

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

-- John 6:53



Daily Mass

Week of August 19th – 23rd

- Monday: 8:00 James Mangini+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Bernadena & Charles Elsenius+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
- Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Friday: 8:00 Zelda & Owen Burns+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
August 11, 2024	\$10,010.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$959.00



Welcome to Our Family of us!

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

Edward Anthony Moya, son of Katherine Cox and Adrien Moya.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all

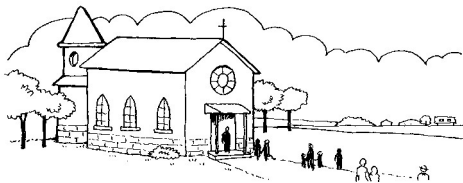
Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading -- Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5: 15-20).

Gospel -- Jesus says, "I am the living bread ... whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever" (John 6:51-58).



From Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Last Thursday, we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our mother was privileged at the end of her life to go immediately to heaven for two reasons: first, because of her willingness to submit her will to God. Remember her response to God's invitation at the Annunciation. "Let it be done to me according to your will." Second, it is a sign to all of us of what is in store for us if we follow Mary's example. We, as Catholics, acknowledge our mother to be the perfect disciple, second only to her son in her devotion to the Father. In honor of our Lady's feast, I invite you to read and reflect on her beautiful hymn of praise, the Magnificat:

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my savior
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever."*

Our mother offered this hymn of praise on our behalf; may it become our Magnificat!

Love, Fr. Leo

Saints and Special Observances!

- Monday: St. John Eudes, Priest
- Tuesday: St. Bernard, Abbott & Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday: St. Pius X, Pope
- Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Saturday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Grief Support Ministry!

Please join the Grief Support Ministry gathering on Sunday, August 25th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. This is a safe and supportive space to share your experiences, find comfort in community and discover resources to help you navigate the challenges of grief. All are welcome to join in fellowship and healing.

Saint Pius X (1835-1914) -- August 21st!

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto, "To restore all things in Christ" (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called "modernism," yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square -- "I bless peace, not war!" -- he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed "Christian" Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

This week, we observe another Marian celebration, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Its original date was May 31st, when it was instituted by Pius XII in 1954; but, it was eventually moved to August 22nd so that its close relationship with the Assumption might be made clear. Mary's queenship is multi-dimensional: she reigns gloriously in heaven as queen and mother; she is the queen who intercedes; she is the sign of the Church in its future glory.

Of course, the traditions surrounding the Blessed Mother's queenship extend much further back than the establishment of this feast. In the eighth century, St. John Damascene could write, "When she became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature." According to Jewish tradition, the mother of the king was accorded a seat of honor at the right of the king. With Jesus' royal heritage as a descendant and member of the house of David, Mary quite naturally takes her proper place as the queen mother. Pius XII simply recalled these traditions and gave us a day to remind us of how we can direct our prayers to Mary, our Queen.

***Readings For The Week
August 19th -- 24th***

Monday: First Reading Ezekiel 24:15-23;
Responsorial Psalm Deuteronomy 32:18-19;
Gospel Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: First Reading Ezekiel 28:1-10;
Responsorial Psalm Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab;
Gospel Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: First Reading Ezekiel 34:1-11;
Psalm 23;
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: First Reading Ezekiel 36:23-28;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Psalm 107;
Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: First Reading Revelation 21:9b-14;
Psalm 145;
Gospel John 1:45-51

Hearts Flowers!

Deep within the sanctuary of ourselves there is a glade,
where the grass is always greenest, and the flowers
never fade.

Nowhere is a garden sweeter,
than the one love's own hands tend,
where affection falls like sunlight,
warming and awakening.
Everlasting are the blossoms,
that are nourished in the heart, little lights
and little shadows, who can tell the two apart?

He who plants the smallest kindness,
sows indeed a mighty seed,
for through years, like little acres,
only love uproots the weed!

-- Grace E. Easley

We Share God's Life Now!

Over the past few weeks, second readings at Sunday Mass have been taken from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul has been providing an ongoing instruction on what it means to live and share God's life now. Paul was writing to people who lived in the midst of pagan activity. That is why Paul's words are still applicable to us. This is not to say that our world is monstrously evil, that nastiness surrounds us or that everyone is out to get us. That's not true. What is true, however, is that times are tough. Our society pressures us to look out for ourselves, to take the best advantage we can, often without giving much thought to the other person. Paul also urges us to take the best advantage we can, but with constant regard for the other person. And the best advantage we can take is to remember that Christ is with us -- is in us -- now.