

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



Mission Statement:

Corpus Christi is a welcoming Catholic community grounded in Faith, nourished by the Eucharist, and dedicated to stewardship and service.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ~ 5 p.m.
Sunday ~ 9 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass ~ Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.
Holy Days ~ 9 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday ~ 4:00-4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Classes required for parents.
For information, call Parish Office.

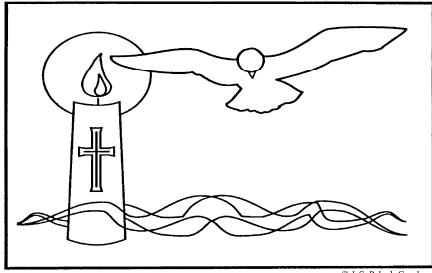
MARRIAGES

By appointment, at least six
months in advance.

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

-- Mark 16:16



Daily Mass

Week of May 17th – 21st

Monday: 9:00 Intentions: Jermaine Thomas
 Tuesday: 9:00 Richard Love+
 Wednesday: 9:00 Intentions: Louis Mastro
 Thursday: 9:00 Zelda & Owen Burns+
 Friday: 9:00 Cecilia & Jim Fahey+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially James Gebhardt, Louis Mastro, Peggy Delson, Isabel Canlas, Peter Heymans, Pamela M., Kerrie R., Sr. Marti McCarthy, SSS, Rita Jurin, Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Paul Cummings, Laura Pierce, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman, Dori McGee-Lundy and Julia.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Adele Louise Cullinane, mother of Terry Cullinane. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	Plate
May 9, 2021	\$9,940.00



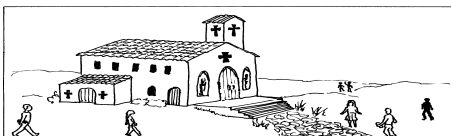
Today's Readings!

First Reading -- This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

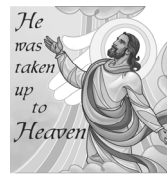
Psalm -- God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading -- God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel -- The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven.

The Ascension is a significant Feast because it represents an important moment of transition in the story of salvation history. God's relationship with humankind can be divided into three eras:

The first era consists of God the Father establishing a relationship with our fore parents in faith, the children of Israel. It is a time of covenant and promise; "I will be your God and you will be my people."

At the Incarnation when the Word becomes Flesh, the promise of God is fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Thus begins the second era of salvation history. It ends on the Feast of the Ascension in anticipation of the dawning of the third era of salvation history, the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Feast of the Ascension is important because it invites us to remember the promises that were made: to rejoice in the promises that were fulfilled; and to look forward to the promises that will come.

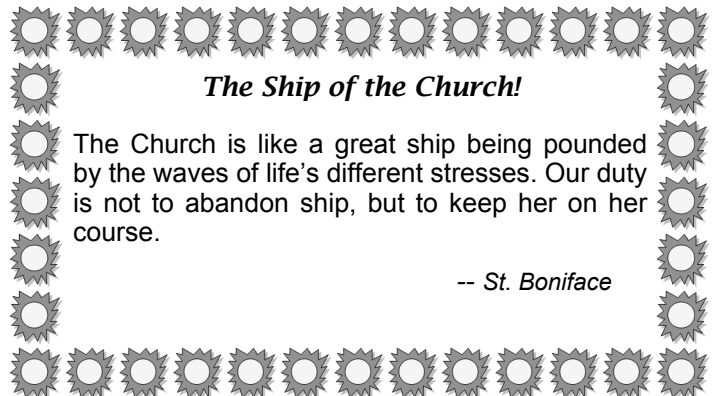
Love, Fr. Leo

Baptism & First Communion!

Piper Sloane and Harlowe Sutton Tripp received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion on April 25, 2021.

Xavier Lane Grace and Joaquin Daniel Montesinos received First Communion on May 2, 2021.

We rejoice as they take this important step in their faith journey. May the love of Jesus touch their hearts with unforgettable and lasting joy.



The Ship of the Church!

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

-- St. Boniface

The Significance of the Ascension!

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out.

The church was comfortable with this and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

Searching for Housing/Apartment!

A Corpus Christi couple is searching for an apartment or house and would appreciate any leads. They are a young couple, both working in education, and are expecting their first baby later in the Fall. Seeking somewhere quiet and clean, and open to alternative agreements, i.e., providing care/services, least-to-own, etc. They would love to discuss this. Contact Devin and Ilene Richards at (831) 247-1970 or email: ilene.dev@gmail.com.



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Readings For The Week May 17th -- 22nd

- Monday: First Reading Acts 19:1-8;
Psalm 68;
Gospel John 16:29-33
- Tuesday: First Reading Acts 20:17-27;
Psalm 68;
Gospel John 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: First Reading Acts 20:28-38;
Psalm 68;
Gospel John 17:11b-19
- Thursday: First Reading Acts 22:30;23:6-11;
Psalm 16;
Gospel John 17:20-26
- Friday: First Reading Acts 25:13b-21;
Psalm 103;
Gospel John 21:15-19
- Saturday: First Reading Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Psalm 11;
Gospel John 21:20-25



Treasures From Our Tradition!

Today's celebration varies from place to place. In some parts of the United States, people gather for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while other places celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several years ago, regions of bishops were permitted to decide whether to retain Ascension Day on Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, or to move the celebration to the nearest Sunday. This new flexibility in the Christian calendar has to do with the desire to gather the Church to celebrate its central feasts fully and with the Eucharist. Increasingly, as priests serve remote and scattered parishes, this is not always possible mid-week.

The Ascension is a key moment for grasping what life in Christ is all about. It is not about a departure, but rather a plan for presence. We who are nourished by the Lord's body and blood in the Eucharist are transformed to be his abiding presence in the world. That is a truth so worth celebrating that we can adjust our calendar in order that the fullest possible gathering of the Church can be achieved.

