

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

Kevin Patrick Gustas Larson, son of Katherine Baehr and Kevin Larson.

Katherine Baehr, daughter of Christine Reed and Richard Baehr.

Congratulations from all of us!

Caregiver Wanted!

Longtime parishioner is in need of a friendly, part-time caregiver for her 98 year-old mother, Lorraine Heinemann. Can be flexible with the hours and days. Paid hourly. Please contact Gail at (510) 761-1583 or email at: daviesgailrose@gmail.com.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty; and therefore, the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font as a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?



Motherhood!

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

-- Anonymous

Readings For The Week May 12th -- 17th

Monday: First Reading Acts 11:1-18;
Psalm 42 & 43;
Gospel John 10:1-10

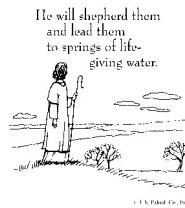
Tuesday: First Reading Acts 11:19-26;
Psalm 87;
Gospel John 10:22-30

Wednesday: First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;
Psalm 113;
Gospel John 15:9-17

Thursday: First Reading Acts 13:13-25;
Psalm 89;
Gospel John 13:16-20

Friday: First Reading Acts 13:26-33;
Psalm 2;
Gospel John 14:1-6

Saturday: First Reading Acts 13:44-52;
Psalm 98;
Gospel John 14:7-14



Today's Readings

First Reading -- The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm -- We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading -- I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel -- My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

The Good Shepherd!

The Good Shepherd not only knows us but has given his life for us. We belong to the Shepherd. His life is the source of our life. One part of this relationship is firm -- God's part. The Father has entrusted us to the Son, and the Son will not let go of our hand.

The other part of this relationship depends on us, of course. In today's Gospel, Jesus assumes our openhearted good will. "My sheep hear my voice...and they follow me." This hearing and following is a daily undertaking that implies responsibility. Take Paul and Barnabas, for example. They moved ever closer to the reality that salvation was also meant for those members of the flock who did not yet know God's saving power. The Gentiles were the sheep known by the Shepherd. Paul could finally see that now was the acceptable time for them to know the Shepherd. Now the circle could be completed. Finally, those who were known and loved by the God of Jesus could know and follow the God of Jesus. There will never be a last chapter to this story of salvation.