

From the Pastor
July 9, 2023
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

The Most Precious Blood – Price of Our Salvation

The month of July in Catholic devotion is the month of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Feast of the Most Precious Blood is celebrated on July 1st in the Traditional Roman Calendar.

The Most Precious Blood is the price of our salvation. We may truly say that without Our Lord's Most Precious Blood we would not be here today.

I am sure that we have all had experiences in life of how things have profoundly influenced our whole future. We would never be in our present situation in life had some event not occurred, like the encouragement of a teacher to attend a specific school or going to a social event where we met our future spouse.

Just as we may say that these events are the cause of many other things in life, so we may say that without Our Lord's Precious Blood, shed upon the Cross for us, we would have no hope of the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of going to heaven. Our Lord's Most Precious Blood washes us clean in the Sacrament of Penance. Certainly, no Catholic will let a single month pass without going to confession.

Blessed Be His Most Precious Blood!

MASS MANNERS: May I once more ask that parishioners not chew gum in the Church, let alone put it on the bottom of the pews. Please do not eat or drink in the Church nor allow children to do so. Please to not kick the kneelers down. Such action is not only so noisy, but it also destroys our new kneelers. I always pray the kneelers will be worn out because of people's prayers, not because they are being abused. And finally, try to keep movement throughout the Church to a minimum during the celebration of Holy Mass. If one wishes to return to one's place in the Church, especially if it is in the front of the Church, please wait until the homily is finished. Please use the side aisles and not the central aisle. If one anticipates that one will have to leave the Mass during its celebration, one may consider sitting in a place where such movement will go unnoticed and not distract the celebrant and other parishioners.

Some quotes for us to meditate upon:

St. Philip Neri: *One of the best ways of obtaining humility is sincere and frequent confession.*

St. Josémaría Escrivá: *It is not that the Mass is long; it is that your love for God is short.*

Pope Francis: *One who approaches Jesus without Mary does so as an orphan.*

In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda