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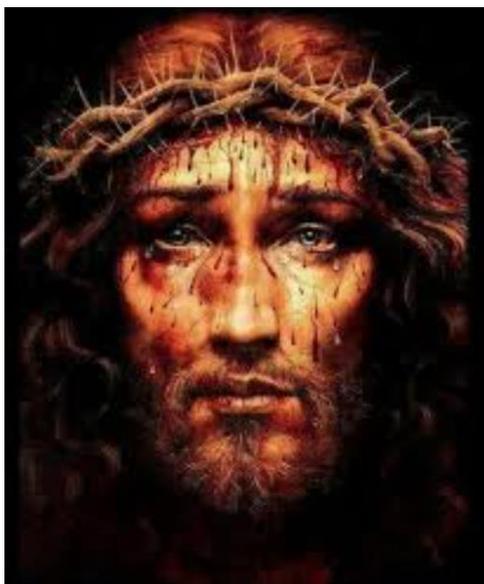
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**THE PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF JESUS**

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of July are:

1. Junipero Serra (USA); St. Oliver Plunket, Opt. Mem.
3. Thomas the Apostle, Feast
4. Independence Day (USA), Opt. Mem.
5. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
6. Maria Goretti, Opt. Mem.
9. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, Opt. Mem.
11. Benedict, Memorial
12. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
13. Henry, Opt. Mem.
14. St. Kateri Tekakwitha (USA), Memorial
15. Bonaventure, Memorial
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Opt. Mem.
18. Camillus de Lellis (USA), Opt. Mem.
19. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
20. Apollinaris, Opt. Mem.
21. Lawrence of Brindisi, Opt. Mem.
22. Mary Magdalene, Memorial
23. Bridget, Opt. Mem.
24. Sharbel (Charbel) Makhloof, Opt. Mem.
25. James, Feast
26. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
29. Martha, Memorial
30. Peter Chrysologus; Solanus Casey, Opt. Mem.
31. Ignatius of Loyola, Memorial

This information on the special feast days were obtained from Catholic Culture.org.

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"The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone" (St Pope John Paul II, Opening address in Ireland, Phoenix Park, September 29, 1979).

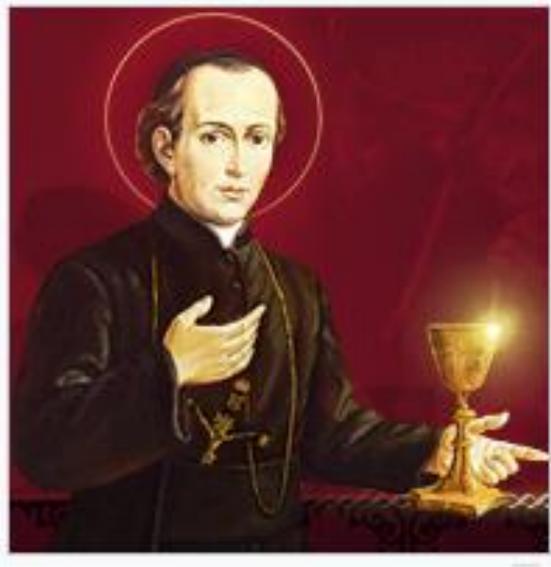
THE MONTH OF JULY – THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS



The devotion to the Precious Blood was a special phenomenon of Flemish piety in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, that gave rise to the iconic image of Grace as the "Fountain of Life," filled with blood, pouring from the wounded "Lamb of God" or the "Holy Wounds" of Christ. The image, which was the subject of numerous Flemish paintings, was in part spurred by the renowned relic of the Precious Blood, which had been noted in Bruges since the twelfth century and which gave rise, from the late thirteenth century, to the observances, particular to Bruges, of the procession of the "Saint Sang" from its chapel.

It was also particularly propagated by Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. The Feast of the Most Precious Blood, formerly celebrated on the first Sunday in July, was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969, "because the Most Precious Blood of Christ the Redeemer is already venerated in the solemnities of the Passion, of Corpus Christi, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and in the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. But the Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ is placed among the votive Masses." The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

SAINT GASPAR MELCHIOR BALTHAZAR DEL BUFALO



Gaspar del Bufalo was born in [Rome](#) on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1786. He was baptized that same day and given the name Gaspar Melchior Balthazar, the traditional names of the magi who visited the child Jesus. The son of Annunziata and Antonio del Bufalo, he grew up in the city of Rome, in the servants' quarters of a noble family, where his father worked as chef.

