

"It is only with the heart that one sees rightly." Saint Exupery

The heart has its own way of knowing. How wonderful that we have a Saint Valentine, or do we?

Are you aware that the Church DOES NOT CELEBRATE SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY ON ITS OFFICIAL CALENDAR? WHO ARE THESE LOVELESS, scrooge lite liturgists that put Saint Cyril and Methodious in his place?

Well, the secular world knows better, so WE do celebrate his day, and there are hearts everywhere.

So Happy Heart Day!

"Lift up your hearts!" acclaims the preface."

Only hardened hearts cast stones at the innocent, so here in Arizona, we mourn the death of an innocent young woman at the hands of ISIS.

KAYLA HAD A HEART OF COMPASSION, A HEART THAT REACHED OUT AND EMBRACED THE HELPLESS, THE HOMELESS, THE BEDRAGGLED.

With her heart, "she saw rightly."

On Valentin's Day, her witness reminds us to have open, never closed hearts.

Sacre Heart of Jesus open our hearts!

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus cures the leper.

The world is filled with "lepers" today: Whoever is on the outside looking in is a "modern leper."

In our land today, the undocumented seeking a better life for their families are treated like lepers and renegades. On Feb. 28, I serve on the dinner committee to aid KBI in their work at the border for expelled migrants.

It is one way that Jesus care for the lepers continues in our own day.

And so we pray:

Saint Valentine pray for us.

Open our hearts.

Enliven our hearts.

Lift up our hearts,

so that we may see rightltly:

so many who are in need of our love.

for "it is only with the heart,

that one sees rightly."

Amen