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*When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.*  
**Acts 2**

And so the Church begins. As Jesus was about to return to the Father in heaven, He told the Apostles “I am sending the promise of my Father upon you but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”  
Luke 24:49

The Apostles stayed together in a Jerusalem room praying and waiting. The doors were locked. The windows shuttered. They were unsure of what to do and afraid of the authorities who were rattled over the word spreading that this Jesus, whom they killed, had been seen and heard - alive and with his followers. What would they do to the Apostles who followed Him? Would they receive the same brutal treatment as their Master?

With the coming of the Holy Spirit, all fear was dispelled. All courage was given along with the assurance of what had to be done. “We must tell!”  
“Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins,” Peter proclaimed to those in the streets, “and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” And about 3,000 persons were baptized that day!

Click and read: [Reads Acts 2](#)

**This same Holy Spirit comes to us today to teach, console, strengthen and empower that we may live the life we have been called to in Christ.**

Did you know?

## This is the Year of the Eucharist!

Read: [What is the Eucharist?](#)

Scroll down and watch! [The National Eucharistic Revival](#)

Read the US Bishop's Document: [The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church](#)



**JUNE 12**

## **FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY**



Each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are honoring the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Many Saints and catechists have attempted to help our people understand this mystery. St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock as an example of one God (the stem) in three Divine Persons (the leaves). Others have used the elements of water—liquid, ice and steam—different but all H<sub>2</sub>O. But, as a mystery, we accept this truth by faith.



There were two very significant moments in the life of Jesus when the Trinity was obviously present.

Do you remember what these two moments were?

Click and Read: [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Click and Read: [Matthew 17:1-8](#)

Click and Read: [Symbols of the Presence of the Holy Spirit](#)  
Loyola Press

Click and Read: [Feast of the Holy Trinity](#)  
Catholic Education Resource Center

Click and [Explore the Feast of the Holy Trinity with ideas for celebration](#)  
Catholic Culture.com

**June 13**

## **Feast of St. Anthony of Padua**



St. Anthony is often called upon to help us find lost things.

“Dear St. Anthony please come around. Something is lost that must be found.”

Those who have prayed in faith and experienced the unfailing help of St. Anthony often say that if the original article cannot be found, you will receive something in its place—often much better than the one lost!

St. Anthony of Padua (Italy) was a Franciscan deeply devoted to Jesus.

Click, Read and listen: [St. Anthony of Padua](#)  
Catholic.org

## **June 19—Father’s Day**

### **A Father’s Example**

I was about five years old. We lived across the street from our parish church. On Saturday mornings, my Dad would attend Mass. He took me with him. Saturday is a day devoted especially to our Blessed Mother. After Mass, during prayers to Mary, I stood next to my Dad as he prayed the words of the Memorare. “Remember oh most gracious Virgin Mary....”

I was captured by the tone of his voice. The gentle expression was the same he used when he spoke to his own mom over the phone, the same loving, caring timbre. He sounds as if he is speaking to a real person—a person he loves like he loves his mom, I thought. He believes he IS talking to a real person! And if my beloved Dad believes this, I believe it too. I mark that moment as the instant my faith sparked. Sr. Nancy Elizabeth

Click on: [Things to do on Father's Day](#)  
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June 19

## Corpus Christi

### The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Learning a bit of Latin—the words Corpus (Body) Christi (Christ) are used to remind us that the precious Body and Blood of Jesus is celebrated in a special way on this year's feast day of Sunday June 19th.

But do you know the meaning of the words, “In Persona Christi?”

Our priests, who are given the power by Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Orders, to celebrate the Liturgy (Mass) and to say the words of Consecration at which time the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ, are acting “in persona Christi.” This miracle at each Mass is called “transubstantiation.” The substance of bread and wine are transformed.

**“Take and eat. This is my body . This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many.” Mark 14:22-24**

From the Catholic Catechism # 1548 we read,

“It is the same priest, Christ Jesus, whose sacred person his minister truly represents. Now the minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which he has received, is truly made like to the high priest and possesses the authority to act in the power and place of the person of Christ himself (*virtute ac persona ipsius Christi*).

Christ is the source of all priesthood: the priest of the old law was a figure of Christ, and the priest of the new law acts in the person of Christ.”

Read from Catholic Tradition.org : [What does it mean to be "configured to Christ?"](#)

Watch: [The Priest: In Persona Christi](#)

Watch EWTN Vaticano : [How the Feast of Corpus Christi Began](#)

Listen with beautiful art: [The Feast of Corpus Christi](#)

June 24

## Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Church celebrates this feast day each year honoring the love Jesus bears in His heart for all humanity—for all creation.

Click on: [Five Things to Know About the Sacred Heart Feast](#)  
Aleteia

Pray: [The Art of Prayer - The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)  
St. John Paul II National Shrine



June 25

## Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary signifies, first of all, the great purity and love of the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God. This purity is manifested in her “Yes” to the Father at the Incarnation. Her love for, and cooperation with, the Incarnate Son in His redemptive mission, and her docility to the Holy Spirit, enabled her to remain free of the stain of personal sin throughout her life. Mary’s Immaculate Heart, therefore, points us to her profound interior life where she experienced both joys and sorrows yet remained faithful as we, too, are called to do.

St. John Paul II said, “From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God.... Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God’s Word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God.”

When we honor the Immaculate Heart, we give ultimate honor to Jesus. As we honor the Mother, we honor the Son. In addition, the Blessed Virgin is our mother as well (see Revelation 12:17), and her mother’s heart is incomparable. St. Louis de Montfort said, “If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the heart of Mary for her children.” EWTN.com

## CATHOLIC PRAYERS AND PRACTICES

Click and pray: [Novena and Prayer to St. Anthony](#)

EWTN

### What is a Novena?

The word “novena” is derived from the Latin word for nine, or “novem.” Typically, a novena refers to nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, often through a Saint’s intercession. Novenas are a beautiful way to grow purposeful, consistent, and persistent in daily prayer.

Many of the most popular and widely-prayed novenas begin or end on a Saint’s feast day. And it’s important to note that most novenas are indeed nine days long.

(Blessedishe.org)

Click and Read: [Celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi - Why the Church has processions.](#)

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The Memorare

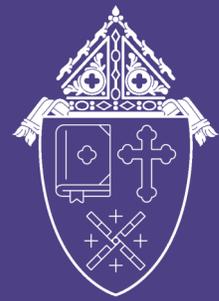
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

#### **Strength of a Mountain**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle’s flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad      author unknown



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[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)

**Movies:** [St. Anthony Miracle Worker of Padua](#) **Watch on Formed**

For children: [St. Anthony - full movie for kids](#)

#### **Books**

[Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary prayer book](#)

#### **Crafts:**

Click on: [Craft ideas for the Holy Trinity Shamrock](#)