



The Good News

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Seeds of Faith in Full Bloom at Champion Shrine



Fr. John Broussard

Rector's Window

Grace and Blessings to you all!

Every year at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is devotedly prayed and celebrated. This "Two Hearts" devotion powerfully expresses our love and reliance on the help and strength that comes from the Love of Jesus and Mary. This form of piety within the Church today is not just needed, it is essential.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is crucial for the restoration of life and culture surrounding humanity today. From time immemorial these two hearts have symbolized the intense love that our Blessed Lord and our Lady have for all.

One can never be lead astray with a strong and intense devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Indeed, many promises come with such devotion. Our Lord promised Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque that those who remain devoted to His Sacred Heart will (among many other promises): *"have all the graces necessary for their state of life; I will give peace in their families; Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart; In the*

excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour." These promises are of course assured to those who practice devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus fervently and consistently.

Saint John Eudes wrote: "What union, what intimacy, what understanding and correspondence between these two Hearts... The Holy Heart of Mary was, therefore, always intimately united with the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son...She always desired what He desired and also consented to act and to suffer so as to fulfill the work of our redemption." Many saints and holy men and women have shown the wealth of spiritual gifts that accompany those who know and appreciate the love that emanates from the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

The "Two Hearts" devotion, particularly the nine first Fridays and five first Saturdays, contain a treasure trove of graces. The connection

between the Two Hearts is not hard grasp. God willed that Mary, in relation to her Son, should cooperate with Him in the regeneration of human kind. Please join us in our Novena of Masses and prayer in preparation for the celebration of the feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary from June 1st through the 9th.

*yours in christ,
Fr. John*



What is a Eucharistic Healing Service?

One of the many questions we get asked here at the Shrine is: “when is the next healing Mass?” The trouble is the Shrine does not offer a healing Mass but rather a Eucharistic healing service that follows the celebration of Holy Mass. The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help started these services after many powerful and moving Eucharistic Healing services were celebrated by Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, a visiting Rwandan priest with a healing ministry (who has since reposed in the Lord). It became clear that Mary was moving the Shrine to begin its own ministry of healing through the Eucharistic presence of Christ. Now, on the last Saturday of every month, the Shrine offers these same healing services for anyone who would like to attend.

After Mass, starting at around 12 noon, we expose the Blessed Sacrament and pray to Our Blessed Mother for her intercession on our behalf as we ask for healing in our lives. Confessions are heard for anyone who would like to go during or after the service. A brief reflection is usually given to help orient our minds and hearts to be disposed to receive the healing Love of

Christ. The Blessed Sacrament is then processed around the Church, blessing and making his presence felt by those in the pews. The celebrant then returns the Blessed Sacrament to the altar and offers a prayer of thanksgiving. The service is then concluded with solemn Benediction.

It is of course encouraged for all who attend to at some point make a good confession; as we know the true power of Christ’s presence in our lives is the power to forgive us our sins and welcome us back into the company of God.

“When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing[a] their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw



it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.” – Matthew 9: 2-8

Physical healing pales in comparison to the gift of His forgiveness of our sins. It is clear that our Blessed Mother wants the love of Her Son to be known by as many souls as will listen to this message with faith. The Eucharistic healing services held by the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help are for the purpose of facilitating this encounter with Christ and His Church such that one’s faith is strengthened and repentance is sought. May we all come to know the loving Mercy of Christ our God.

Pilgrimage Corner

By: Kathy Ciha, Champion Shrine Pilgrimage Planning Coordinator

Summer is fast approaching, With it comes the height of pilgrimage season at Champion and the joy of hosting pilgrims of all ages returning to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help to pray and worship, individually, with their families, school groups, religious orders, or religious groups.

To accommodate the increased needs of those scheduling pilgrimages and those wishing to volunteer at the Shrine, we have added a part-time pilgrimage and volunteer coordinator, Debbie Mercier. Debbie will be a familiar face to many who have visited the Shrine, as she has been a part-time gift shop associate for the past two years. Her experience in the gift shop and contact with volunteers will serve her well in her new role as the pilgrimage-volunteer program development.

Our volunteers help in many ways as greeters, café helpers, gift shop sales associates, adorers, and general maintenance. Be it for one day or multiple days a week, we are always in need of volunteers at the Shrine. If you are available, please feel free to contact Debbie. Our department is now busy planning to accommodate those who are visiting us on various religious group pilgrimages. We are also preparing to host

many conferences and retreats at the Shrine.

