

May 29, 2016 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 28

5:00 p.m. +**Nettie, Joseph and Joseph Jr. Roche**
By Clem and Clara Wyker

Sunday, May 29

8:00 a.m. +**Rocco and Angelina Saponaro**
By Paul and Elisabeth Boccolini

10:30 a.m. **Blessings of Health for Barbara Kovacs**
By Mary Rupell

Monday, May 30

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Tuesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45 a.m. +**Emily Wright and the Wright Family**
By Barbara Kovacs

Wednesday, June 1 Saint Justin

8:45 a.m. +Corrado and Jennie Tridente
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Thursday, June 2 Saints Marcellinus & Peter

8:45 a.m. +Antoinette and Sabino Antinolfi
By Daughter

First Friday, June 3 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:45 a.m. +Francis Blevins
By Family

First Saturday, June 4 The Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:45 a.m. +Anna and Edward Durnin
By Mary Rupell and Family

5:00 p.m. +**Anne Guerriere**
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, June 5

8:00 a.m. +**Michele Ball**
By Susan Yereka

10:30 a.m. **Blessings for Sister Faustina**
By William and Josephine Bonnah



"I am the living bread that comes down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world".—
(John 6:51).

The liturgical year has two feast days to celebrate the Eucharist: Holy Thursday, the Institution of the Eucharist and Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, when we especially celebrate the real presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the hours today has a beautiful summary of our celebration: "How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is

recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the glory to come".

The Church teaches that in Holy Communion Jesus comes to us in person with his body, blood, soul and divinity. "This the truth each Christian learns, B

bread into his flesh he turns, to his precious blood the wine" (Corpus Christi Sequence).

The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus. It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread – in commanding them on the night He was handed over: "Do this in remembrance of Me." Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile. And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.

This is what we celebrate today and it is a new opportunity to renew our faith and love for the Eucharist. Let me suggest two practical resolutions from today's celebration that Pope Benedict XVI talked about this in reference to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi:

Contemplation and Apostolic activity.

He talked about the relation between 'celebration and adoration' of the Eucharist, as he stated in his document on the Eucharist: *Sacramentum Caritatis* and he concluded: "I would like to take the opportunity that today's solemnity offers me to strongly urge pastors and all the faithful to practice Eucharistic Adoration... In today's world, so often noisy and distracted, it is more important than ever to recover the capacity for interior silence and recollection: Eucharistic Adoration permits us to do so not only in relation to the 'I' but also in company with that 'You' full of love who is Jesus Christ, 'God with us.'"

... The Eucharist is therefore a call to holiness and gift of oneself to one's brothers because each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world".

There is then a direct link between contemplation and action. We need the intimate

personal relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist and from there, we receive the strength to go out and share with others the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The great ‘social’ saints of the Church had a strong devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist: St. Martin de Porres, Blessed Mother Theresa, etc. Let us ask our Blessed Virgin Mary to instill in us a “hunger” of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. May He be our spiritual nourishment for our spiritual life and a source of inspiration and strength in our apostolic activity.

Mass Attendance and Vacation

Finding a place to attend Mass while far from home may often not be easy – but with the help of some advance planning, we can usually find one wherever we may go. The web-site www.Masstimes.org has a listing of Mass schedules in parishes throughout the United States. Also most tourist-friendly places readily offer information as to the location of the nearest Catholic Church. As Catholics we belong to more than just our parish – we are members of a universal Church and therefore we are never strangers when we meet with other Catholics to celebrate the great Mystery of our Faith which is the Holy Mass. Vacations are a time of rest – a time to recharge our batteries so to speak. But as we take advantage of our vacation days to spend time with our loved ones and to rest from the everyday demands and routines of work, let us not neglect to also “rest in the Lord” on the day in which we commemorate his love for us in the Sunday Eucharist. If we are serious about our Christian commitment, we cannot neglect to recharge our spiritual batteries in the central act of our worship, the source and summit of all Christian life: the Mass. There can never be a vacation from our vocation.



The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish faith community.

Therefore, we encourage

our parishioners to use the **WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the success of the operation of the Parish and for their sacrificial gift to the Parish. We also depend on the financial support of its people in all its endeavors. We are called to be good stewards of all God entrusts to us, especially our time, talent and treasure. If you are absent for any reason on a particular weekend Mass, please mail your contribution to St. Theodore Church or put the prior week envelope in the basket when you return to church. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please don't feel obligated to contribute—just put your empty envelope in the basket.



Dear Parishioners: Please be advised that I will be on vacation the month of June. Salvatorian Fathers Grezegorz and Dawid of Sts. Peter & Paul Church will

take care of our parish during my absence. I will remember you in my prayers and ask that you remember me in yours.

Religious Education Volunteers



Religious Education

Religious Education is a vital part of a church where children of the parish cannot attend a Catholic school.

We are in the planning phase of the new school year and are in need of volunteers.

It is our duty, parents included, to educate those children in the Catholic faith and to be an instrumental part of their faith journey. It takes many volunteers to run the program and for this ministry to continue, we are asking parishioners (not just parents of students) to take an active part.

Please consider taking on the role of a religious education volunteer and help with our program.

Parents who volunteer are given a reduction in fees. All volunteers of the Religious Education Program are required to attend a session of *Protecting God's Children* (one time only and no fee involved), be fingerprinted and fill out a volunteer application. If you have questions, please contact Ginny @ 689-8318- ext 2 or Mary @ ext. 1.

Our Offering: 5/22: \$2,390; 2015: \$2,571.50



Stephen, Elizabeth Ondroczyk, Rosaria Incantalupo, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael

Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft, Barbara K.

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