

Corpus Christi

June 11, 2023



Attributions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the [Eucharist](#), the Body of Christ.

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Newsletter of the San Luis Rey
Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Monthly Gatherings: 2nd Sundays

June Gathering

General Gathering:

June 11:

10:00am Mass at San Luis Rey Mission Church

11:30am BYO box lunch at Mission Retreat Center Refreshment Lounge

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12:30pm *Eucharistic Adoration* St. Clare Chapel

1:00 to 3:00 pm General Monthly Gathering

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No Vespers in June

Next Month General Gathering:

2nd Sunday

July 9, 2023

Login for All Zooms:

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Minister's Note for June

On Sunday June 11th, we not only come together for our Fraternity gathering, we celebrate with the universal church the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Feast of Corpus Christi, also called Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

The understanding and appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is an unfathomable gift! That the Real Presence of Christ is available to us as this incredible mystical encounter! That the Eucharist is a gateway to the Divine. So many of us with our 'Western' analytical minds, 'logic' ourselves out of the mysteries and encounters with the Divine. From a recent Pew research study, we learn that:

*"About six-in-ten (63 percent) of the most observant Catholics — those who attend Mass at least once a week — accept the Church's teaching about transubstantiation. Still, even among this most observant group of Catholics, **roughly one-third (37 percent) don't believe that the Communion bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ.** And among Catholics who do not attend Mass weekly, large majorities say they believe the bread and wine are symbolic and do not actually become the body and blood of Jesus," the organization states.*

We are blessed who believe. I invite you to learn more about the Feast of Corpus Christi [here](#). Our Gathering Day will be focused on the Real Presence beginning with our Chapel Prayer time beginning at 12:30 in the St. Clare Chapel. We will participate in Eucharistic Adoration as a community. Please join us at 12:30 and be a part of this sacred time together.

Our Gathering time will also focus on prayer and the symbolism of the shared bread. We will participate together in a Franciscan Agape Feast experiential prayer ritual. You can read more about it [here](#).

Our Rule emphasizes the centrality of the Eucharist to our Spirituality. Article 8 of our Rule tells us:

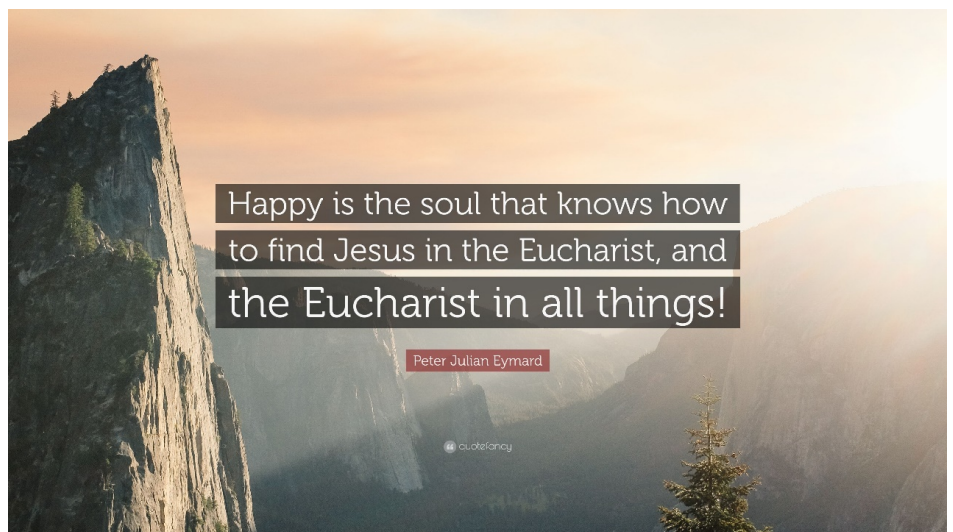
As Jesus was the true worshiper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do. Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

'Above all, the Eucharist...' May for each of us, the Eucharist be 'above all.' May it be central to our lives and our spirituality. May the Eucharist for each of us be, a gateway to the Divine.



