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The cup of salvation
I will take up,
and I will call
upon the name
of the Lord.

Psalm 116:13

June 6, 2021

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We will have Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament
following the 12 noon Mass
until 5:30 pm in the church.

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**The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ**

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. John 6:51

When I was still a newly ordained priest, I remember telling Fr. Anastasio Font, OCD, about preaching my first novena in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. "I had to preach twice a day, once for ten minutes in the morning and again, for fifteen minutes in the evening," I said, proudly. He laughed at my youthful pride. "When I was a seminarian, I and the other seminarians were sent to preach every Thursday for one hour on the Most Holy Eucharist in one of the churches in Barcelona." I always remember this each year when the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Blood of Christ comes around. