

Fr. Joseph's Corner "St. Margaret Mary Alacoque"

ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, a French Roman Catholic Visitation nun and mystic, is greatly recognized for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

She was born in 1647 in France as the only daughter of Claude and Philiberte Lamyn Alacoque.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of Jesus Christ for most of her life, but she regarded them as a normal part of life and continued to practice austerity.

One night, after attending a ball in an evening gown, Margaret had a vision of Christ, scourged and bloody. He accused Margaret of forgetting about Him. He showed her that His heart was full of love for her because of the promise she made to His Blessed Mother as a child.

After this vision, Margaret was determined to fulfill the vow she had made years ago. She entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in May of 1671 to become a nun.

St. Margaret Mary was admitted to wearing the religious habit in August of 1671 but was not officially admitted to the profession until November of 1672. Although she was described as humble, simple, kind, and patient, Margaret had to prove the authenticity of her vocation.

During her time in this monastery, Margaret received several private revelations about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These visions revealed the "form of the devotion—the chief features being the reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a 'Holy hour' on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart." The Lord Jesus asked that His love be made evident through her.

Margaret Mary convinced her superior, Mother de Sau-maise, that her visions were authentic. However, she struggled to convince others of the validity of her apparitions, even among those in her own community. However, she eventually gained the support of the community's confessor, St. Claude



de la Colombiere, who declared her visions genuine. Finally, all opposition within the community to Margaret's visions ended in 1683, when Margaret Mary became the assistant to the Superior. She later became known as "Novice Mistress," led the monastery in privately observing the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and inspired the construction of a chapel to honor the Sacred Heart.

Margaret Mary died a couple of years later, at age 43, on October 17, 1690, while being anointed. She said, "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

After her death, the Jesuits adopted the devotion to the Sacred Heart, but it remained controversial within the Church. The practice was not officially recognized until 75 years later.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque remained a topic of discussion long after her death. People talked about her mission and qualities, her revelations and spiritual maxims, and her teachings on the Sacred Heart.

On September 18, 1864, Margaret Mary was beatified by Pope Pius IX.

When her tomb was opened a few years later, two immediate cures occurred, and her body was found incorrupt.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was officially canonized on May 13, 1920, by Pope Benedict XV; and, in 1928, Pope Pius XI upheld the Church's position regarding the credibility behind her visions of Jesus Christ. He stated that Jesus "manifested Himself" to Margaret, and that the chief features of devotion to the Sacred Heart are "reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a 'Holy hour' on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart."

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque is the patron saint of devotees of the Sacred Heart and of those suffering from polio and from the loss of their parents. Her feast day is celebrated on October 16th.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

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May 31, 2026 † Holy Trinity Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00	p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00	a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	12:00	p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00	p.m.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00	a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	12:00	p.m.

**Coffee and fellowship are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.*

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND GENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	06/01/2026		—NO MASS—	2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday	06/02/2026		—NO MASS—	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	06/03/2026		—NO MASS—	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	06/04/2026		—NO MASS—	2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday	06/05/2026		—NO MASS—	2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	06/06/2026	5:00 p.m.	Ron Myers (D)	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
Sunday	06/07/2026	9:00 a.m.	Tara Lamb (L)	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
Sunday	06/07/2026	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (L)	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily—The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is one of the deepest mysteries of our faith. We believe in one God, yet three divine Persons. Not three gods, but one God in perfect unity and love.

Many people try to explain the Trinity with examples: water as ice, liquid, and steam; or the sun with light and heat. But every example falls short. The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve completely. It is a mystery to enter into. And the beautiful thing is this: The Trinity is not just a doctrine in a textbook. The Trinity is the living God who invites us into a relationship of love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you to all truth."

Here we see the three Persons together. Jesus the Son speaks about the Father and promises the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is revealed not through theory, but through action—through love, guidance, and salvation.

The Father creates us. The Son redeems us. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and strengthens us. Everything God does is an act of love.

St. John tells us, "God is love." Love always reaches outward. Real love is never selfish or isolated. From all eternity, the Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the bond of that divine love. God is an eternal communion of love.

And here is the important part for us: we are created in the image of this Trinitarian God. That means we are created for relationship, for communion, for love.