His father was a failed entrepreneur who had dabbled in the theater and in professional soccer before taking a position as a cook in the household of the Altieri family, whose

palace was across from the Church of the Gesù in Rome.

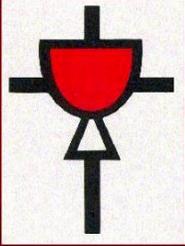
Because of his delicate health, his pious mother had him confirmed at the age of one and a half years. As he was suffering from an incurable malady of the eyes, which threatened to leave him blind, prayers were offered to St. Francis Xavier for his recovery. Through the influence of his mother he became greatly devoted to St. Francis Xavier, whose relic is prominently displayed on an altar of the Gesù. In 1787, he recovered and cherished in later life a special devotion to the Apostle of India and selected him as the special patron of the congregation which he later founded.

St. Gaspar was also active in several ministries. He visited the sick and the poor often and founded a young persons' religious organization whose members prayed and did charitable work together. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the diocese of Rome in 1808. Soon after Gaspar formed an evening society for the laborers and farm workers who came into Rome from the countryside to sell their wares. He provided catechism for orphans and children of the poor and set up a night shelter for the homeless.

Along with other clergy who refused to take the oath of allegiance to Napoleon Bonaparte in 1809 after the deportation of Pope Pius VII, he was sent into exile to northern Italy and imprisoned for four years. Upon his return to Rome in 1814, he considered joining the Jesuits, who had recently been reestablished. However, in view of the needs of the time and at the request of Pius VII, he engaged in the ministry of preaching missions to the people in order to reestablish some order in the midst of the chaos of the time.

THE MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood



Despite facing considerable difficulties, in 1815 he founded a society of priests, **the Missionaries of the Precious Blood**, at the Abbey of San Felice in Giano, Umbria. With the help of local people, Gaspar worked to repair the abandoned 10th century monastery.

The year 1821 was a time of great lawlessness in the Papal States and many towns were out of the control of the civil authorities.

Bandits controlled many of the towns in the coastal provinces.

Cardinal Cristaldi, papal treasurer and advisor to Pope Pius VII,

suggested that Gaspar and his new band of missionaries go into the towns and provinces where the bandits lived and establish mission houses. There they were to preach the Word, establish churches and chapels, and see to the continued instruction of the people. Between 1821 and 1823 six new mission houses were opened. Gaspar and his companions went out and preached the merits of the Precious Blood. They called the people to repentance and to return to faithfulness. They would preach on the street corners at night. They instructed the children. Armed with only the crucifix, they went into the hills, where Gaspar negotiated a peace with the banditi. Although Gaspar was very popular in his native city, he was not without enemies. His activity in converting the "briganti", who came in crowds and laid their guns at his feet after he had preached to them in their mountain hiding-places, excited the ire of the officials who profited from brigandage through bribes and in other ways. These enemies almost induced Leo XII to suspend del Bufalo.

He also faced ecclesiastical opposition. One major objection to the new society was that its name, The Society of the Precious Blood, was considered uneclesiastical. Gaspar was accused of disregarding canon law and the mission cross and chain that the members wore was completely untraditional. This opposition began under the reign of Pope Pius VII (around 1820) who had been a strong support of the society at its founding in 1815. This opposition became so strong that the successor to Pius VII, Leo XII, was positively adverse to the community. It is noted that this was at a time when Gaspar was being more and more open in his criticism of abuses in the Church and the government of the Papal States. St. Gaspar felt that this opposition was more of a personal attack on himself and so he offered to step down as moderator of the community so that things could be smoothed over. Fortunately, this was not needed as the situation with Leo XII was resolved after a meeting between the two of them.

In 1844 the Society was introduced into North America by Rev. Francis de Sales Brunner, at the request of John Baptist Purcell the Bishop of Cincinnati. They came to Ohio to serve the German-speaking Catholics. Fr. Brunner's mother, Mother Maria Anna Brunner, established the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton. The Society has remained mostly in the Midwest. It conducts two colleges in Indiana: Calumet College of St. Joseph in Hammond and Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer (originally a school for Native Americans). It previously ran St. Charles Seminary in Carthagena, Ohio, now a retirement center for priests. The Society also runs parishes, primarily in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri. There are also three in California. During the 20th century the Italian province sent members to minister to those of Italian ancestry in North America and eventually, in 1987, these priests and brothers established the Atlantic Province, based in Ontario, Canada.

