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The Nine First Fridays Devotion - Father Edward McNamara, LC, ETWN. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/first-friday-devotion-and-first-friday-4760>



The Five First Saturdays Devotion – America Needs Fatima. <https://americaneedsfatima.org/prayers/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion>

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Last Friday (June 16th), the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



St. Casimir has both a statue of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the small altar to the left of the sanctuary and two beautiful stained-glass windows – one on the left side of the nave, nearest the statue, and the other in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Chapel. Above the statue, inscribed in Latin, are the words *Cor Jesu Miserere Nobis* (“Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us”).

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, wherein the heart of Jesus Christ is viewed as a symbol of God's infinite and profound love for mankind. The Sacred Heart is often depicted as a flaming heart radiating divine light, pierced by the lance,

encircled by the crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross, and bleeding. Sometimes, the image is shown shining within the breast of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart. The wounds and crown of thorns allude to the manner of Christ's passion and death, while the flames represent his burning love for humanity. The revival of religious life and the zealous activity of Bernard of Clairvaux and Francis of Assisi in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, together with the stories of the Holy Land brought back by the Crusaders, gave a rise to devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ and particularly to honoring the Sacred Wounds. Devotion to the Sacred Heart developed out of the devotion to the Holy Wounds, in particular to the Sacred Wound in the side of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated the third Friday after Pentecost.

There is a special devotion associated with those who receive Communion with the intention of making reparation to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month for nine (9) consecutive months. The First Fridays devotion arises from the private revelations of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) of the blessings for those who adhere to this devotion.

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Yesterday (June 17th), the Church celebrated the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Casimir has two beautiful stained-glass windows



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honoring her Immaculate Heart – one just to the right of the statute of Mary Queen of Heaven in the nave, and another in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Chapel.

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Roman Catholic devotional name used to refer to the Catholic view of the interior life of Mary, mother of Jesus, and her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus Christ, and her motherly and compassionate love for all mankind. Traditionally, the Immaculate Heart is depicted pierced with seven swords or wounds, in homage to the seven dolours of Mary and roses, usually red or white, wrapped around the heart. The Gospel of Luke 2:35 recounts the prophecy of Simeon that Mary's heart would be pierced with a sword. This image (the pierced heart) is the most popular representation of the Immaculate Heart. The aim of the devotion is to unite humankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. In the Gospel of Luke, it is twice stated that Mary kept all things in her heart, that there she might ponder over them and Catholics are called to do the same.

Closely connected to this devotion is the Five First Saturdays Devotion made known by Our Lady of Fatima to Sister Lucia when she was a little girl. To receive the blessings of the First Saturday Devotion a person should, on the first Saturday of each month for five consecutive months: (1) Attend Holy Mass, (2) Receive Holy Communion, (3) Go to Confession, (4) Recite a five decade Rosary, and (5) spend 15 minutes keeping company with an image of Mary and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. All of these actions

must be done with the intention of making reparation to Mary's Immaculate Heart for the many offenses she endured and continues to endure from mankind.

Saints of the Week

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June 18 – Venerable Matt Talbot (1856–1925). A patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism and faithful Secular Franciscan.



June 19 – Saint Romuald (c. 950–1027). Founded monasteries and hermitages throughout Italy.



June 20 – Saint Paulinus of Nola (354–431). Rich Spaniard gave away his wealth, became a priest in Italy serving the poor.



June 21 – Saint Aloysius of Gonzaga (1568–1591). Jesuit priest died caring for plague victims in Rome.



June 22 – Saint Thomas More (1478–1535). Martyred for disapproving Henry VIII's divorce, re-marriage and Church of England.



June 23 – Saint John Fisher (1469–1535). Martyred for declaring King Henry VIII was not supreme head of the church in England.



June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Jesus, baptized by John, called him the greatest of all the prophets (Luke 7:28).