Thus far this year, we have already held three major conferences, Respect for Life conference in January, the Esto Vir Men’s Conference in March, and the Divine Mercy Retreat and Conference in April. May brings the opening of Marian Month at Champion, with the Walk to Mary and May Crowning Celebration and the Veneration of the Relics of the Apostles at the end of the month. In June, we will host Patrick Reilly of the Cardinal Newman Society on Father’s Day and we are planning for a major Memorial Mass in honor of the late Father Ubald and will be hosting the Green Bay Youth Conference.

July brings the return of the Biking for Babies Apostolate and the kick off here at the Shrine July 11 of the Northern Route. August will bring the Tri Association of the Order of Malta back to Champion for their annual Family Conference and Retreat and Assumption Mass weekend will be held with a special guest speaker, August 14-15. In September, on the weekend of the 11th and 12th, we host our Annual Nativity of Mary Blessing of the Grapes and first Harvest Festival. October opens with our nine-day Novena

to Our Lady of Good Help during which we host various events, retreats and speakers including the Flame of Love conference.

Most of these events will be held in our new Mother of Mercy Hall which offers opportunities for us to hold a variety of retreats and conference and educational seminars. This year we will also host several groups on private retreats, among them: confirmation students, church staff and clergy, and others who want to come to the Shrine for a day or two to reflect on their roles in their organization, learn some valuable information from their speakers and seek Mary’s intercession to become more Holy in carrying out their responsibilities.

Gradually, we are seeing a return to the Shrine of more groups and have already had increased requests for dates for pilgrimage, so plan now. Watch the “Latest News” section of our website for upcoming events. We are here to work with you and your group to make you feel as comfortable as possible when visiting the Shrine. Please feel free to call us at 920-866-2571 ext. 113 to set up your pilgrimage or to volunteer for an event.

PLEASE NOTE

Before making any plans to visit, please check the "Latest News" Section of our website at www.championshrine.org for the most up-to-date schedule and current guidelines



UPCOMING DAILY SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2021 AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration is now offered daily between the hours of 12 PM and 3 PM. In addition, there is a Eucharistic Rosary Procession following 11 AM Mass every Sunday.

Fatima Holy hour is offered every Sunday, from 2 PM, until 3 PM. Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed daily on site at 3 PM.

For those of you who have been following our livestreaming of Mass at Champion Shrine will cease for the 8:30 AM Masses Tuesdays and Saturdays. Mass will continue to be livestreamed at 11 AM every Sunday.

There will also be a continuation of the livestream of the Champion Shrine Sunday Rosary for Families at 6:30 PM every Saturday at www.championshrine.org/livestream-rosary.

As the Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton said, "The Family that Prays together stays together."

Open Veneration Of The Relics Of The Apostles On Pentecost MAY 23

Join us at Champion Shrine for a Special Mass on Pentecost Sunday at 11 AM and stay for veneration of the Relics of the Apostles from our Champion Shrine reliquary.



Third Installment of Wednesday Evening Mass and Class Series APRIL 14 - MAY 26

Topic: "Who is Jesus Christ?"

As Catholics, we have many descriptors for Jesus: Jesus is "fully God and fully man," "Son of God," "Son of the Father," "Son of Man," "Messiah," "Christ," "King of Kings," "Lord of Lords," "High Priest of the New Covenant," "Redeemer," "Mediator," "Victim," "Bridegroom," "Our Lord and Savior," "Head," "Judge of the Living and the Dead." But, in the context of our Catholic faith and the practice of it, what, exactly, do these descriptors mean?

"Who is Jesus Christ?" is the question Father Thomas Reagan will examine in the third installment of his popular catechetical Mass and Class Series. All are welcome to join Father Thomas every Wednesday evening beginning April 14 and each Wednesday thereafter through May 26. Mass will be held at 5:45 PM and class begins at 6:45 PM and will run until 7:45 PM. Attend one or both. Free will offering accepted.

