

# THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 19, 2022



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# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



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### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.

### Readings for the week of June 19, 2022

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11-17  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18/Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36/Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-40/Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7  
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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**"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

**"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

**PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

**"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

**THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

**PROLIFE COMMUNITY**

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

**"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY**

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

**ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:  New Registration  Change of Address  Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., June 20th - Clara Frankiewicz (Family)  
 Tues., June 21st - Private Intention  
 Wed., June 22nd - Ed Selleny (Barbara & Bernie Tuszynski)  
 Thurs., June 23rd - Ed Smith (Eleanor Walker)  
 Fri., June 24th - Joseph & Nellie Oldenski (Family)  
 Sat., June 25th, 4:00PM - The Konkol Family (Tom Konkol)  
 Sun., June 26th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **THE OLDENSKI & TOMCZAK FAMILIES**, as gifted by The Family.



Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection. These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care. That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment. When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us. But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last Saturday (June 11th) for Joan Oldenski. Please keep Joan and her friends and family in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish...Jesus said the blessing...and gave them to the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied." (Luke 9:16) Hopefully you eat dinner together most days. Ponder how you nourish each other both with food and kindness.

## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **JUNE 20th**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on June 21st.

## BOILER UPDATE

Work to replace the pipes of our boiler system has started. Several pipes in the maintenance building have already been removed. Soon, we will be removing the pipe connecting the boiler system to the school (the pipe under the metal plate in our parking lot). If you are able to offer some financial support for this project, it would be *greatly appreciated*. Our "mini campaign" will run through August.

## SAINT ROCH "MULTI-PARISH" MEGA-RAFFLE

We will, once again, participate in the St. Roch Raffle. St. Roch is a parish located in Greenwich, CT. They reach out to many, many parishes along the east coast to solicit participation. We were first invited to participate two years ago. On short notice, we didn't really "push" the raffle, but we do profit from it.

Tickets are \$25 each; 50% of all ticket sales (\$12.50/ticket) remain at St. Stanislaus. Prizes are paid out in American Express Gift Cards. First prize is \$30,000; second is \$10,000; third is \$8,000). There are also 20 winners of \$1,000. Drawing take place on August 13th and can be viewed live on-line. Please see John Villa for tickets, or call the Parish Office. Thanks for your support!

## WEEKLY OFFERING (JUNE 12, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$207,800.00
Amount Received	\$3,591.00	\$142,335.00
Net over/under	(\$565.00)	(\$65,465.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 47; 9:00AM = 53  
 Envelopes: 55/168



# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **ALL LIVING & DECEASED BISHOPS AND PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ERIE.**



6/19) Angela Otto  
 & Valerie Purzycki  
 6/20) Debbie Malinowski  
 6/22) Nancy Benczkowski

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., June 20th - Special Intention  
 Tues., June 21st - All Living & Deceased Mothers  
 Wed., June 22nd - All Living & Deceased Fathers  
 Thurs., June 23rd - For the Priests of the Diocese of Erie  
 Fri., June 24th - Bishop Donald Trautman  
 Sat., June 25th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., June 26th, 10:30AM - Lillian Maciulewicz (Family)

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Gloria Lourdes and Tyler Mondock who were Married Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Holy Trinity by Monsignor Magraw. Many Happy Years to them as they begin to live their Sacrament of Matrimony.

## EMMAUS PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of priests. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days, renew them with the gifts of your Spirit. You once opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Now renew your ordained ministers with the truth and power of your Word. In the Eucharist you gave the Emmaus disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish priests with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate in their lives, the death and resurrection they celebrate at your altar. Give priests enthusiasm for the Gospel, Zeal for the salvation of all, Courage in leadership, Humility in service, Fellowship with one another, and with all their brothers and sisters in You. For You love them, Lord Jesus, and we love and pray for them in Your name. Amen.

