



Heart to Heart

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From the Desk of Fr Floyd Straight to **The Hearts**

MAKING THE GOSPEL OUR HOME

In Christianity, the gospel is the message concerning Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. It is a sacred book that contains the words of Jesus and His teachings. In the gospel we hear the words and teachings of Jesus regarding how we Christians must live our lives. As Christians we are invited to embrace the gospel of Christ and make it a home for us.

The gospel is in fact the strength of the Church; it is the Word from which it was born and through which it lives. As Christians, it is our responsibilities to make sure we know what the gospels are and how we must embrace them. The gospels help us to reflect on our own journey as Christian men and women. The Word of God is alive and its true. And we are encouraged to recognize the treasures of the gospel.

As we begin the month of June, it is important to recognize the grace of God in our lives. And the way to recognize the grace of God is to spend more time reading and reflecting on the gospels. As individuals or as a family, we are invited to cultivate the habit of reading and reflecting the Words of Jesus and spend time to reflect on it. The gospels contain the words of nourishment

Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) Prayer Community

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To be a group of people who are journeying together in faith, guided by the Spirit of God, growing and learning from each other, and whose life, as a whole, follows the footsteps of the Master Himself...that is, a life of prayer and active, loving service to others.

and encouragement. By listening to the words of Christ, we are nourishing our faith. That is why, as Christians we must grow deeper in understanding the gospels and actively participate in what it teaches.

God speaks to us through the gospels. He inspires and transforms our hearts through His words. And we are called to listen to the words of God every day. Whether in the mass or in our homes. Our Catholic faith must be in tune with the gospels. We must know our gospels and try to read it and live it out in our everyday life. The gospels help us to understand Christ and to know Him more deeply. That is why, it is significant to make time to listen to Jesus by reading the bible every day as we journey through life. The gospels guide us in a way we as Christians must walk in our faith.

During this month of June, we may want to spend more time on the gospels. Make time available to spend few moments with the word of God and reflect on how it can help us grow in faith. Our Catholic faith must be grounded in the gospels because that is where we find our identity. It is important as individuals to have an attitude of reflection and discernment based on the gospels. It is a place where we truly meet Christ. The gospels become a home where we listen and learn from what Christ is telling us.

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The gospel of Christ is a clear indication of God's continuous love for us. We are united with Christ every time we read and listen to the gospels. It is a personal and community encounter with Christ. As believers of Christ, we must share the good news of Christ to others. But first, we must listen to Christ and be able to spread His good news to others. In our communities, we have people who are still seeking truth. We can be the shining light to them by making Christ known to them. It is our responsibility as baptized Catholics to bring Christ to those in darkness.

Let us make this month of June a month of the gospel. This means we must spend some of our times reading the gospel and reflecting on God's words. In the families, parents may wish to develop a space for their children in making sure the children are introduced to the habit of reading the gospel. It is a good way the parents can help their children grow deeper in understanding the gospels. In our time today, it is difficult to teach faith to our young generation. This is because they grow in an era where there are many different ideology and knowledges that overshadows faith. So as parents, it is a good practice to start teaching our children the gospels that will help them to understand what is meant to be a Christian in this world.

The four Gospels are the richest and surest fount for knowing Jesus and for loving him. It is for this reason that they were written down. As we read in John's gospel:

"Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these have been written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and that, this belief, you may have life in his name". (Jn 20:30-31).

The words of John make us aware why the gospels were written down and for what purpose? The gospels contain the life-giving words of Christ. By believing in Christ and having trust in his words help transform our lives. The gospels teach us who Christ is and what he is capable to doing in our lives. It is our part to listen to his words and allow his words to transform us. Let us spend more time reading the word of God this month and allow the spirit of the gospels to nourish us each day and transform our hearts and the hearts of those who are seeking the truth in our time today.



Sharing the good news!

Bible Cell: Our Lady of Fatima

Message: Faith is hope in a sea of doubts.

Action: How do you keep the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit "at home" in your life of faith?

Bible Cell: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Message: Obey, come and follow me.