Bishop Ricken & Father Rocky to Open Marian Month at Champion Shrine MAY 1-2

Marian Month at Champion Shrine Opens with the Walk to Mary May 1. Join in the 21-mile walking pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help or join in at the two-mile mark with your family. Registration is open at www.walktomary.com Two Masses will be held on the Saturday, May 1 for Walk to Mary 2021, the first at 3:30 and the second, celebrated by The Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay at 5:15 PM. Then, on Sunday, May 2 at 11 AM Father Rocky of Relevant Radio will celebrate May Crowning Mass, opening the pilgrimage season at Champion Shrine with Procession and May Celebration.



Mother's Day Weekend at Champion Shrine MAY 8-9

Bring your mother on site for Mass on first Saturday or come to Sunday, May 9 Mass on Mother's Day for our Special Blessing of Moms on this special day. Walk the grounds, pray on site. Light a candle in remembrance or tribute or consider honoring your mother at Champion Shrine through a memorial brick or picnic table, go to www.championshrine.org/donate/

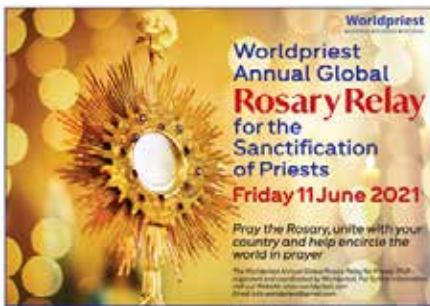
Holy Mass for the Ascension of Our Lord and Feast Day For Our Lady Of Fatima MAY 13

11 AM Mass for the Ascension of Our Lord will also include special prayers and rosary at the Fatima Grotto on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. We invite all with the devotion to join us on site for this Holy Mass and service.



Novena of the Masses for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart JUNE 4-12 Feast Day Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary JUNE 12

Enclosed in this newsletter is the card in which you can include your prayer intentions for the Novena of the Masses for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 4-12, 2021. You may also sign up online to receive the Novena prayer reminder daily by email at www.championshrine.org/novenas. Also, if you would like more prayer cards to hand out to others for whom you are praying, please feel free to call us at the Shrine office at 920-866-2571 and we will mail them to you.



Worldpriest Global Apostolate Global Rosary Relay JUNE 11

Join us in a worldwide rosary prayer ring that encircles the globe in prayer. The relay is held at holy sites throughout the world. Check the Latest News section of our ChampionShrine website for updated time to pray on site: www.championshrine.org

Speaker Patrick Reilly, Cardinal Newman Society Founder FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 20

Champion Shrine is pleased to co-host, with the St. John Paul II Classical School and GRACE System, the founder of the Cardinal Newman Society, Patrick Reilly. Following 11 AM Mass June 20, Reilly will host a luncheon talk, "Educating Children to Walk in Truth." Patrick is the president and founder of The Cardinal Newman Society. Reilly has authored and edited many articles, reports, studies, and other publications on Catholic education for the Newman Society and national media. He has appeared on EWTN, FOX News, MSNBC, and numerous radio programs. Reilly was awarded the Lumen Vitae Medal (2018) from the University of Mary, the Miles Militantis Ecclesiae Award (2011) from the Brent Society of the Diocese of Arlington, the Hall of Fame Award (2009) from the Catholic Education Foundation, an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2008) from Holy Apostles College & Seminary, and the Spes Nostra Award (2003) from the National Association of Private Catholic and Independent Schools.



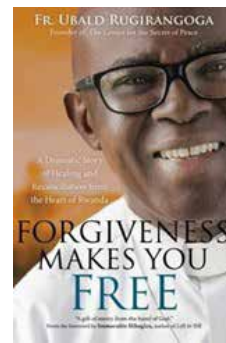
Bishop David L. Ricken Celebrates Memorial Mass for Father Ubald Rugirangoga JUNE 26

with Special Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service, with Anointing, and Guest Speaker Heidi Hess Saxton, Co-Author of Fr. Ubald's Book, *Forgiveness Makes You Free*

Join the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay for a special day in which we celebrate the life, mission, healing ministry work and charism of the late Father Ubald Rugirangoga. The day begins with Confessions at 9:15 AM cdt and a talk about the life of Fr. Ubald by the co-author of his book, *Forgiveness Makes You Free*.

Bishop Ricken's Memorial Mass for Father Ubald begins at 11 AM at Champion Shrine's Mother of Mercy Hall. It will be followed by the Eucharistic Healing Prayer Services that Fr. Ubald's ministry inspired. Following the Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service, there will be administration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and luncheon on site hosted by the Green Bay Area Order of Malta.