Happy Father's Day to those men who are faithful and loving to their spouses and children, who support the family practice of faith, and who are personally dedicated to values and principles that help us to stand out in the world. Fathers have a strong role to play in our world. They are badly needed examples to look up to by their children. If you are a Dad who puts your arms around your children in the pew at Mass, you give a positive sign of family closeness before the Lord. Know your example is a positive experience for your family as well as for the parish itself. Fathers who practice the faith openly and lovingly are precious elements within the family of faith. Children who follow the examples of parents in practicing their faith tend to persevere in it and live it more personally because they have a longer 'running start' than do others who strive or struggle with faith as adults. May Our Lord bless all fathers in our parish to practice their faith personally with meaningful experiences of prayer, devotion, and attention to their role model as support for wives and images for their children to look up to.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing what little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough when shared.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JUNE 12, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,316.00 (30/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$141,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$112,086.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,316.00	\$115,888.00
Net (over/under):	(\$49.00)	\$3,802.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 34; 10:30AM = 123

## Gospel of Luke 9:11b-17



Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

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|-------------|---------|------------|
| BASKETS     | FISH    | LODGE      |
| BROKE       | FIVE    | PROVISIONS |
| COUNTRYSIDE | FOOD    | TWELVE     |
| CROWD       | HEALED  | TWO        |
| CURED       | HEAVEN  | VILLAGES   |
| DESERTED    | KINGDOM |            |
| FILLED      | LOAVES  |            |

*"Give them some food yourselves."*

## News for Our Partnership

### OUT OF TOWN

Fr. Jason and Father Dan will be joining their brother priests and Bishop Persico for their annual priests convocation at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe from June 20-24. Please keep them in your prayers!

## HEY DAD! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### RECOGNITIONS

We would like to publicly acknowledge the accomplishments of our students this past academic year. If your son or daughter earned special recognition this past year, please inform the parish office so that we can properly recognize their achievements.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saint Stanislaus will host its first ever Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 10th in the Social Hall. Mark your calendars and plan to attend and support St. Stan's. More details will be forthcoming.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th, in the Saint Stanislaus Rectory courtyard. The communities of St. Stan's, Holy Trinity, and St. Hedwig's are warmly invited to attend. More details will be forthcoming.

### HELP WANTED

Kathy Smith is in need of the wicker baskets that she uses for the Theme baskets for Zabawa. Her suppliers do not have them. If anyone has any and could donate them, she would appreciate it. You can bring them to a weekend Mass and we will be sure to get them to her.

### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Next Sunday, June 26th, we are inviting all parishioners (especially our ushers) to attend a brief presentation on "Situational Awareness," developing the ability to identify and respond to dangerous situations. John Villa, retired United States Navy, Emergency Response Administrator, and Police Academy Training Coordinator, will host a church-specific presentation that will cover everything from tornado threats, fires, and active shooter situations. While we never anticipate danger threatening our churches, it is always good to be prepared. The presentation will take place after the 9:00AM Mass at Saint Stanislaus and after the 10:30AM Mass at Holy Trinity. Please consider attending this informative session.

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at St. Mary in St. Mary's and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at Holy Cross in Fairview. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit: <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.

### BEEF-O-RAMA

The Men's Council of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish announces the return of the annual "Beef-O-Rama" on Thursday, June 30th, on the parish grounds. **You must be 21 years old or older to attend.** Beverages are available beginning at 5PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6PM. Prime rib dinner at 7PM. Tickets are \$65 and must be purchased in advance; **no tickets will be sold at the door.** Tickets can be purchased at the parish office (814.825.7313), or from Dave Williams (814.825.2722 or 814.873.2778). The deadline to purchase tickets is June 19th.

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Diocesan phase of a "Eucharistic Revival," called for by the Bishops of the United States, will begin with four regional Eucharistic processions on June 19th, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Locally, the Eucharistic procession will be hosted at St. Peter's Cathedral beginning at 1:00PM. The procession will be organized outside of the Cathedral. All are strongly encouraged to participate by walking in the procession. This is an opportunity to give witness to the importance of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in your life.