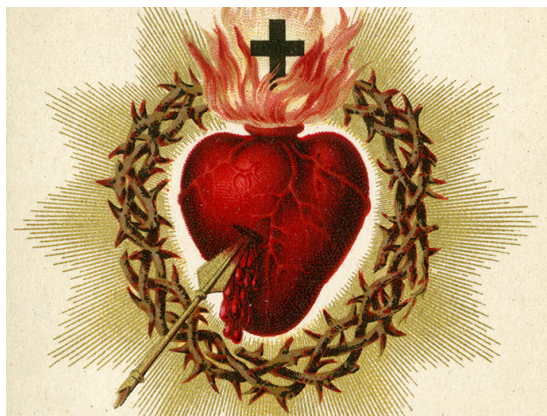
Peace,

Laura Chun, OFS
Minister,
San Luis Rey
Fraternity



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated throughout the world on the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi. Every year, 19 days after Pentecost, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. But where did that tradition originate?



Devotion to the wounded heart of Jesus has its origins in the eleventh century, when pious Christians meditated on the Five Wounds of Christ. There grew up among the faithful prayers to the Sacred Heart, prayers to the Shoulder Wound of Christ—private devotions which helped Christians to focus on the passion and death of Christ, and thus to grow in love for our Savior who had suffered and died for us.

It was not until 1670, however, that a French priest, Fr. Jean Eudes, celebrated the first Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Around the same time, a pious sister by the name of Margaret Mary Alacoque began to report visions of Jesus. He appeared to her frequently, and in December 1673, he permitted Margaret Mary—as had once allowed St. Gertrude—to rest her head upon his Heart. As she experienced the comfort of his presence, Jesus told her of his great love and explained that he had chosen her to make his love and his goodness known to all.

The following year, in June or July of 1674, Margaret Mary reported that Jesus wanted to be honored under the figure of His Heart of flesh. He asked the faithful to receive Him in the Eucharist frequently, especially on the First Friday of the month, and to observe a Holy Hour of devotion to Him.

And then in 1675, during the octave of Corpus Christi, Margaret Mary received the vision which came to be known as the “great apparition.” Jesus asked that the modern Feast of the Sacred Heart be celebrated each year on the Friday following Corpus Christi, in reparation for the ingratitude of men for the sacrifice which Christ had made for them.

The devotion became popular after St. Margaret Mary’s death in 1690. However, because the Church is always careful in approving a private apparition or devotion, the feast was not established as an official feast for all of France until 1765.

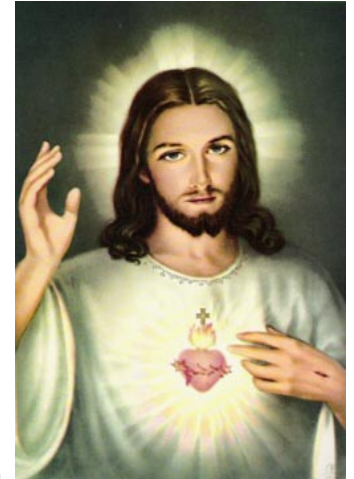
On May 8, 1873, the devotion to the Sacred Heart was formally approved by Pope Pius IX; and 26 years later – on July 21, 1899 – Pope Leo XIII urgently recommended that all bishops throughout the world observe the feast in their dioceses. Pope Leo approved the following indulgences for the devotion:

- For performing the devotion publicly or privately, seven years and seven quarantines (the remission of temporal punishment equivalent to what would be granted for forty days of penance) each day;
- If the devotion is practiced daily in private, or if a person assists at least ten times at a public function, a plenary indulgence (remission of all temporal punishment for sins) on any day in June or between July 1-8 (Decree *urbis et orbis*, May 30, 1992);
- The indulgence *toties quoties* (for the souls in Purgatory) on the thirtieth of June or the last Sunday of June (January 28, 1908) in those churches where the month of June is celebrated solemnly. Pius X (August 8, 1906) urged a daily sermon, or at least for eight days in the form of a mission (January 26, 1908);

- To those priests who preach the sermons at the solemn functions in June in honor of the Sacred Heart, and to the rectors of the churches where these ceremonies are held, the privilege of the Gregorian Altar on June 30 (Pius X, August 8, 1906).
- A plenary indulgence for each communion in June, and to those who promote the solemn celebration of the month of June (“Acta Pontificia”, IV, 388, August 8, 1906)

Today, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated throughout the world on the Friday following the Feast of Corpus Christi.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen. (Courtesy of Catholic Online)



Sam DeSantis, OFS
Vice Minister, SLR Fraternity

Blessed Carlo Acutis / Digital Disciple?

June 11th, our meeting day as we celebrate Corpus Christi is a very special day to Franciscans. The Eucharist is central in our lives. As the council brainstormed ideas, I offered to write an article connecting a possible millennial saint (now blessed) with an ongoing focus in our country and world in Eucharistic revival and St. Francis.

Let me begin by introducing Bl. Carlo Acutis . He brings hope and is an inspiration to all, especially the youth today. He was born May 3, 1991 and was raised in Milan, Italy by affluent but

pretty much non practicing Catholics. Even so, they responded to Carlos' desire for First Communion and arranged for his formation. After receiving the Eucharist at age seven, Carlos seemed transformed. He insisted on daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

Even so, he was a quite normal kid in most respects and evangelized his parents. His mother commented, "There was in him a natural predisposition for the sacred." He enjoyed films, comics, soccer and video games (although he limited his time to one hour).

He was known as a computer "geek". He spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle in the world. He used his skills to build websites for his parish and saw the Internet as a vessel to draw attention to the faith and ultimately to the Eucharist.

When diagnosed with a aggressive form of leukemia at age 15, Carlos offered up his sufferings for the intentions of the Pope (then Pope Benedict XVI) and the Church. He only lived a week after his diagnosis. His display of the 152 Eucharistic Miracles in the World was presented on October 4th, 2006 without his presence as he was hospitalized. On October 11th he passed to eternal life. His funeral was on Oct. 14th. in his beloved Assisi. Many homeless who he had befriended attended.

His connection to St. Francis:

His parents had a second vacation home in Assisi. Perhaps because of his devotion to St. Francis of Assisi, he volunteered much of his time helping the cities homeless and destitute, following Francis' example. He often visited St. Francis tomb, praying for guidance His last wish was to be buried in Assisi at St. Mary Majors "Chapel of the Stripping" where Francis stripped his clothes and began a radical following of the gospel. This was granted and he was beatified at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis. His liturgical feast is October 12th.

Eucharistic Revival Today: The U.S. Bishops have initiated a National Eucharistic Revival that began on Corpus Christi in 2022 and will conclude with a congress in Indianapolis in July 2024. The last time this happened was in 1941. I know there is a San Bernardino diocesan event in June here. I've heard of many other diocese doing the same. Let us pray for good fruits to come forth from this focus on the true presence in the Eucharist. I can't help but ponder if young Carlo was part of this revival. His devotion and evangelical spirit was infectious. Here is one of his quotes on Adoration. "If we get in front of the sun, we get suntans but when we get in front of Jesus we become saints."

We, as Catholic Franciscans experience a miracle at every Mass. Carlo was awestruck by the power of Jesus real presence. May we be good examples to others approaching the Eucharist. We have the wonderful words of St. Francis to show us that same awe and makes me wonder if Carlo might have read his words also:

"Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble and let the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest!
(Francis of Assisi – The Saint – Vol.1 p.118)



*Jan DeSpain, OFS
Director of Formation*

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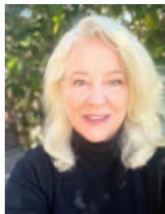
Franciscanmedia.org St. Anthony's Messenger, Bl. Carlo: The First Millennial Saint? Nov.2021
Digital Disciple: Carlo Acutis and the Eucharist Augustine Institute/Voyage Comics

[\(378\) Blessed Carlo Acutis, The Tech Teen who found Jesus | EWTN Vaticano - YouTube](#)