See the Latest News section of www.championshrine.org for more details on how to participate in this special day and how you can pay tribute to Father Ubald



Looking Forward

Plan ahead to participate in our upcoming events by checking out the "Latest News" section of our website at www.championshrine.org. You can find all the latest news and links to places to stay and other things to do while on pilgrimage or attending special events at Champion Shrine.

Anniversary of the Death of Adele Brise JULY 5

Biking for Babies Pro-Life Apostolate Northern JULY 11

Assumption Novena AUGUST 7-15

Assumption Weekend AUGUST 14-15

Watch the Latest News section of our website at www.championshrine.org for the announcement of featured guest speaker August 14 on the event of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nativity of Our Lady First Harvest Blessing SEPTEMBER 11-12

All Saints-All Souls Retreat with Relic Veneration
NOVEMBER 1-2

National Novena to Our Lady Of Good Help OCTOBER 1-9
Daily Events, Speakers. Activities

150th Anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire and All-Night Miracle Rosary Revival OCTOBER 8

Apparition Anniversary Day Mass with Bishop David L. Ricken
OCTOBER 9

Novena for the Nativity of Our Lord NOVEMBER 17-25



Shrine Support and Development

Giving Your Time and Talent, a Gift Only You Can Give

By Kelsey Dorner, Development Director

When we are asked to support a worthy cause, like The Shrine, most of us will automatically think about giving a monetary gift. While monetary gifts are needed and much appreciated it is interesting how we seem to overlook two other equally important gifts, the gift of our time and talents.

God, the ultimate giver of gifts, has given each one of us very specific talents and has blessed us with time on this Earth. When we volunteer, we are putting our God given talents to good use. What better way to thank God for our talents than to share them while helping others? We also give our precious time while volunteering, time which can never be replaced.

So many things vie for our attention and time these days, when you volunteer you are making a powerful statement that those causes are worth your time. You reinforce just how important the cause is by giving something only you can give and will never be able to get back.

The Shrine depends on generous volunteers throughout the year. From assisting in the Gift Shop and Café to leading the rosary to directing traffic on event days, so many volunteers give selflessly everyday here at The Shrine. Our volunteers are truly the heart of The Shrine, giving altruistically so others can grow their relationships with our Blessed Mother and her Son.

The month of April is when many organizations will celebrate and thank their volunteers. This year The Shrine will once again invite our volunteers to join us for Mass and a share a meal together, so we can show our appreciation for their dedication to The Shrine.

We invite you to thank the volunteers that help in your community and here at The Shrine. Without volunteers many worthy causes would not be able to serve their communities. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer here at The Shrine please call us at (920) 866-2571 or visit our website, www.https://championshrine.org/connect

Adele's Wish List

- Compact 1962 Roman Missal for the Chapel (\$165)
- Traditional Roman Vestment - Green, Purple, Red & White (\$200 each)
- 1962 Roman Missal for the Chapel (\$250)
- One Candle Rack for the 1941 Chapel (\$600)
- Two Candle Racks for Apparition Oratory (\$1,800)
- National Novena Prayer Books (\$5,000)
- Child Safety Fence Around Retention Pond (\$5,200)
- Apparition Oratory Renovation (\$60,000)

All donations made to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help are tax deductible, as permitted by law. Donations will be used, at the discretion of the organization, to further the purpose indicated by the donor.



Donation Form

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Shrine Opportunities and Hours

Apparition Chapel, Apparition Oratory, and the Shrine Grounds

Daily 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Mass

Tuesday & Saturday8:30 a.m.
 Sunday (May-October)8:30 a.m.
 Sunday & Daily11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday9:15 a.m.
 Daily 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Devotional Prayer

RosaryDaily10:30 a.m.
 Rosary for VocationsSecond Friday 3:30 p.m.
 Chaplet of Divine MercyDaily 3:00 p.m.
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . .Daily Noon – 3:00 p.m.
 Fatima DevotionsFirst Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
 Healing Service with Anointing of the Sick . .Last Saturday after 11:00 a.m. Mass
 Fatima Holy HourSundays 2:00 p.m.

Adele Brise Day - Ninth of Each Month

Anointing of the SickImmediately after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Gift Shop and Schoolhouse Café

Monday – Saturday9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Education Center

May – October7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 September – April9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Check our website for Holiday Schedules