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CORPUS CHRISTI

June 2, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM

A CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH THE RITE OF DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION

PRESIDED BY DEACON HILMAR PABEL

FRIDAY, MAY 17	8:00AM	MONDAY, JUNE 3	9:00AM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29	8:00AM	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5	8:00AM
FRIDAY, MAY 31	8:00AM	FRIDAY, JUNE 7	8:00AM



Corpus Christi

On the night before giving his life on the cross, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the gift of his Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine, as the perpetual Passover sacrifice for his followers. This was done in the context of the Last Supper. The Solemnity we celebrate this Sunday centers on the gift of the Body and Blood of the Lord, of which we partake at Holy Mass (the Eucharist) until the Lord comes again in glory at the end of the ages.

Instituting the Eucharist at the time when the Jewish Passover lambs were being sacrificed, Jesus inaugurated the Christian Passover. As the ancient rite commemorated the freedom of God's people from slavery in Egypt, so the Christian ritual recalls freedom from sin and death and the gift of new life being offered in and through Christ, who rose from the dead to bring us eternal life.

A happy echo of this feast is often seen and heard in the rite of First Holy Communion on Corpus Christi Sunday, when children, and sometimes adults, come to receive for the first time the consecrated bread and wine at the Mass, the Holy Eucharist.

While the celebration of the Lord's Body and Blood has been taking place since the Last Supper and continues to be celebrated at every Holy Mass, the more formal feast of "Corpus Christi" has been observed since 1246, beginning in the diocese of Liège in Belgium. The feast entered the Roman Calendar for use in the Latin Church later in the same century, incorporating many of the texts composed by the Dominican priest St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274). Aquinas's words became the hymns for the Mass and Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) of this great feast.

From its origin in the Middle Ages, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi was intended to affirm Catholic belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass. The feast came to be accompanied with processions where the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in an elaborate monstrance, would be carried to "altars of repose" for adoration by the faithful and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. This practice is still carried out in many places, with procession and Benediction afterwards, traditionally held on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. Why Thursday? The idea was to recall the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Today Catholics normally observe the feast on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

Popular piety has waned in many places since the late 1960s, especially in cultures other than African, Asian, and Latino. Nevertheless, in the best Catholic tradition, the Eucharist or Holy Mass, wherever it is celebrated, remains the source and summit of belief and practice.

Firm belief in the Body and Blood of Christ and regular reception of the Blessed Sacrament or Holy Communion are fundamental to Catholic doctrine, spirituality, and growth in holiness. This is our solemn inheritance. We joyfully embrace "the gift of finest wheat" which God offers us regularly, indeed every day. The unbroken teaching of the Church is that we behold and receive in the Eucharist the Real Presence of the Risen Lord, who promised to be with us until the end of time. It is a great mystery, yet at the same time a simple truth: God is with us in a very special and singular way in the Blessed Sacrament, both received at Holy Communion and adored in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar at Exposition and Benediction.

The Mass, the Holy Eucharist, is the sacrifice or offering of the new covenant in the Blood of Christ. It is likewise the offering of the faithful, God's holy people, united to Jesus in praise of God the Father. St. Paul the Apostle preached that the entire life of a Christian is a prolongation of the Eucharist, as a spiritual sacrifice offered to God in union with Christ. For this reason, St. Paul exhorted his hearers to offer themselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. This is the message for each of us today as well; it is the heart of our religion and worship, in spirit and in truth.

We should not come to Mass out of mere obligation, but because the Eucharistic celebration is an integral part of our life in Christ and our communion with each other. The celebration and reception of the Eucharist should be our strength and joy, a commitment in faith and love that gives meaning to all our existence. We are not Christians because we go to Mass, but we go to Mass because we are Christians, to celebrate God's unbounded love for us and to participate in the action that the disciples of Christ have engaged in since the Lord walked among his own.

Holy Mass never ends, we might say, because at the conclusion of every Mass we are "sent forth" to announce the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth by our words and especially by our deeds. By receiving his Body and Blood, we are tabernacles of the Lord and are commissioned with a special task that not everyone has embraced: to be "bearers of Christ" to all people, until our final breath. Could there be any higher call?

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

MONTHLY MASS AT BERKELY CARE CENTRE:

Working in conjunction with the Parish, our CWL members, along with our Parish priest celebrate Mass on the first Wednesday of each month. This Mass is celebrated with the Catholic residents as well as any other interested residents who would be comforted by the prayers. Spiritual care is not solely for those who identify with a religion, but also for anyone who would find peace and comfort from attending a church service.

The staff have observed that the mood of the residents is much calmer and more cheerful after returning from our Mass. They look forward to our monthly visit to the facility.

Our members and volunteers collect the residents from their rooms (most of them are in wheelchairs), sit with them during the celebration of the Mass and socially interact with them on a one-to-one basis.

If you wish to volunteer two hours, one afternoon a month, not only CWL members, but also, their spouses and all parishioners, are welcome to participate in this important outreach ministry which fulfils a joyful and essential role of spiritual care in a long-term facility. Please contact Carol Landy at 604-929-6235 or e-mail at glandy@telus.net

FIAT HIKE:

All single women aged 18-35 are invited to spend quality time with the religious sisters of the Archdiocese and enjoy some outdoor activity and fun on Saturday, June 1. We will start with 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and then drive to Cypress for a hike up Black Mountain. There is no cost to join. **Registration deadline: June 3rd.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Feast of Corpus Christi

"Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." -Mark 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from his cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means we offer our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

BACK BY DEMAND

FAMOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JUNE 2



The parish is excited to provide a pancake and sausage breakfast to everyone after the 9am and 11am Masses on June 2nd. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Everyone is invited to attend. Any men of the parish who would be interested in volunteering, or for more information, should contact Alex Volpatti at: avolpatti57@gmail.com.

We will miss you, Mrs. B!

After 34 years of dedicated service in the Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese, our very own Mrs. B has announced her retirement. Mrs. Brassington's contributions to Catholic education and sports in elementary schools, particularly as one of the founding educators of St. Pius X School, are significant and valued. ***Please Save the Date:*** June 19th to celebrate Mrs. B's retirement with an evening Mass, followed by a light reception in the school gym. All past students of Mrs. B are invited.

CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#21 Hope: Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women's League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope!



FASHION SHOW—JUNE 13TH AT 6:30PM

*Lights, runway, models, fashion,
door prizes and more!*

Have you Got Your TICKET Yet?

A Very Thrifty Fashion Show – June 13 at 6:30 pm

Our CWL is hosting a fashion show in support of DAS (Domestic Abuse Services). Appies, drinks, raffle and door prizes are included in the price of the ticket. Tickets are on sale – so purchase one so you don't miss out. The evening is open to all parishioners, friends and family!

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for the BUILDING FUND. Thank you for your donation.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 10AM-1:30PM
 604-929-1404
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
 REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
 FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
 TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JEFF AT LEAST 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
 Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
 Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

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 236-999-1286

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

604-929-1404

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller
 adoration.spx@gmail.com

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
 Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,
 110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999