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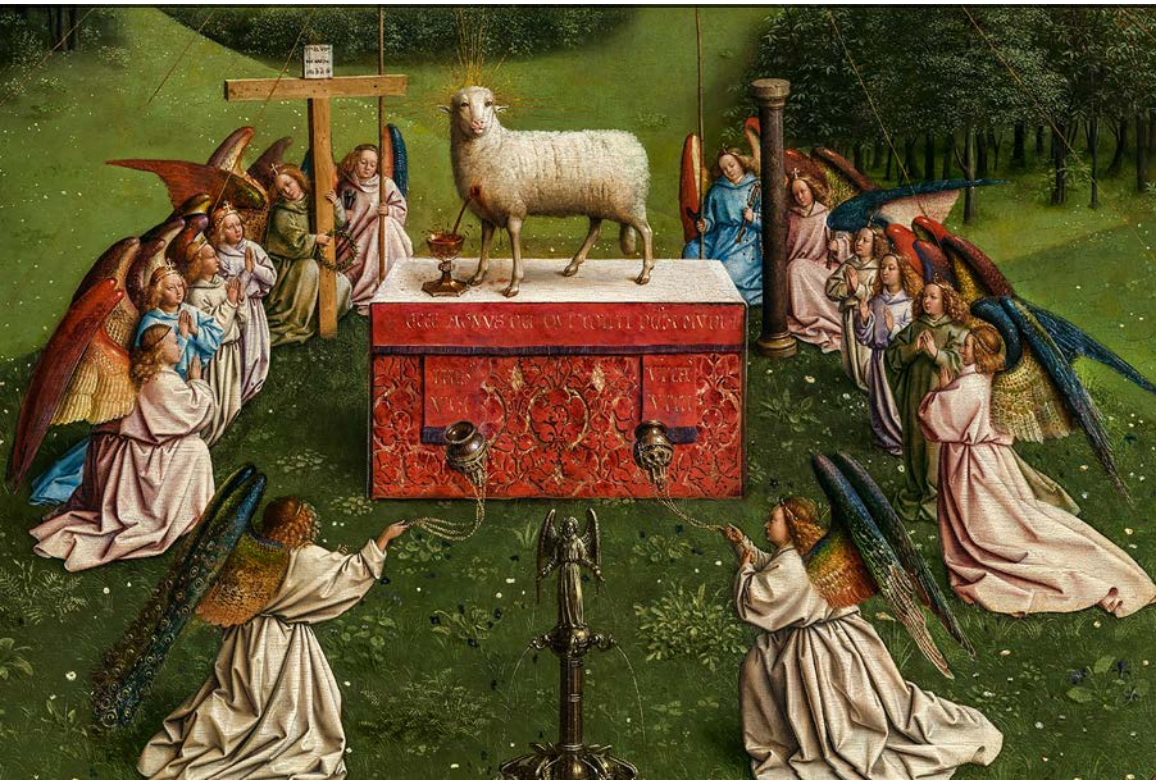
### ON PROMOTING DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

POPE JOHN XXIII - APOSTOLIC LETTER (EXCERPTS) - JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 1960

From the very outset of our pontificate, in speaking of daily devotions we have repeatedly urged the faithful (often in eager tones that frankly hinted our future design) to cherish warmly that marvelous manifestation of divine mercy toward individuals and Holy Church and the whole world redeemed and saved by Jesus Christ: we mean devotion to his Most Precious Blood.

From infancy this devotion was instilled in us within our own household. Fondly we still recall how our parents used to recite the Litany of the Most Precious Blood every day during July.

and that only those devotional forms be sanctioned which well up from the unsullied springs of true faith. But the same logic calls for complete accord among different devotions. Those deemed more basic and more conducive to holiness must not be at odds with or cut off from one another. And the more individualistic and secondary ones must give way in popularity and practice to those devotions which more effectively actuate the fullness of salvation wrought by the *“one mediator between God and men, Jesus Christ, who is a man, like them, and gave himself as a ransom for them all.”* (I Timothy 2:5-6.) ...



Detail from *Adoration of the Lamb on the Ghent Altarpiece*, by Van Eyck

The Apostle’s wholesome advice comes to mind: *“Keep watch, then, over yourselves, and over God’s Church, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops; you are to be the shepherds of that flock which he won for himself at the price of his own blood.”* Now among the cares of our pastoral office, venerable brethren, we are convinced that, second only to vigilance over sound doctrine, preference belongs to the proper surveillance and development of piety, in both its liturgical and private expressions. With that in mind, we judge it most timely to call our beloved children’s attention to the unbreakable bond which must exist between the devotions to the Most Holy Name and Most Sacred Heart of Jesus — already so widespread among Christians — and devotion to the incarnate Word’s Most Precious Blood, *“shed for many, to the remission of sins.”*

It is supremely important that the Church’s liturgy fully conform to Catholic belief (*“the law for prayer is the law for faith”*),

The Blood of the new and eternal covenant especially deserves this worship of latria when it is elevated during the sacrifice of the Mass. But such worship achieves its normal fulfilment in sacramental communion with the same Blood, indissolubly united with Christ’s eucharistic Body. In intimate association with the celebrant the faithful can then truly make his sentiments at communion their own: *“I will take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. . . The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul for everlasting life. Amen.”* Thus as often as they come worthily to this holy table they will receive

more abundant fruits of the redemption and resurrection and eternal life won for all men by the Blood Christ shed *“through the Holy Spirit.”* Nourished by his Body and Blood, sharing the divine strength that has sustained countless martyrs, they will stand up to the slings and arrows of each day’s fortunes — even if need be to martyrdom itself for the sake of Christian virtue and the kingdom of God. Theirs will be the experience of that burning love which made St. John Chrysostom cry out:

*“Let us, then, come back from that table like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the Devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love he has shown for us. . . This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. . . This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. . . This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church ...”*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Talk “The Mass and the Missal” Postponed

Due to the extension of the present lockdown restrictions until 19<sup>th</sup> July, the use of the parish hall will not be possible before 19<sup>th</sup> July and the talk about the Mass and the Missal had to be postponed.

## Available this Sunday: “Elements of Catholic Reform Bases on Truth”

Canon Wiener has ordered copies of Msgr. Rudolf Michael Schmitz’ “Elements of a Catholic Reform Based on Truth.” Monsignor talked in 2018 at the ‘Catholic Voice’ conference in Limerick and gave in this fascinating presentation a comprehensive description of the most important areas in the Church’s life. His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke wrote the foreword. - These booklets will be available for purchase after Mass on Sunday (£3.00).



## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
Sun*	27 <sup>th</sup> June	12:30 pm	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke	PI
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00 am	The Vigil of the Apostles SS. Peter and Paul	Private Intention B	PI
Tue	29 <sup>th</sup> June	6:30 pm	SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles	In honour of the Apostles Peter and Paul	PI
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00 am	Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle	Christine Ann Danilo RIP	PI
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> July	6:30 pm	The Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Private Intention Emma	PI
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10:00 am	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Private Intention P	PI
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10:00 am	St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	Frances Furie	PI
Sun*	4 <sup>th</sup> July	12:30 pm	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	His Lordship, Bishop Davies	PI

\*SUNDAY MASSES AT 12:30 PM AT ST. WINEFRIDE’S CHURCH, 187 CROWMERE RD, SHREWSBURY SY2 5LA

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