



New! TV Masses

If you have friends or family in any of these new cities served by Heart of the Nation, please invite them to join you for TV Mass:

Birmingham, AL

WABM channel 68 (My68)
10:00 a.m.

Omaha, NE

KXVO channel 15 (CW)
7:30 a.m.

Paducah, KY / Cape Girardeau, MO

WDKA channel 49 (My49)
KBSI channel 23.2
Both at 8:00 a.m.

Salt Lake City, UT

KUCW channel 30 (CW)
7:00 a.m.

Time/Channel Updates

Lexington, KY

WDKY channel 56 (Fox)
7:30 a.m.

St. Louis, MO

KPLR channel 11 (CW)
8:30 a.m.

KTVI channel 2.2
(antenna TV – Fox2Now)
9:00 a.m.

Toledo, OH

WNWO channel 24 (NBC)
6:30 a.m.

WTVG channel 13.2 (CW)
8:30 a.m.

Blessing in a Basket

Burgers and hotdogs, buns, potato salad, watermelon—now that list sounds like my idea of a good picnic menu. Don't forget the ketchup!

When Jesus appeared to the Disciples for the third time after the Resurrection, He met His friends at the beach for a cookout. Our Lord provided the bread and a couple of fish to grill. Something tells me that He didn't ask the Blessed Mother for help in packing a picnic basket.



Fr. Mark Payne
Chaplain

Peter and half a dozen other Disciples had gone out fishing but headed back to shore with empty nets. They didn't recognize the Risen Lord waiting for them on the beach.

As usual, Jesus wanted plenty of bread and fish to go around. He advised the Disciples to toss their net over the right side of the boat. Seeing the miraculous catch that followed, John figured things out. He told Peter, who jumped out of the boat in his eagerness to return to the Lord. They hauled in 153 large fish, and Jesus suggested adding some of their catch to what He had already started cooking over a charcoal fire.

People in Biblical times used condiments, but nothing like the bottled tomato ketchup that Heinz marketed as "blessed relief for Mother." Homemade ketchup required a lot of work. Homemakers quickly recognized a good thing and enthusiastically added the store-bought kind to their shopping and picnic baskets. They loved it!

Speaking of a much deeper kind of love, Jesus asked Peter at their cookout, "Do you love me?" Peter had denied Jesus three times, and the Lord conveniently gave him the opportunity to confirm his love three times, too. Jesus again invited Peter to follow Him. Forgiveness comes easily to our Risen Savior. He wants us to come to Him, follow Him, and love Him.

Picturing the ashes remaining after Jesus' cookout reminds me that it's not too late to donate in the Ashes to Easter fund drive. Your gift will help us to continue meeting the Lord, who blesses the Bread every time we gather for a Eucharistic meal.

Fr. Mark

“A note of thanks for bringing the Sunday Mass back to a local TV station. Blessings to all who have a part in bringing this broadcast to many.”

~A Grateful Viewer in the Quad Cities



“I wasn’t able to go to Church (brick and mortar type), so I was blessed in being able to go to Mass with you all.”

~Donald



“My husband has not been interested in the Catholic faith in many years. Now he is the one that wakes me up to see your broadcast.”

~Pauline

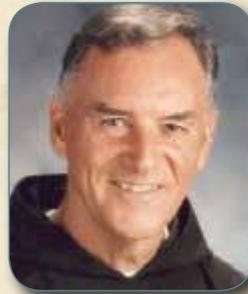
Instruments of God’s Love

Especially in the 16th and 17th centuries, musicians in home parlors or private chapels played small keyboards known as virginals. Pressing the keys made the instruments’ strings vibrate. “Virginal” may refer to the Virgin Mary, because liturgical musicians used the instruments to give glory to God.

William Byrd, a composer and organist of the Chapel Royal in England, wrote music that brought the humble virginals to influential heights. As a devoted Catholic, Byrd wrote and published song lyrics based on Scripture and composed music for an array of instruments, including the lofty organ and lowly virginal.

Queen Elizabeth I, head of the Church of England, recognized Byrd’s talent and made him a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. The appointment largely protected him. Other Catholics faced persecution and even martyrdom as they secretly worshipped in private chapels, instead of the national churches.

Some musicians can play by ear, while others need the written musical notes to guide them. God’s Word is like that.



Fr. Tony Scannell
Chaplain

News about Jesus, His teachings, and miracles got around by word of mouth, but our Lord knew that words can get distorted or forgotten. Before the Ascension, He promised the Disciples that the Holy Spirit would teach them and remind them of what He had said and what they had

heard “by ear.”