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

6/20) Ed Korytowski; 6/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 6/22) Kathy Wisniewski;  
6/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 6/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski & Diane Valahovic;  
6/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 6/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

6/20) Fr. Chris Hamlett; 6/21) Msgr. Casimir Bogniak; 6/22) Fr. Phil Pinczewski; 6/23) Fr. Ray Gramata;  
6/24) Msgr. Dick Mayer; 6/25) Fr. Peter Pierjok, O.S.B.; 6/26) Fr. John Detisch

## Sunday, Jun 19, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)  
Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17  
"[Jesus] said to them, 'Give them some food yourselves.' "

### The purpose of power

We can use power to help others - or to help ourselves. Jesus chooses to feed the multitude and invites his followers to do the same. Lord John Acton, an English Catholic historian, counseled caution with our authority: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Acton also noted, "Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought" and "The will of the people cannot make just that which is unjust." This Father's Day, pray for fathers and others to act wisely and lovingly when exercising their authority.

## Monday, Jun 20, 2022

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5  
"The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

### The only measure that matters

When you were a kid, did your parents measure you by marking your height on a wall each birthday? Perhaps later report cards and sports trophies were a measure of your progress. In adulthood, do you measure yourself by rungs you've climbed on a corporate ladder, or by the increasing figures in your bank account? Some measures are less quantifiable - and far more important. Are you becoming more forgiving, more patient, more giving, more humble, more faithful? Are you getting closer to God? Comparison to others is no measure at all when God knows your heart completely.

## Tuesday, Jun 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, JESUIT PRIEST  
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you."

### Find the happy medium

Young Aloysius - eldest child of a powerful Italian Renaissance family - was scandalized by all the excesses around him. In his corner of the world, corruption and promiscuity abounded. So impressionable was the boy that, he increasingly added penitential practices that promoted the opposite extreme, excessive mortification. Later, as he entered the Society of Jesus, he admitted "I am a piece of twisted iron." Are there habits in your own life, no matter how holy, that might benefit from the virtue of moderation?

## Wednesday, Jun 22, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP  
2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20  
"By their fruits you will know them."

### Make some noise

Paulinus of Nola was a fourth-century Roman poet before he converted to Christianity and became a bishop, which might hint at what inspired him to take the imaginative step of introducing the ringing of bells into church services. The psalms - sacred poetry - encourage us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Ps. 98:4) and that is what bells bring to the life and liturgy of the church. A medieval handbell came to be known as a nola and steeple bells as campanas. The clear, crisp tones of a bell at liturgy remind us that something sacred is in the air. Consider incorporating a bell into your own life of prayer and contemplation.

## Thursday, Jun 23, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80  
"Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

### Give birth to possibilities

Today is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, one of the earliest feast days established in the church. John the Baptist is the only person outside of Jesus and Mary whose birth is honored with a feast day, indicating his importance. His unlikely birth to the aged Elizabeth has long been a popular subject for artists. It has miraculous parallels to the birth of Isaac (born to the aged Sarah and Abraham) and to the birth of Christ himself (born to a virgin). Let John's birth remind you that God continuously brings forth life out of seemingly impossible situations.

## Friday, Jun 24, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7  
"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts."

### Don't lose heart

It's tempting to ditch traditional religious images because they can feel so unrelatable today. They can leave us uttering "meh" instead of "amen." But what happens when we look beyond the artistic style and focus on the symbolism itself? Take the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is never portrayed as a perfectly pristine heart, untouched and unaffected. Instead, we see a heart that knows both deep suffering and sacrifice (the crown of thorns) and great love and passion (flames). Now that's relatable! You can surf the web and find an image of the Sacred Heart that speaks to you and make it part of your prayer today.

## Saturday, Jun 25, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Luke 2:41-51  
"And his mother kept all these things in her heart."

### Look to your heart

Today's memorial focuses on Mary's heart, a way of speaking of her profound internal life as depicted in scripture. Images of Mary's heart often show it pierced by seven swords, representing the different sorrows she endured, from having to flee into Egypt with her infant son to having to witness his crucifixion and burial. Each of us has our own list of sorrows accumulated over a lifetime— griefs and losses we carry with us in our hearts. But Mary's heart reflects much more than sorrow. It reflects her love for Jesus, her courage in accepting her calling, her resilience in the face of hardship. These qualities also live in your heart. In honoring Mary's heart, you honor your own heart, too.

