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HOW CAN WE CONSOLE THE HEART OF JESUS?



The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Catholics commemorate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 24, the Friday after Sunday's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

During June, and in a particular way on the day of the Solemnity, the faithful are called to ponder Jesus' divine love for all humanity. Jesus' boundless love, symbolized by his human heart, led him to accept death on the Cross to redeem us from our sins.

If our sins so hurt Jesus, how can we console his heart? How can we imitate his great love by our love for God and neighbor?

In ten 40-minute episodes, available on FORMED, Fr. Gaitley helps participants examine the depth of their desire for holiness and also explores the obstacles they may place in the way of growing in sanctity.



Fr. Michael Gaitley

In *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, Fr. Michael Gaitley, M.I.C., weaves together the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and the teachings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Faustina Kowalska, and St. Louis de Monfort. In so doing, he conveys the reality of God's infinite mercy, showing how we can console Jesus' heart by accepting his

love and trusting him completely. We discover how suffering helps us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Do we believe that Jesus desires our consolation? Are we afraid of suffering? Do we try to avoid the Lord? Do we trust in Jesus? Have we grown insensitive or hardhearted? Are we ready to live out what we've learned and experienced from the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Participant workbooks, prayer cards, and pamphlets are available for *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, making the program appropriate for small group retreats within your parish.

HIGHLIGHTS ON FORMED

This June, renew your relationship with the Holy Spirit and with Jesus in the Eucharist.



The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose, for individual or small group study, prepares the faithful for Pentecost on June 5. The

name derives from the term the ancient Celts used for the Holy Spirit, the “Wild Goose.” Unlike the more familiar images of a flickering candle or a dove, the Wild Goose captures the untamed power of the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. With our consent, the Holy Spirit can lead us to a place of mercy, healing, and peace.

In this 14-part series from 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose, nationally known author and speaker Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., leads you on an unforgettable journey into the very heart of God.

The Wild Goose is available in both English and Spanish on FORMED.



Source and Summit

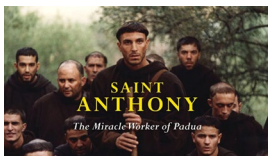
In *Source and Summit*, a series of Bible Conference talks from the Augustine Institute, biblical scholars

unpack what Scripture says about the Holy Eucharist—the source and summit of Christian life.

Dr. Brant Pitre delves into Jesus’ Bread of Life discourse, found in John 6. “On the Way to Emmaus with Hearts on Fire and Eyes Enlightened” is the subject of Dr. Tim Gray’s talk. Dr. Mary Healy reveals how to live a Eucharistic life in “Love Broken and Poured Out.” The series concludes with a panel discussion featuring the three professors.

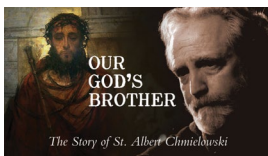
LITURGICAL CALENDAR

To enrich your parishioners’ knowledge of and devotion to prominent saints who have June feast days, check out these resources on FORMED:



June 13 *St. Anthony of Padua*

St. Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua is a drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, one of the most popular saints in Christian history. Born in 1195, Anthony defied his father’s wish that he become a knight to answer God’s call, instead becoming a monk and follower of St. Francis of Assisi. Filmed in Italy, the movie beautifully portrays the power of Anthony’s preaching, his love for the poor, and the wonders of his miracles.



June 17 *St. Albert Chmielowski*

Based on a play by Karol Woytyla (Pope St. John Paul II), *Our God’s Brother* celebrates the 19th-century Polish artist and painter whose encounters with homeless and outcast beggars triggered his passion to help the poor. Abandoning his painting, Albert became a monk, founding a new religious community, later known as the Albertine Brothers.



June 22 *Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More*

Martyrs of the English Reformation are portrayed in *Faith of Our Fathers*. Risking fines, prison sentences, exile, and death, brave men and women clung to their faith during persecutions under King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I.

Fr. Marcus Holden and Fr. Nicholas Schofield embark on a journey to discover more about these heroic figures and their significance for Catholics today. From the lives of well-known saints and other Catholic heroes, *Faith of Our Fathers* brings the inspiring story of the English Martyrs to life.

CONTENT SPOTLIGHT

In the month of June, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ.

As Scripture product manager at the Augustine Institute, Kevin Clemens helps produce their Bible Conferences. Last year the Augustine Institute dedicated an entire Bible Conference to the Eucharist: The Source and Summit Bible Conference. Because the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, this Bible Conference is an excellent resource to refocus our prayer and meditation throughout the month of June.



Kevin Clemens

“Even among Catholics who are regularly in the pews,” Clemens said, “a lot of people haven’t encountered the great joy of that truth—that Christ comes to us in every Mass.”

Comprised of three half-hour talks by Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Tim Gray, and Dr. Mary Healy and followed by a

“very rich” half-hour panel discussion among the three, the Conference highlights “the centrality of the Eucharist to the Good News,” said Clemens.

In addition to exploring the interplay of the Old and New Testaments, Clemens said, “All three talks are rooted in the Gospels.”

The Source and Summit Bible Conference helps Catholics understand why they are at Mass—to encounter Christ “in Word and sacrament,” Clemens said.

While it’s possible to watch the talks privately, Clemens suggests that “there’s a lot of value in doing it alongside others—family, friends, kids, and parents.”

And although bingewatching is trendy, viewing each half-hour of the Conference separately aids in absorbing and understanding.

“Let it be the topic of conversation at dinner or right after watching, with a prayer of thanksgiving,” Clemens said.



DEVOTIONAL CONTENT



In preparation for Pentecost on June 5, invite your parishioners to set aside two minutes per day for nine consecutive days to pray the **Pentecost Novena**. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they pray the original novena with the apostles, asking each day to be blessed with one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and goodness.

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”



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As the season of Eastertide concludes, the Church resumes its walk through Ordinary Time. This season, however, is by no means ordinary; filled with many memorials and solemn feasts, such as Trinity Sunday, Pentecost, and the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Church's Easter joy continues into this season. In preparation for Pentecost, consider watching *The Wild Goose* with Fr. Dave Pivonka, T.O.R., to grow in devotion and understanding of the Holy Spirit. Another great feast falls on Friday, June 24: the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Sacred Heart, we encourage you to use *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* with Fr. Michael Gaitley, M.I.C., as your guide. Other great saints are also commemorated throughout the month of June: St. Anthony of Padua on June 13, and Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More on June 22. One saint the Church commemorates this month you might not be aware of is St. Albert Chmielowski, who inspired Pope St. John Paul II to write a play on his life. Explore this lesser-known saint with *Our God's Brother*, a filmed based on the aforementioned play by Pope St. John Paul II. Finally, join professors from the Augustine Institute as they contemplate the Eucharist in *Source and Summit*, a series of Bible conference videos that unpack the gift of the Eucharist. As always, know that the FORMED team is praying for you, hoping that these resources enhance your Ordinary Time, leading you and your parish closer to the Lord.