Jesus spoke life-changing and life-giving words. Over time, people wrote down the words of Sacred Scripture that continue to guide us, like musical notes to follow.

Compared with an impressive pipe organ, the small keyboards of virginals seemed to have far less potential. Byrd’s sheet music and the virginals enabled endangered Catholics in England to celebrate Mass with truly inspirational music.

As followers of the Lord, we may wonder about our significance, yet God made William Byrd and made each of us for a reason. We can all make a difference, even in unsung but important ways.

In Honor of Your Mom

On Mother’s Day, the responsorial Psalm at Mass describes enduring kindness and faithfulness worth singing about in gladness (Psalm 100). In retrospect, maybe you marvel now at the steadfast love of your mother as she stood by you through all of the phases of childhood and adolescence. As an adult, you may have looked with admiration on her kindness and an unbroken spirit of faith, even as she endured sickness or frailty.

Heart of the Nation’s chaplains will gladly include prayer for moms in holy Mass this Mother’s Day. When you send your prayers, please consider designating a gift to Heart of the Nation in honor of your mom. “For a dear mother still with us who depends on the TV Mass, a gift in her honor will help to keep Sunday Mass available,” said Fr. Mark Payne, chaplain for Heart of the Nation. “For a mom who has gone before us, your gift in loving memory will help to keep the faith she treasured alive in the hearts of TV Mass viewers.”

Mother's Day Prayer

Lord Jesus, to You I pray
in gratitude:

For my dear mother who
first held me,
Touching my heart with
her gentle love;
For the lessons taught
on how to live:
Pray, forgive, and rise above.

For her comfort as I tried
my wings,
Sometimes falling when I
longed to soar;
For encouragement
to try again,
While loving me all the more.

For the motherly love
of others
Holding in my heart
a treasured place;
For ways of seeing,
doing, bearing—
With humility and grace.

Amen.



*Please send your
Mother's Day prayer
intentions to be
included in Holy Mass.*

Days of Prayer...

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, MAY 2

Love one another (John 13). The theme of this year's nationwide day of prayer provides a simple, inclusive, and yet profound message for a country and world beset by divisiveness. Joining in prayer on this day will unite people in the Lord's love.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, MAY 12

Please pray for people discerning a call to any of these vocations recognized and valued by the Church, and encourage grandchildren or others in your life to consider religious vocations:

Ordained Life—Priests sacramentally represent Christ. A diocesan priest usually serves a parish in the diocese of his ordination. Priests may also belong to religious orders. Deacons baptize, witness marriages, assist at Mass, and pursue justice and service. Married men may become deacons.

Religious Life—Priests, brothers, and sisters in religious communities carry on the charisms (visions) that inspired their founders. Vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience mean that members share material things, live in celibacy, and pledge obedience to a community's superior. The obedience does not exclude having input.

Secular Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life—Out and about, members of secular institutes work toward the perfection of charity, evangelization, and sanctification of the world. They live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In societies of apostolic life, members do not take vows but share a specific purpose while living as brothers or sisters.

Marriage and Family Life—Pope Francis said in his message for this day of prayer that families carry the promise of God's kingdom. Mary exemplified willingness to "stake everything" on the Lord's promise.

Single Life—Single laypeople can serve the Lord and other people. Consecrated virgins and widows devote themselves to prayer, penance, and serving the Church. They may form associations. A hermit's life of prayer and penance reflects surrender to Christ.

...Days of Loving Memory

MEMORIAL DAY

(MAY 27-OBSERVED, MAY 30-TRADITIONAL)

"Decoration Day" began in the wake of the Civil War, when the commander-in-chief of a veterans' group proposed an annual day to remember fallen soldiers by placing flowers on their graves. It formally became Memorial Day for all who have given their lives in military service, and observance moved to the last Monday of May. The National Moment of Remembrance Act asks people to pause at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day in tribute and remembrance.





With gratitude, Heart of the Nation welcomes new members to the Circle of the Heart monthly giving club. As a member, you will be included in prayers placed before the altar for every Sunday TV Mass. To join, please mark the box on your donation envelope, and indicate the amount of your pledge. (If you need to change or cancel your pledge, just call, e-mail, or send a note to Heart of the Nation.) **Thank you!**

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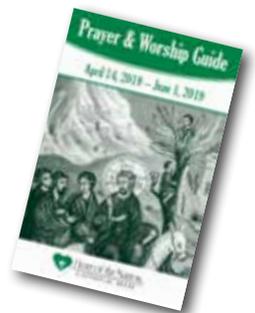
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