessing of Pope Francis, that are now traveling around the world as part of the Knights' Pilgrim Icon Program.

Icon will be here at St Luke on July 10th 2025

The original image is currently venerated in the Church of the Gesú in Rome.

The prayer service to launch the new icon included readings from Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The launch of the new icon program coincides with the release of Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, *Delixit Nos*, which is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"In many ways, *Dilexit Nos* can serve as a mission statement for the Knights of Columbus in today's world," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in a press release. "The pope observes that we live in a fragmented and divided society, but the heart of Christ is a unifying center. It is the source of truth and goodness that we all need."

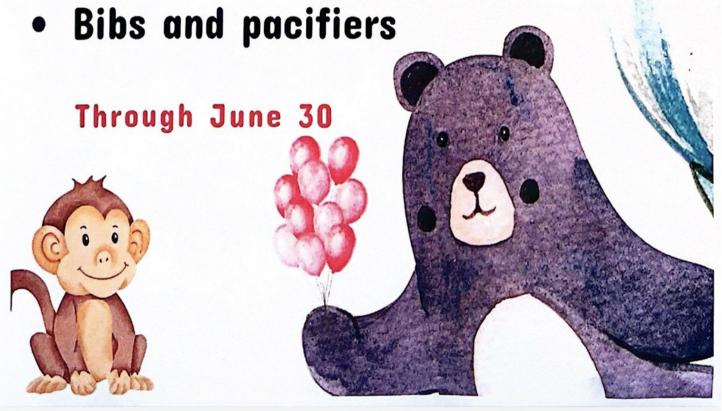
Kelly met with Pope Francis in a private audience on Dec. 20, 2024. During their meeting, Kelly presented the Holy Father with an icon and booklet for the Sacred Heart Holy Hour and shared updates on notable activities of the Knights of Columbus in the past year.

(More to read click the text below)

Pilgrim Icon Program

Respect Life Ministry Baby care drive supporting single mothers in need

- Diapers (Size 3 and up preferred)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby wash, Baby powder, Baby Lotion
- NEW infant clothing and onsies to size 24 months
- Crib bedding and swaddling wraps
- Soft washcloths, towels, blankets





FINDING HOPE THROUGH MERCY MAIN PAGE

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese of Saint Petersburg is spreading hope through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We are challenging our community to together complete 1,000,000 acts of mercy. Anyone can participate – as individuals, families, teams – no work of mercy is too small! Just fill out the <u>form</u> to make it count towards the challenge. We want to highlight all the good works you are already doing by bringing a focus to it and invite others to join in spreading hope!

I have served God through performing works of mercy!

Please tell us your age (there is a youth vs. adults component for those who want to participate), total number of corporal or spiritual works of mercy completed, and the diocesan entity you would like to log your works for. It's optional to enter your name and the date you completed your service. Enter your email and we'll send you a confirmation for your records.

Example: If 2 people visited one person in the community who is homebound, each person has performed a work of mercy. Therefore, the number 2 should be chosen for # of Corporal Works.)

As part of the celebrations around the Jubilee Year, through both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we will make God's mercy manifest in our communities. We will be tangible signs of hope for our brothers and sisters who experience hardships. The works of mercy are tangible and measurable; no act is too large or too small, especially when done with great love. Empowered by the message of the Gospel, we invite our community to take on the challenge of completing 1,000,000 works of mercy in our diocese. Join us in the challenge!



In Case you hadn't noticed



The Flagpole was repaired, and both the U.S. Flag and the Vatican Flag are now prominently displayed at our church.

You already know the history of the American Flag, but what about the Vatican Flag?

History & Meaning of the Vatican Flag:

The Vatican Flag is a vertical bicolor of gold and silver however it appears in the colors of yellow and white. The gold (yellow) symbolizes Heavenly power with the silver (white) representing Earthly power. Centered in the white band is the Papal Coat of Arms. Before the Vatican became a separate country, Italy had been divided into ten different States in which the Vatican had its own Papal States. In 1803 the Papal States started using a white flag showing the Papal Coat of Arms and in 1815 this flag was made official as the flag for the Papal States. On September 17th, 1825 the flag was changed to be yellow and white which the Vatican flag is modeled on today.

Thanks to Mike Breton, Bert Tottle, and The American Flag and Pennant Company for their efforts.

Vatican Tips

Why do we need a pope?

byMsgr. Charles Pope October 10, 2023

Question: A Protestant coworker said to me recently: "Who needs a pope? We have Jesus and the Bible and don't need some man to tell us what to do." How do I respond?

- Name withheld

Answer: At the heart of the office of the papacy is the uniting of the faithful around a visible vicar (or representative) of Christ. Denominations and groups that left the Church and

severed their ties to the pope demonstrate this very fact by their subsequent disunity.

The historical fact is that tens of thousands of denominations have emerged in the wake of the Protestant movement that broke from the Catholic Church and rejected the pope's authority. This rupture began in the 16th century. And though they claim that Scripture is the only source of authority and unity, the remarkable disunity among these non-Catholic denominations belies their claim. Simply put, if no one is pope, everyone is pope.

It is not enough to say, "The Bible clearly teaches A," because too easily another person will say, "No, Jesus and the Bible actually say B." Both camps are invoking the Bible and what they sense Jesus and the Holy Spirit are saying to them. So now what?



What usually happens is just what has happened among Protestants over the past 500 years: divisions into new denominations or branches of denominations. They all claim the authority of the <u>Bible</u> and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit but cannot agree even on essentials such as how one is saved, and if once saved are they always saved? They cannot agree whether baptism is necessary for salvation, on eschatology, etc. In more recent decades, Protestants also have had serious divisions regarding the moral issues of our time: abortion, same-sex unions, the morality of same-sex acts, euthanasia, etc. These are very serious divisions, and there is no real way for denominations in the Protestant tradition to resolve them. They claim Scripture alone is an adequate source of authority and unity. But without an authentic and authoritative interpreter, their own history shows that Scripture can divide as often as it unites.

A text, even a sacred text, needs an interpreter that all agree can authoritatively deal with differences. And this is a central reason why we need the pope. Jesus said to Simon Peter in Luke's Gospel, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren" (Lk 22:31-32). To sift is to divide. And knowing the devil's intent, Jesus' solution is to pray for one man, Simon Peter, so that Peter would unite and thereby strengthen the brethren. Peter and his successors, therefore, represent (not replace) Christ, and through the grace of Jesus' prayer they accomplish the necessary work of uniting the Church. This ministry of unity is shown in many events in the Acts of the Apostles.

by<u>Msgr. Charles Pope</u> Updated October 10, 2023





June 2025





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Coffee & Donuts after 8am & 10am	2	KofC Business Meeting 7 PM Parish Hall	4	5	6 Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	7
Masses 8	9	10	11	12	Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	14
15	16	T7 K of C Officers Mtg. 7PM Parish Hall	18	Ladies Auxiliary Summer Social Parish Hall 7pm	Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	21
Mass For Barbara Chicano 10 am St Luke followed by brunch at Bliss	23	24	25	26	Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass 8:30 AM -9:00 AM	28
29	30					
Saints Feast Days for June (Click)				August 19 th Ladies Auxiliary Summer Social Parish Hall 7pm	September 2 nd Ladies Auxiliary First Meeting of the Year	

*Overview for the Month

The Month of June (<u>Overview</u> - <u>Calendar</u>) is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.