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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

May the peoples praise you, O God; may
all the peoples praise you!

Psalm -- 67:6



Daily Mass

Week of May 27th – June 1st

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Alaya
Tuesday: 8:00 Bernadina Elsenius+
Wednesday: 8:00 Donna Bersaglieri+
Thursday: 8:00 Joshua David Souza+
Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Saturday: 8:00 Jack Cronin+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Judith Beattie, Larry Callahan, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collections

May 19, 2019	\$9,737.67
Catholic Charities	\$1,576.00



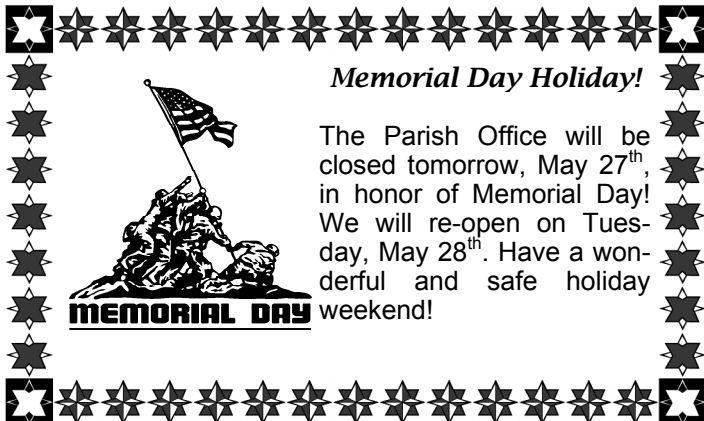
Baptisms

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

Ava Grace and Natalina Rose Kassab, daughters of Sophia Campodonico and Karim Kassab.

Antonio Jose Nieves, son of Elizabeth Boyer and Antonio Nieves.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Memorial Day Holiday!

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, May 27th, in honor of Memorial Day! We will re-open on Tuesday, May 28th. Have a wonderful and safe holiday weekend!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the more significant controversies that existed within the early Christian community centered around the issue of circumcision.

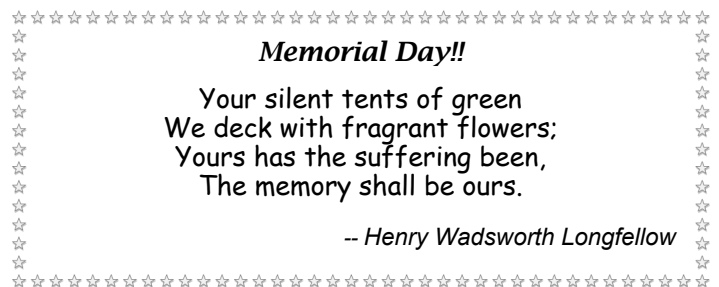
Some of the disciples, especially those who had practiced Judaism, believed that circumcision should be required of all Gentile males who wanted to become part of the Christian community.

Other leaders, within the Faith community, most notably Paul and Barnabas, adamantly disagreed with that point of view.

Eventually Paul and Barnabas' perspective on the issue of circumcision was accepted by the early Church as being a more accurate reflection of the teachings of Jesus.

Two thousand years later, there are still debates within the Church concerning the requirements of our Catholic Faith. I believe that there is a value to rules and regulations. Ultimately, when we stand before Jesus in judgment, He isn't going to ask us if we followed the laws and norms of the Catholic Church. His question will be simple and direct. He will ask us if we followed His commandment: *Did you love your sisters and brothers as I have loved you?*

Love, Fr. Leo



Memorial Day!!

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Catholic Communications/Social Concerns

This weekend, May 25th & 26th, a special collection will be taken up for Catholic Communications/Social Concerns. The Catholic Communications National collection effort helps spread God's word to millions of people across America. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You!

Impenetrable!

The same fence that shuts others out shuts us in.

-- Anonymous

Got Life Questions?

Annmarie Mota and Allison Quantz came from different Protestant backgrounds before deciding to make Corpus Christi their spiritual home this year. They, like most of us, have plenty of questions about how to live a good life in the concrete realities of day-to-day. How do I balance my work hours with my personal life? Where should I send my son to elementary school? How do I remain in a relationship with a relative who is hostile to Catholicism? How do I support a friend whose parent died suddenly? And, what does this all have to do with God and faith?

Being a part of the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) gave them the space to ask these questions and explore them from a spiritual perspective. Do you have similar questions? Are you searching for a faith life that is relevant to the things we grapple with every day? If so, you are invited to explore these kinds of questions with others at Corpus Christi in an open, nonjudgmental and welcoming Catholic perspective. Jesus invited others, without pressure, to "come and see" if they were interested in living the way that he lived. The Corpus Christi RCIA program invites you to do the same, no strings attached. Please contact Ann Naffziger, RCIA Director, to learn more about this invitation at: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

Youth Ministry News!

Today, May 26th, thirty-seven of Corpus Christi's high schoolers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates have worked hard all year to prepare, in prayer, reflection, learning and service. They have dug into questions of great importance: Who is Jesus to me? What do I believe? How do I see and envision a Church that I belong to? They have been supported by the membership of several amazing Corpus Christi adult volunteers, their sponsors and families. We appreciate your prayers for the Confirmation candidates at this special time.

The Workings of the Spirit!

Anyone who has seen a loved one off to a new adventure knows how difficult it is to rejoice, even when we are reasonably optimistic about their future. So, we can imagine how difficult it must have been for the disciples to rejoice in Jesus' announced departure. Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse, recorded only by John. Jesus announces shocking news. He must go to the Father and they should rejoice in this. To help them through this, Jesus gives his disciples his gift of peace and promises an Advocate. From our privileged position in history, we can see that all that Jesus promises comes to pass. The Church has grown and still exists on this earth because of the abiding Spirit. But living by the Spirit and entering into the peace of Christ is no small task. Jesus doesn't promise the apostles a rose garden. He is realistic about the costs of discipleship. And, mercifully, he is also clear about its rewards.



Special Collection!

The Outreach collection continues through May. It is for new and gently-used infant and toddler clothing to 2 years. The clothing will benefit clients of the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Please be as generous as you can!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

What better way to enjoy Father's Day weekend! Is there a better way to officially kick off the summer than joining the Corpus Christi Men's Club for this year's Take Me Out to the Ballgame Party? Their annual A's ball yard barbecue will be at the Oakland Coliseum on Saturday, June 15th, for a 6:07 p.m. game against the Seattle Mariners. We invite you and your family to join this fun event at the yard with a terrific pregame BBQ party, starting at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 per adult; \$20.00 per child (14 years and under) which includes game ticket, BBQ and drinks. This is a very popular game and tickets are limited so buy early. To purchase tickets, order online at: <https://ccmc-athletics-bbq.eventbrite.com>. For questions, email: tsimmons@archvista.com. Their group order **deadline is May 31st!**



Today's Readings

First Reading -- The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm -- Oh God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading -- John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23).

Gospel -- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29).



The History of Memorial Day!

The observance of Memorial Day began shortly after the American Civil War. Its purpose was to honor the war dead of both North and South. As time passed and the United States fought other wars, Memorial Day began commemorating lives lost in all military conflicts. Let us remember today those who have died for our Country!

Caregiver Available!

Compassionate and reliable caregiver is available and looking for work to care for the elderly. Available weekdays. Speaks English and Spanish. Highly recommended. Please contact parishioner Mona for more information at 531-3183 or email: monadaggett@gmail.com.