

This is my Body This is my Blood



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

-- Deuteronomy 8:3b



Daily Mass

Week of June 19th – 24th

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Tuesday: 8:00 Verna & Ray Van Deusen+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns
 Thursday: 8:00 Gabriel Rapatz+
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Saturday: 8:00 Mary Farnsworth+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Betty Perkins, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos, Juanita Estrelles and Beatrice Wynn.



Welcome to Our Family

The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

Abigail Marie Ballotta, daughter of Meredith Gilbert and Justin Ballotta.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Summer Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Have a great and enjoyable summer vacation!

Father's Day Cards!

It's not too late to offer a spiritual bouquet for someone special on Father's Day, today, June 18th. Fill out the information envelope and return it to the Parish Office. Donations not necessary!



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, more commonly known as the Feast of Corpus Christi.

I have frequently shared with you the phrase, "Jesus came to remind us of who we are and who we are called to be." Sin, fear, doubt and confusion make us blind to our true nature. Jesus came to help us recover our sight and to give us much needed insight.

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.'

When supper was ended he took the cup...and said: 'Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven."

When we gather as a Faith Community to celebrate the Eucharist, we are acknowledging who we are: The Body of Christ. But, we are also admitting that, without the continual guidance that only Jesus can provide, we are susceptible to amnesia.

We believe that the more we participate in Jesus' salvific act of self-sacrifice -- the Mass -- the closer we come to realizing who we truly are: The Body of Christ.

As Catholic Christians, we remind ourselves of this fact every day of the year. As members of this Faith Community, we are doubly blessed because the name of our Church also reminds us of who we are.

HAPPY FEAST DAY CORPUS CHRISTI!!

Love, Fr. Leo

Catholic Communications/ Social Concerns!

This weekend, June 17th and 18th, there is a special collection for Catholic Communications/Social Concerns. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You for your generosity!



Not Sure What You Believe?

Do you consider yourself spiritual but not religious? Or have you been a churchgoer for some time but you have doubts and questions about what you believe? Perhaps something feels like it is being rearranged inside your heart and you want to explore your spirituality more. Or maybe your partner or spouse is Catholic, but you feel completely "out of the loop" when it comes to his/her religious beliefs. If you fit any of these descriptions, you are invited to gather with others who want to explore their spiritual lives more as well.

The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) at Corpus Christi offers a chance for anyone on a spiritual journey to gather with others who are asking questions about their spirituality or faith beliefs. It is an opportunity to search, share, question and grow alongside others. Jesus always invited others, without pressure, to "come and see" if they were interested in living the way that he lived. We invite you to do the same, no strings attached. Please join us in the Parish Office for a Q&A session about this group on June 18th, July 16th or August 20th at 9:15 a.m., between the morning Masses. Feel free to bring family members or friends. To learn more, contact Ann Naffziger at: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Amen!

Weekend Mass Collection During the Summer!

It is important that we maintain the level of weekly giving to the Sunday Mass collection even as we make payments towards our Stewardship Campaign pledges. If the giving in this area declines, we will have defeated our purpose in maintaining a healthy operating budget, paying off the debt and sowing the seeds for the future in terms of the needs outlined in the Stewardship Campaign. The Parish has been very responsive to this message and your generosity is very much appreciated.

This especially holds true during the summer months when many of us are away for extended periods of time. Please remember your Parish by writing a check that includes the Sundays that you are away, either before you leave or upon your return. Or, you can set up automatic bill payments from your bank's Online Banking system.

Again on behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you for your continued generosity and responsiveness as we work together towards keeping the Parish finances on a firm footing and share collectively the responsibility for stewardship of Corpus Christi.

Finance Committee

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast!

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June 24th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive in Concord. The guest speaker will be Fr. Jim Sullivan. Reserve your tickets early by mail or online at: www.magnificatsoti.org. For further information, call Jennifer at (503) 709-8449.

Welcoming the Stranger!

Learn more about the issues surrounding the refugee crisis and undocumented immigrants from a Catholic perspective on Friday, June 23rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Augustine Center at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Avenue in Castro Valley. At this event, the 33 minute film, "Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey," will be shown followed by a presentation by Stephen Mullin who works with refugees as Director of Engagement at Catholic Charities of the East Bay. Free admission and refreshments. Sponsored by the Pax Christi/Social Justice Group.

Women's Professional Clothing Collection!

The Outreach Committee is collecting women's professional clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Visitation Center. The drive will continue through June. Many of the women using the facilities are in need of clothing suitable for job interviews and work, but are unable to afford the expense. You can donate clean and gently-used clothing: blouses, skirts, jackets, suits and shoes that can be worn in a professional setting. All sizes are needed. The women who use the Center's services are our neighbors who are most vulnerable and most in need of our help. They are either single mothers or those who provide a vital income for their families. There is a marked basket and box in the Gibson Center. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Thank you for any clothing you can give!

***Today's Readings!***

First Reading -- Never forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalms -- Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading -- Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel -- Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

