

Weekend of June 19, 2022

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

Father's Day

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejas:

Sunday: Sunday. 10:30 AM. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:30 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, Donna Berardi, Billy, Penny and Daniel Vicaldo, Anthony Pico, Dolly Albano, Mike Montes, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Abraham Pascual, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Ruben and Marcie Cu, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Louck, David Ramos, Felix Chiu, Edna De La Cruz Yusi, Marlon Amaranto, Sam Halabo, Anita Uqualla, Bobby Curo, Lisa Smallwood, Eleanor Davis Wallace, Walter Raczak, Billy Brown, Margie Cruz, Gina Curo

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (K-High School)

Barona, K-8th: New classes will resume in September. Please contact church office if you would like to register. All classes are a two year program.

Barona, High School: Thursday, 3:00 p.m. (classroom under the club house) – classes will resume in September.

Please contact Judy Oyos (judy.otm@gmail.com) for Adult classes or for more information regarding classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM, Barona.
Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

Sunday, June 26 – Peter Pence Collection, this collection supports the Universal church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Saturday, July 9 – 12 PM, Los Conejos Mass and Grave Blessing

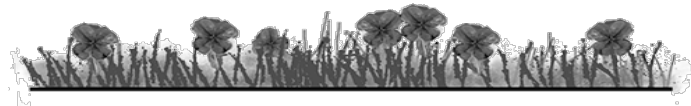
Prayer for Fathers

For those who have fathered us into birth,
for those we call "father" who have shown us the face of
our Father in heaven,
for expectant fathers and those whose arms ache to
cradle their own,
for fathers who have borne the pain of losing a child,
for fathers who have laid down their life for their children:
May the one who is Father and Lord of all be their guide
and their peace.

For all fathers, living or dead,
those nearby or those distanced by miles, disease, or
division:

May they all be embraced and strengthened
By the loving arms of God, the Father of us all. Amen.

–Diana Macalintal



Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world?

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PASTOR'S DESK

We Become What We Eat

A reflection on the Feast of Corpus Christi

As young as I was, I enjoyed going to Mass not only on Sundays and holidays of obligation but also every day of my life. I became a Knight of the Altar (old name of what is now altar server) and even volunteered to serve Mass daily and guess what? Every 6:00 in the morning. My day was not complete if I missed Mass. This played a big role in my life wanting to be a priest at an early age. Surprisingly, my wish only came true when I already finished my College Degree and became a registered Pharmacist. Although we come to attend Mass either every day or on weekends, the Big Feast of the Eucharist which we celebrate today, known as The Most Precious body and Bloody of Jesus or Corpus Christi in Latin is to get focused more on the real meaning of the Eucharist in our lives. This is how this feast came to be in the Church.

Augustinian nun Juliana of Liège had a vision in which a glistening full moon appeared to her. The moon was perfect but for some hollow dark spots which she was told represented the absence of a feast of the Eucharist. This led to the celebration of the feast of the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi, which was introduced into the church calendar in 1264.

Why do we need a feast of the Eucharist? A feast like this affords us the opportunity to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us which is made visible in the Eucharist. It is also an opportunity for us to seek a better understanding of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ and to order our attitude to it accordingly, since the Eucharist is a sacrament of life which, if misused, could bring about the opposite effect. As St Paul wrote to the Corinthians, **"All who eat and drink in an unworthy manner, without discerning the Lord's body eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason, many of you are weak and ill, and some have died"** (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).

To arrive at a better understanding of the Eucharist we need to ask why Jesus gave us this sacrament in the first place. A closer reading of today's gospel or, better still, the whole of the Eucharistic discourse in John 6 from which it is taken, provides useful answers. From the reading we find that there are two main reasons Jesus gave us this sacrament. (1) Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). In the Eucharist he provides a visible sign and an effective means of him being present to us and us being present to him. As Jesus himself said, **"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them."** (2) Jesus said that he came that we may have life and have it to the full (John 20:20). In the Eucharist he provides a visible means of communicating this life to us so that we can be fully alive both in this world and in the next. As Jesus said, **"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day"** (John 6:53-54).

The Jews that Jesus was addressing in John 6 had gathered to ask him for more bread. Jesus promised to give them the sacramental bread and blood instead. But in their worldly frame of mind, they could not understand or appreciate the sacrament. They disputed among themselves, saying, **"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"** (v. 52). Jesus reaffirmed that **"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink"** (v. 55). They ended up distancing themselves from the Eucharist because the sacramental language makes no sense to people in a materialistic frame of mind.

The same problem that these early would-be followers of Jesus had is still with us today. If we approach the Eucharist with a materialistic mentality, we fail to understand and so lose the benefits of such a wonderful gift of God's love. The Eucharist is true food and drink but at the same time it is very different from every other food and drink. The great difference lies in these words of Christ which St Augustine heard in prayer, **"You will not change me into yourself as you would food of your flesh; but you will be changed into me."** We transform ordinary food into our own bodies, but the food of the Eucharist transforms us into the body of Christ. Ludwig Feuerbach's statement that we become what we eat is never more true than in the Eucharistic experience.

Why then do many of us who receive the Eucharist not experience more of this radical transformation? Maybe this story will throw more light on the question. A team of Russians and Americans were on a common expedition. Among their cabin foodstuff was Russian black bread. It was tasty but hard on the teeth. It happened during a meal that an American bit into a piece and snapped a tooth. He threw the bread overboard and growled: "Lousy Communist bread." The Russian countered: "Is not lousy communist bread. Is rotten capitalist tooth." If we do not experience the transforming power of the Eucharist, it is probably not on account of a lousy Eucharist but on account of our rotten faith. Let us today approach the Eucharist with a livelier faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and we shall experience therein God's saving power and transforming love.