REFLECTION BY DEACON BOB REPKE

Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. In the first century, Pope St. Clement I wrote "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is; it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

For centuries, the Feast of Most Precious Blood was celebrated on July 1 but in 1969, Paul VI removed the feast day from the Roman Liturgical Calendar. The argument for this is that the Most Precious Blood of Christ is already venerated in the solemnities of the Passion, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross." Today the month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

"... the Blood of Christ is the source of salvation for the world. God chose the sign of blood, because no other sign is so eloquent to express the supreme love of life given for others. This donation is repeated in every Eucharistic celebration, in which alongside the Body of Christ, His precious blood is made present; the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, shed for all for the redemption of sins"

The Blood of Jesus: What Is Its Power and Importance?

Blood is throughout Scripture, but what does Christ's blood mean to us?

Redemption in the Blood of Jesus

His blood redeems us. There was a price against us that we could not pay, but the blood of Jesus redeemed us. First Peter 1:18-19 says, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

Fellowship in the Blood of Jesus

His blood brings us into fellowship with God. According to Ephesians 2:13, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ." Without the blood of Christ, man is a long way from God.

Peace in the Blood of Jesus

His blood makes peace with God. Man, by nature, is at war with God; and we can only come to God on His peace terms—the blood atonement. The Bible says in Colossians 1:20, "And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself ..."

Cleansing in the Blood of Jesus

His blood cleanses. Not only does it remove the punishment of sin, it removes the pollution. I don't care what sin you've committed; "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Power in the Blood of Jesus

His blood gives power over the devil. It's the blood that Satan fears. Revelation 12:11 says, "And they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb ..." The devil doesn't want you to learn about the blood. He hates it!

Before this planet was ever swung into space, God had determined in His heart that He would send His Son to die upon the cross. How wonderful it is to trace the scarlet thread of the blood of Christ woven throughout the Bible! How much more wonderful to experience its redemption personally. Praise God for the blood of His Lamb!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You became Man that you might suffer your Passion and Death even to the draining of your most precious blood so you might prove to us your love for us. Protect us, dear Jesus. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time, we might live with You in Eternity. Amen

CHAPLET OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

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FEAST OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS - MAGNIFICAT

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<https://youtu.be/8mCYAUwi34A>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ONLINE

Hello Dear Friends and Faithful Eucharistic Adorers,

The following Eucharistic Adoration sites are available online and in most cases are being streamed online "LIVE." Once you click on the link you will be able to easily see if they are LIVE and sometimes there is a display which indicates the number of Eucharistic Adorers who are watching and praying.

Please note that at times these "live" sites for Eucharistic Adoration are taken offline by the organization sponsoring the live site. Do not be discouraged, as sometimes, the site is taken down for maintenance.

1. <https://youtu.be/BKoweAT723g> (In Poland)
2. [Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe of The Blessed Sacrament](#) 24/7 Live
Perpetual Adoration hosted by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Doral, FL
3. [Live Adoration from Tyburn Convent](#) From London England
4. [Adorecast – Live Perpetual Adoration](#) - This site has been closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 If you click on the link you'll notice the sign they have posted.
5. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration> available from 9 AM to 6 PM

SCHEDULES AND MORE

PLEASE NOTE THAT Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled at the Chapel in the Cody Center until further notice.

*The Chapel is open for individual prayer from 9 AM to 5 PM.
All individuals are encouraged to practice "Social Distancing"*

TEAM CAPTAINS

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Friday -- night (6-10pm)	Angela Fisher (6-10pm) 1/2019	904-600-6369	angelafisher365@gmail.com
First Friday/Saturday Second Friday/Saturday Second Thursday/Friday & Subs	Rod Cruz	904-477-3114	drrodacruz@yahoo.com

This section of the Newsletter is dedicated to questions we receive from Adorers and our answers. If you have a question specifically related to Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's, our schedule or our current procedures, please do not hesitate to pose those questions. You may send your questions to drrodacruz@yahoo.com. We will do everything we can to provide you an answer, and we will post the Q & A in this section the following month.

Thank you, Rod Cruz