

June 18, 2017

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ Corpus Christi

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

The one thing that has held our church together for almost 2,000 years is the celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. We use many names: the Mass, Eucharistic Celebration, Breaking of the Bread, etc. but it is basically a spiritual meal using real bread and wine. It started out with the actual testimonies of those who knew Jesus, praying the Our Father followed by a meal which included the words of Jesus over the bread and wine. When Jesus had not yet returned, they began to write things down. From this simple beginning, the Catholic Church was born. As time went on, the ceremonies surrounding the meal became more elaborate, and more distant from the ordinary person. Very few were worthy to eat this meal. It began to look less and less like a meal. The Catholic Church decided in the Ecumenical Council, called Vatican II, to bring the Mass closer to the people. It is good to remember that today's celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is a celebration of a meal that we all partake.

When our meal is over, we Catholics believe that Christ is still present in the bread. We call it consecrated bread, emphasizing the "real presence" in the bread. We build our churches not only for our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday but also to worthily honor the real presence of Christ in a Tabernacle. Here at St. Mary's we have made sure that our church remains beautiful and open to all who wish to spend time praying before the real presence of the Son of God. Our stained glass windows are one of the reasons our church is so beautiful and inviting. You understand this and that is why you have been generous in financing our present renovation of our windows.

One of the reasons that we must repair our windows is that moisture has built up between the protective glass and the stained glass. Over time this moisture will erode the wooden frames that hold the windows in place. The windows are dark not because they are dirty but because of the moisture inside. Hopefully the damage to the frames is not significant. When we install the new transparent protective glass we will make sure that there will be vents for air that will prevent the buildup of moisture.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, June 4, 2017 was \$3,682.00

The second collection this Sunday will our monthly collection to aid with our Property Insurance.

Parish Council Meeting : the Parish Council will meet this coming Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Rectory.

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi):

All our readings today give us rich images to help us grasp the meaning of the Eucharist: manna, cup of blessing, one loaf, living bread. As we listen to the holy word of God today, let's allow ourselves to rest in these and the other words and phrases that we will hear, and give them a chance to feed our soul so that when it comes time for Communion we are truly ready to celebrate and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Registration for 2017-2018:

Begins Monday, June 26, 2017 through Saturday, August 19, 2017

Monday's, Thursday's and Saturday's **ONLY**

To register you must submit \$25.00 deposit **per child** this will be deducted from your

registration fee. If you are new to the program you need to submit a Birth Certificate along with a Baptismal Certificate and a photo of your child.

Registration for one is \$95.00

Registration for two is \$160.00

Registration for three is \$195.00

Registration for four is \$185.00

If your child will be receiving Communion this year the fee for Holy Communion is \$75.00 **per child.**

If your child will be receiving Confirmation this year the fee for Confirmation is \$95.00 **per child.**

Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Classes will start on September 9, 2017

Parish Membership: All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

Mass Schedule for the week of

June 18, 2017 to June 25, 2017

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:30pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday June 18, 2017

7:30 Egan Harding

Claudia & Francisco Dougan

9:00 Ramon Navarro

Josefa Navarro

11:00 Father's Day Novena

Monday June 19, 2017:

8:15 Father's Day Novena

Lilia Perez

12:05 In Thanksgiving

Tuesday June 20, 2017:

8:15 Father's Day Novena

Mary Brennan

12:05 Eileen Casey

Wednesday June 21, 2017:

8:15 Father's Day Novena

Thursday June 22, 2017:

8:15 Father's Day Novena

Jose Sanchez

7:00 Terresa Sanchez

Friday June 23, 2017:

8:15 Father's Day Novena

Mary Brennan

12:05 Maureen Murphy

Saturday June 24, 2017:

12:05 George Russ

Jenny Brown

5:00 Rose Kunny

Adriana Pratt

7:30 Anita Martinez

Claudia & Mercedes Reales

Sunday June 25, 2017

7:30 Egan Harding

Claudia & Francisco Dougan

9:00 Manorah Reyes (L)

Norah Estevez

11:00 Father's Day Novena