

Mount Grace

June 2026

Newsletter

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me; let him drink who believes in me. From within him rivers of living water shall flow"

-John 7:37-38

"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation, and say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds."

-Isaiah 12:3-4

Haurietis Aquas, an encyclical of Venerable Pope Pius XII on devotion to the Sacred Heart was written exactly 70 years ago. We are reprinting salient points from the encyclical because it is even more relevant for us today than it was when it was first written.

The Church has always valued, and still does, the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus so highly that she provides for the spread of it among Christian peoples everywhere and by every means. At the same time she uses every effort to protect it against the charges of so-called "naturalism" and "sentimentalism." In spite of this it is much to be regretted that, both in the past and in our own times, this most noble devotion does not find a place of honor and esteem among certain Christians and even occasionally not among those who profess themselves moved by zeal for the Catholic religion and the attainment of holiness.

Moreover there are those who consider a devotion of this kind as primarily demanding penance, expiation and the other virtues which they call "passive," meaning thereby that they produce no external results. Hence they do not think it suitable to rekindle the spirit of piety in modern times. Rather, this should aim at open and vigorous action, at the triumph of the Catholic faith, at a strong defense of Christian morals. Christian morality today, as everyone knows, is easily contaminated by the sophistries of those who are indifferent to any form of religion, and who, discarding all distinctions between truth and falsehood, whether in thought or in practice, accept even the most ignoble corruptions of materialistic atheism, or as they call it, secularism.

That all may understand more exactly the teachings which the selected texts of the Old and New Testament furnish concerning this devotion, they must clearly understand the reasons why the Church gives the highest form of worship to the Heart of the divine Redeemer. As you well know, venerable brethren, the reasons are two in number. The first, which applies also to the other sacred members of the Body of Jesus Christ, rests on that principle whereby we recognize that His Heart, the noblest part of human nature, is hypostatically united to the Person of the divine Word. Consequently, there must be paid to it that worship of adoration with which the Church honors the Person of the Incarnate Son of God Himself. We are dealing here with an article of faith, for it has been solemnly defined in the general Council of Ephesus and the second Council of Constantinople. (15)

The other reason which refers in a particular manner to the Heart of the divine Redeemer, and likewise demands in a special way that the highest form of worship be paid to it, arises from the fact that His Heart, more than all the other members of His body, is the natural sign and symbol of His boundless love for the human race. "There is in the Sacred Heart," as Our predecessor of immortal memory, Leo XIII, pointed out, "the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return." (16)

From HAURIETIS AQUAS #8, 13, 21 and 22

“Behold the Heart that has so loved men that It has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself in order to testify to Its love.”



“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.

Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

Mt.12:28

Sacred Heart Novena of Masses

June 4-12, 2026

Thursday, June 4 (7:00 pm)	Rev. Anthony Ritter	Vocation Director, Archdiocese of St. Louis
Friday, June 5 (7:00 pm)	Rev. Paul Hoelsing	Rector, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis
Saturday, June 6 (7:00 pm)	Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, DD	Archbishop of St. Louis, MO
Sunday, June 7 (7:00 pm)	Most Rev. Edward Rice, DD	Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO
Monday, June 8 (7:00 pm)	Rev. Edward Ruane, O.P.	Dominican Community of St. Louis
Tuesday, June 9 (7:00 pm)	Very Rev. Chris Martin	Vicar for Parish Mission & Vitality, St. Louis
Wednesday, June 10 (7:00 pm)	Rev. Adam MacDonald, SVD	Rector, Divine Word Theologate, Chicago, Prov.
Thursday, June 11 (7:00 pm)	Rev. Monsignor Timothy Cronin	Senior Associate Pastor, St. Alban Roe Catholic
Friday, June 12 (12:00 noon)	Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson	Archbishop Emeritus of St. Louis, MO
Friday, June 12 (7:00 pm)	Rev. Donald Morris	Associate Pastor, St. Joseph’s Parish and School St. Louis

Shout out to our numerous friends and benefactors whose generous support and assistance, both spiritual and material, have made the realization of our elevator project possible! You will be remembered forever in our prayers and sacrifices. God bless and reward you abundantly, in time and in eternity!

Heads up! The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is also World Day of Prayer for Priests. Let us fervently pray for the sanctification, protection and perseverance of all ordained ministers that priests will put nothing before love of Christ and be effective witnesses of His mercy.

September 24, 2026 will be the beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen at the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica with papal legate Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, D.D. presiding.

The bicentennial Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of St. Louis began in January of this year. “The Bicentennial is not just a celebration of 200 years, it’s an invitation to reconnect with a faith that has power to shape a city. It honors the legacy of faith that has guided generations while inspiring a future full of hope for all who call this Archdiocese home.”



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski blessed the shaft of our partially completed elevator on November 19, 2025 to coincide with the Visitation of our Superior General, Mother Maria Magdalena and Council Sister, Sr. Luisia Maria. The core team of the elevator company, our employees and some of our benefactors and friends witnessed the ceremony. On Easter Monday, after a successful safety inspection from the Fire Department and the State, the elevator car was blessed by our Chaplain, Fr. John Paul Hopping.