

July 10th, 2020

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! SCHEDULE: We are pleased that it has been three weeks that our Church has been open for the Celebration of Mass. Bishop Barres has granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass so no one should feel obligated to attend. The Masses are offered at 5PM on Saturday, and 8.30 and 10.30 on Sunday morning. Confessions are 4.00 to 4.45PM on Saturday afternoon. Weekday Mass is celebrated in the Church at 9.00AM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Please follow the state and diocesan directives when attending Mass regarding masks and social distancing. I have been so pleased to see that since the time of the weekday Mass has been changed from 8AM to 9AM so many more people are attending. There are more coming to weekday Mass now during the Covid-19 than ever came at 8AM even before the epidemic and quarantine. 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,
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