News from the Fraternity Council

Please note: **The June General Monthly Gathering will be in person and on Zoom on Sunday, June 11. There will be a Eucharistic Adoration sin St. Clare Chapel at 11:30am. It will last half an hour. Zoom access will start at 1 pm for those who can attend via zoom.**

The San Luis Rey Fraternity Council



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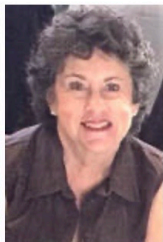
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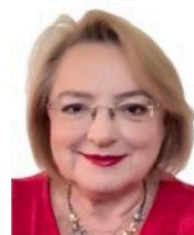
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This is a loving hello and reminder to save the date for our fraternities to gather at the reserved space of San Dieguito Park on June 24th 2023 from 10:00-2:00 for our annual District picnic. More information, on a flyer to be developed, will be available soon. Peace and love as we begin this beautiful Lenten Season. *Peggy Botte, OFS*

Save the Date, Immaculate Conception is hosting the District Summer Picnic!



**When: Saturday, June 24th,
10am – 2pm**

Where: [San Dieguito Park](#)
1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Del Mar, CA 92014,

We'll be at Picnic Site #2 in the Upper Park. There are picnic tables, parking, and restrooms nearby

DIRECTIONS: Take I-5 to Lomas Santa Fe Drive. Go east 1.5 miles to Highland, then north .25 miles to park entrance. Parking: \$3 per car (bring cash, three dollar bills)



New round of small-group sessions coming in October

Last year in our diocese, around 11,000 people participated in small-group sessions in parishes and schools and more than 27,000 responded to our survey. Those voices overwhelmingly expressed a joy in the sacramental life of the Church. How to build on that joy? And how do we invite more people to experience it? The diocese will explore these questions in the next step in our synod.

In the fall, parishes will host another round of small-group dialogue sessions, this time focused on how we can more effectively build Eucharistic communities at our parishes. Cardinal McElroy has incorporated elements of the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival, organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in this process. The dialogue sessions will be held from Oct. 1 to 31. We will share with you how you can participate in the coming months.

The synod is a four-year conversation at all levels of the Church about how to be more welcoming to all, a hope expressed by our faithful. To do that, we have to expand pathways in our parishes to listen consistently to as many people as possible and learn from their experiences. In doing so, we can all work together to renew our Church.

Please find more information about the synod at all levels in our Church at sdcatholic.org/synod (English) and sdcatholic.org/sinodo (Spanish).



To join by Computer, Laptop, Tablet, SmartPhone App:

- Click or Go to this [link](#) (full link is below):
- If prompted use: Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
- Then use Password: 1798

To join by landline or audio-only Phone (no video):

- Dial this number (it's in San Jose): 1-669-900-6833
- Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
- Then use Password: 1798

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>



Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially: :



❖ For those who died in the month of June ~~~✝

- **Rafael Brown, OFS** 6/14/2000
- **Betty Lou Carlson, OFS** 6/08/2009
- **Anna M. Day, OFS** 6/18/2017

❖ For those who were professed in the month of June:

- **Eileen Costa, OFS** 6/25/1978
- **Prudy Hrisanthopolous, OFS** 6/14/1990

❖ For Rosemary, Sam DeSantis, OFS wife, who had a successful Aorta valve replacement surgery May 23. Let us pray for full recovery.

❖ For Tim Pert, husband of Pam Pert, OFS, who passed away May 21, may he rest in peace and his family be comforted by Christ.

❖ For Laura's mother, she is in the hospital with a likely stroke of some kind.

❖ For Karen Willson, OFS, her husband Chris, and friend Charlene, as all have contracted Covid 19 while on vacation in Salt Lake City.

From the Editor: Thank you all for your contributions to this month issue of The Cord. Due to change in our monthly general gathering date to second Sundays, please submit your articles, reports or adds by the 25th of the month to publish in next month issue. Send your Word or Pages files (font Arial 12 pt, if possible) and any photos (jpg or png) via email to: mksfo@me.com

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Dr. Marta M. Kassai, OFS, Editor