That is why loneliness hurts so deeply. That is why division in families causes pain. That is why forgiveness and unity bring healing. We become most fully human when we love like God loves. The feast of the Trinity challenges us to look at our own relationships. Are our homes places of love, patience, and understanding? Are we building unity in our parish, or creating divisions? Are we living only for ourselves, or are we open to others?



Sometimes we speak about God, but we forget to reflect God in the way we live. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim the Trinity: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

We do it so often that we may not think about it anymore. But it is a powerful prayer. It reminds us who we belong to. We begin our life in the Trinity at Baptism.

We are blessed in the Trinity throughout our lives. And one day, we hope to enter fully into the eternal life of the Trinity in heaven.

The Sign of the Cross is not just a routine gesture. It is a daily invitation:

**Live in the love of the Father.
Walk with Jesus the Son.
Be guided by the Holy Spirit.**

There is also a practical message in today's feast. The Trinity teaches us unity in diversity. The Father is not the Son. The Son is not the Spirit. Yet they are perfectly one.

In our world today, people are divided by politics, race, language, culture, and even religion. The Trinity reminds us that unity does not mean sameness. We can be different and still live in love and harmony.

A family becomes strong not because everyone is identical, but because they remain united in love. A parish becomes holy not because everyone agrees on everything, but because Christ is at the center. The Church becomes a witness to the world when we live in communion. Finally, today's feast reminds us that faith is not only about understanding God with our minds, but experiencing God with our hearts.

So today, let us thank the Father who created us, the Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. And every time we make the Sign of the Cross this week, let us do it slowly and prayerfully, remembering that we are embraced by the love of the Holy Trinity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Father Joseph

Please remember to keep **Father Joseph** in your prayers for a safe and smooth journey.

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Adoration

Adoration will be held on **Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6 p.m.**

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Schedule Change

Father Joseph will be on vacation from **Tuesday, June 2nd, through Tuesday, July 7th**. During that time, there will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES**.

Father Joe Reeves will cover all weekend Masses.

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First Friday

On **Friday, June 5th**, we will hold our **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, with Adoration at 11 a.m.

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Book Club

The next book club pick is ***The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*** by **Robert Dugoni**. Our meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9th, at 6 p.m., in Room #4 of the Parish Hall**. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join us for an insightful discussion.

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Register Now for Diocesan Summer Camps

QUO VADIS DISCERNMENT CAMP:

June 23rd to June 26th—9th–12th grade men (2026–27); 18–20 yrs welcome (18+ must be compliant with child safety policies)

BELOVED CAMP:

July 20th to July 23rd—7th–12th grade women (2026–27); 16–20 yrs can apply as youth leaders (18+ must be compliant with child safety policies)

Seeking Help for both Camps: Adult Chaperones (21+); **Nurses/EMTs; Musicians**. Please visit the diocese website at: dioceseofbaker.org for more information or to register.

Scholarships are available to all who would like to attend these camps.

ACTS

We're excited to let you know that the ACTS Bible Study will carry on through the summer! We'd love for everyone to join us on **Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 4**. Come and be part of our community!

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Retrouaille

You Can Help Your Marriage! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue . . . or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouaille helps couples through the most difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples just like you who are experiencing marital difficulties. If you feel like your world is falling apart . . . We did, too!

Join Oregon Retrouaille for a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages—hosted by couples who have been there. **Come from Friday, August 21st, through Sunday, August 23rd, in Canby, Oregon.**

For confidential information and/or to register for the program, call (800) 470-2230 or (503) 225-9191. Or send an email to oregon@helpourmarriage.org, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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USCCB Regional Workshop

You are invited to join **Dominic Lombardi and Dr. Maria Parker** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on **Saturday, September 19th, at Our Lady of the Angels in Hermiston** for a Bilingual **Listen, Teach, Send Regional Workshop**. Sessions will be available in both Spanish and English. We look forward to seeing you for a beautiful day of prayer, reflection, and collaboration rooted in Christ with family, youth, and young adult ministry leaders from around the diocese and across Region 12.

Please visit the dioceseofbaker.org for more information about the event, lodging options, and to register.

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Holy Humor

FOUND IN A CHURCH BULLETIN:
The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.
The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.