Action: Share an experience on how we can encourage others to obey and follow Jesus.

Bible Cell: St. John Paul II

Message: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.

Action: NIL

Bible Cell: St. Mary MacKillop

Message: If you love me and keep my Word, you will have peace and your hearts will not be troubled.

Action: How do you keep God's Words?

The following Bible Cells were not able to meet:

Blessed Trinity

St. Paul

St. Padre Pio

From the Core group

The last Core group meeting was held on 20 May. The next one will be on 17 June.

Apostolate Ministry – The Bible Cells regrouping will be held on 25th June.

Growth Ministry – The next Life in the Spirit Seminar will be in August or September 2022.

Music Ministry – The ministry sings at masses on the 2nd and 4th Saturday 5pm masses of the month at St Andrew's.

Praise and Worship Ministry – The ministry is looking for volunteer prayer leaders – one for September and one for October.

Prayers and Intercessory Ministry – The online nightly Divine Mercy chaplet and the Holy Rosary prayers are ongoing.

Service Ministry – The next church cleaning is June 4 at 10.30am.

Pastoral Team – HJM is coordinating the activities for Pentecost celebration to be held on June 5 at 10.30am mass. There will be procession by the Junior Legion of Mary and Prayers of the Faithful in 7 languages. Morning tea will be served at the piazza after the mass.

Any feedback from the HJM members, please send to the Pastoral Team or corresponding ministry.



VITA HURTADO

Sis Vita is married to Bro Jun and are blessed with two young adults now working in their own field of profession. They belong to St John Vianney's Parish, Doonside.

Sis Vita and Bro Jun are very happy to be members of HJMPC, Marayong.

Sis Vita claims that as a full time shift worker at Central Station she finds it very difficult to engage in activities apart from family and work.

Bro Jun who has been "privileged with much pressure" as Sydney Trains Timetable Team Leader is unable to synchronize time with Sis Vita to join Bible Cell Meetings especially during this time of pandemic when train timetables have to undergo frequent revision.



ESTHER VIOLA



Sis Esther Viola is an active member of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary (HJM) prayer community and has been with the group for many years now after completing a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) many years ago.

Married to Bro Oscar Viola, HJM is so blessed to have them as both are dedicated and hardworking members of the prayer community. They have been blessed with four children and 7 grandchildren.

Sis Esther is an older sister to our Sis Marilyn Villa, also an active member and a daughter to Mommy Flor Cabrales, a very enthusiastic and full of life senior citizen/member of HJM.

For many years, Sis Esther worked side-by-side with Bro Oscar, especially during the time he was the Service Ministry Head Servant, a very important role they took on to serve the community. Members of HJM are grateful to Sis Esther for her continuous commitment.

Sis Esther serves St John 23rd parish as a Minister of Communion.

Upcoming Events:

HJM PRAYER MEETING, SAT, 11 JUNE 2022

PLACE: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
TIME: 7.30PM to 8.30PM
LEADER: SIS VITA HURTADO

HJM PRAYER MEETING, SAT, 25 JUNE 2022

PLACE: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
TIME: 7.30PM to 8.30PM
LEADER: SIS ESTHER VIOLA

CORE MEETING, FRI, 17 JUNE 2022

PLACE: Skype – HJM Core Group
TIME: 8.00PM to 10.00PM

1st FRIDAY MASS, 1 JULY 2022

PLACE: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
TIME: 7.00 PM



Happy birthday and God's blessings to the ff:

Anniversaries

Mila Alforque June 1
Glo Ferrer June 3
Rita Vella June 9
Efren Atienza June 18
Pam Danao June 24

Elmer and Anna Nifas June 5
Edgar and Jeannie Reyes June 8
Adrian and Marilou Van Asten June 10
Ed and Nora Sayo June 11
Romy and Nenette Gapud June 16
Jun and Gloria Gabriela June 20
Merlin and Mila Alforque June 21
Sonny and Cheryl Dequina June 27



Socorro Amos July 3
Nestor Policarpio July 11
Elsa Cruz July 13

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