



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 3, 2018

The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord

-- Psalm 116:13



Week of June 4th – 9th

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Tuesday: 8:00 Charles & Bernadina Elsenius+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
 Thursday: 8:00 John Morgan+
 Friday: 8:00 Hether Ludwick+
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Fr. Dan



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Ed Heinemann, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos, Juanita Estrelles, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	May 27, 2018
Plate	\$8,616.29
Catholic Charities	\$4,386.00



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

Otis Dexter Banh, son of Suzanne Nguyen and Co Banh.

Erik Valentin Ramirez, son of Chrisciel Danao and Pablo Ramirez.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

From
Father Leo

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 the 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

Today's Readings

First Reading -- This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm -- I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading -- Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel -- This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

FATHER'S



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Father's Day Cards!

In honor of Father's Day on Sunday, June 17th, you are invited to offer a spiritual bouquet for your father, grandfather, godfather or any father figure in your life. Fill out the information envelope and return it to the Parish Office. No donation is necessary!

What Do You Want To Learn About!

Beginning in the fall, Corpus Christi will be offering monthly morning and evening sessions for adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith tradition. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, new to our Parish or someone simply interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, we want to hear from you. What are your questions? What topics are you most interested in learning more about? Please fill out a survey, located on the credenzas at the entrances to the Church and drop it in the box provided. Thank You, Ann Naffziger, RCIA Director.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

A new name for the feast, long known as *Corpus Christi* or "Body of Christ," points to an important recovery of Communion from the shared chalice, the Precious Blood, in the Roman Catholic liturgy. For many centuries, only the priest received from the chalice. Now, over the last forty years, the cup has been offered more frequently to the faithful. Sadly, perhaps because it is not offered at all Masses; or because people are free to pass by the offered cup, it can be seen by some as a "take it or leave it" option.

Some important meanings surface, however, when we drink from the common cup, such as our desire to participate in the pouring out of Christ's love. Bread is the staff of life, eaten by necessity even in times of pain. Wine, on the other hand is the mark of festivity, a pledge of joy, a sign of unity between our altar table and the banquet feast of heaven. The center of the Gospel today is Jesus speaking of the pouring out of his blood and his offer of a cup of blessing to be shared as a sign of his love. There is no better response than to take and drink; and no better way to mark this feast.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women!

Magnificat invites you to their June 30th Prayer Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 43 John Glenn Drive in Concord. The guest speaker will be Susan Potvin. Susan has been a worship leader and inspirational speaker for over thirty years. She is passionate about adoption, and she and her husband have raised four children. In her testimony, she shares her oldest son's battle with drug addiction and how the power of the Lord's forgiveness can heal broken families. Susan is the leader of Living Praise and Worship Team which travels nationally and internationally. Tickets are \$33.00. For more information, visit: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek>. For reservations, go to: magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com or call: Jennifer Rogers at (503) 709-8449.

The Start

It's the start that stops most people.

-- Anonymous

Upcoming Potluck!

Come join the Hospitality Committee's pre-Father's Day Potluck on Saturday, June 9th. This will be in honor of Father's Day which is June 17th.

Infant Clothing for Visitation Center!

Clothing Drive



The Outreach Committee will be collecting clean, gently-used infant clothing, sizes one year to three years old, and also diapers in all sizes. The collection will be from June 1st to July 15th. All items will benefit moms and babies served by the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks!

Special Thank You!



The Outreach Committee sends grateful thanks to all who donated women's clothing to the Visitation Center. Your generosity and your help is so much appreciated by the women served by the Center. We could not have done it without your help!

Sacrifice!

Today the Church focuses on the Eucharist. Today's readings remind us how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering our unbloody sacrifice. The reading from Exodus describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews turns us from those ancient animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship the living God. Our sacrifice is the body and blood of the Son of God. Because of Christ, we have a new covenant.

The Gospel from Mark retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. Juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice as it is here, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation. Jesus gave his body and every drop of his blood for 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 fun and safe summer vacation!

