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THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

PRAY TO THE MOTHER

MONTH OF IMMACULATE HEART

"O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. as your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you."

## MONTH OF IMMACULATE HEART

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Excerpted from The Prayer Book by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A.



## REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

Our very consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary calls upon us to make reparation for the offenses that we and others have committed against her. The Church, in inviting us to consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, implicitly calls upon us for this reparation. But more explicitly, and even before Fatima, Saint Pius X offered a plenary indulgence to all who on the first Saturday of the month would observe special devotions in honor of the Immaculate Virgin in a spirit of reparation for the blasphemies uttered against her.

There is, however, an even more basic reason why each one of us owes reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: every sin of ours caused grief and suffering to her in union with her divine Son. For sin was the cause of that terrible day on Calvary when she, as the New Eve, shared in the torment of the great sacrifice, and, amidst indescribable pain, brought forth spiritually all the members of the Mystical Body of her divine Son. God willed that Mary should be intimately associated with His Son in bearing the burden of all sin; surely then, her Immaculate Heart, in union with His divine Heart, should receive reparation from us who have caused them such pain. If anyone causes hurt to even a very ordinary human being, he does not overlook the need to make amends. How much more do we owe to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

Excerpted Mary In Our Life, Fr. William G. Most

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHILDREN'S MASS

Children's mass will be celebrated in October. The children's choir is part of this mass.

- Children's choir will start preparing with 5 - 6 practice sessions.
- Children's tamil mass missal 2010 will be prepared and taught.
- Tamil mass songs will be taught and notation will be given to all children who participate.

This is a great opportunity for the children to become familiar with the tamil mass. So, please sign up your children for this. Please mail Kavitha for more details. Her email is [kumarkavitha2@yahoo.com](mailto:kumarkavitha2@yahoo.com)

## IN THE NEWS

☀ Joe Natar and some friends of his say rosary and divine mercy caplet in Our Lady of Peace church every Friday. If anyone is interested please sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aaradhanai/> Please contact Joe at [jbnatar@yahoo.com](mailto:jbnatar@yahoo.com) for more details.

☀ If your child is interested in joining the Altar Server group, please contact Joe Natar. As you all know, Altar serving is considered a privilege for youngsters. It is equated to Angels serving God in heaven. So, it would be nice to have some new faces serving during our monthly mass.

Interested in contributing to the newsletter?  
Please contact [bd@tamilcatholic.org](mailto:bd@tamilcatholic.org)

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - GOOD NEIGHBOR

## BIBLE CORNER

**W**e read in bible someone who is very expert in law asked Jesus who is my neighbor. We all know that Jesus told him the very famous parable of Good Samaritan and asked him to do the same.

As we read below we know all the things the Good Samaritan did to be a good neighbor and what others did not do.

"... he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" (Luke 10:33-35)

Jesus did not say to check the wounded man's religion, race, caste, ethnicity and rich or poor before offering the help. The first thing the Good Samaritan did was he took pity on him. He even did not worry about the expenses and he did not worry about whether the injured man can pay back his expenses. So the first thing we need to do is pity on our neighbor then God will show us what to do next.

As given below one of the greatest commandments is loving our neighbors.

"The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

The apostle St. Paul reminds us: "He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet, and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:8-10)

Let us pray God to make our heart as the Good Samaritan to have mercy on our neighbors and ask God his forgiveness for the times we were unable to be a good neighbors to others.

Yours in Christ  
Leenus Rich

The word Bible comes from the Greek word Bible, which literally means "books". Written by more than 40 authors, Bible remains the most read book in the world. This section will bring you some interesting facts and fun quiz from the Bible.

### QUESTIONS

1. What does Testament mean?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. How many books are in the Old Testament?
4. How many books were written by Apostle Paul in the New Testament?
5. What is the youngest book in the New Testament?

### Did you know?

- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119. It consists of 176 verses.
- Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter.
- Esther 8:9 is the longest verse, while John 11:35 is the shortest.
- The Bible was the first book ever printed on a press in the 1450's. The first American printing was in an Indian language in 1663.

1. "Covenant" or "Contract"
2. 27
3. 39
4. 14 (more than half)
5. Book of Revelation.

### ANSWERS

## CHILDREN'S RETREAT

### ROOTED IN FAITH - CELEBRATING MY FRIEND, JESUS



"The Bible is God's word. God speaks to us through the Bible. Each time we read the Bible we receive an anointing of the holy spirit. Also, God gives us help to understand his word. When we find it difficult to understand the Bible; we need to ask God's spirit for help. We talk about some of this during the Bible study retreat for kids."

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SEP 11 & SEP 12, 2010  
10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
FOR AGES 7 AND ABOVE

## Highlights

- Miracles of Jesus.
- "Put on the Armor of God: Ephesians 6"
- Why is it important to read the Bible everyday; how it is integral to our faith.
- Where to start on reading the Bible.
- Why we celebrate mass
- Praise and Worship music
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- The Beatitudes
- Mysteries of the Rosary



Children reading and analyzing the Bible during last year's retreat.

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