



COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Easter season concludes with Pentecost, but we do not automatically jump back to Ordinary Time with the next two Sunday feasts. The weekend of June 14/15 is known as the feast of the Holy Trinity and the following weekend of June 21/22, the Church celebrates the Body of Christ, a/k/a Corpus Christi.

The feast of the Holy Trinity came about through the efforts of Pope John XXII in the thirteen hundreds. Even though the Church honors the Trinity in the Gloria at Mass, there were some Church officials that felt it was not necessary to designate a special day. However, during his reign John XXII ordered it for the entire Church on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

The feast of Corpus Christi has always been more popular because of the many processions that accompany the celebration. We gather together to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Did you know that besides us, this feast is celebrated in certain Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches? This feast was first proposed by Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV. He wanted to emphasize the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. It was officially established as a feast in 1264.

This year on the weekend of June 21/22, our parish will celebrate with a procession at the conclusion of Mass to the outside area around the building and conclude with a special Eucharistic blessing. We are hoping to have some of our First Communion children lead the procession dressed in their special Communion clothing. Keep an eye out for more information from the altar or in the bulletin and pray for beautiful weather to surround us!!

Have an extra special and blessed week ahead!!!