

Some Thoughts for June 2025

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“June is bustin’ out all over, all over the meadows and the hills....” so goes the hit song from the Broadway show “Carousel.” June got its name from the Roman goddess Juno. Back in ancient Rome it was considered good luck to be married in June--thus the tradition of June brides was born. We congratulate all the newlyweds and of course all June graduates! The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus and on June 27 we have a solemn Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On June 1st we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Who said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit ... and behold I am with you always even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20.

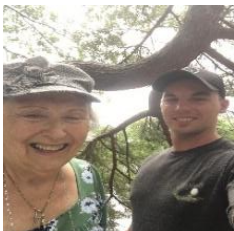
On June 11 we celebrate St. Barnabas. He wasn’t one of the original apostles, but was accorded the title in ancient times for his labors alongside St. Paul. He and Paul were attacked many times by the Jews for their beliefs and their preaching. However in their preaching and sufferings they opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Speaking as a Gentile I am so grateful to St. Paul, St. Barnabas, and his other companions, St. Mark and St. Luke for reaching out to our ancestors and planting the seeds for Christianity.

On the 13th we celebrate probably one of the most popular saints of all time: St. Anthony of Padua. How many times have I prayed: “St. Anthony, St. Anthony, please come around, something is lost and must be found.” St. Anthony, was not Italian as most of us thought, but he was Portuguese; he did die in Italy, in fact, Padua, Italy. He was a Franciscan Friar and knew St. Francis of Assisi. There is a book of St. Anthony’s sermons, entitled: Seek First His Kingdom. It is an anthology. Keep working for us, St. Anthony, especially for those of us senior citizens who walk into a room and forget why they did!

On the 29th we celebrate, St. Peter and St. Paul. St. Peter said, “you have called us out of darkness, into Your beautiful light!” 1 Peter 2:9. Let us rejoice in the light of Christ and pray that our country and the world hear the call to come out of the darkness. St. Paul in his letters said so many wonderful things, but my favorite is from 1 Corinthians 13: 4-6: “ ... Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it does not dishonor others, it is not self seeking, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” Let us persevere in love, my brothers and sisters, especially now in these trying times when it seems the world has turned away from God—turned away from Love. Let our love lights shine on the darkness. Love is contagious, love is salvation, love is God.

Well, enjoy this beautiful month and Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads out there and may God bless us all, each one.

Love,
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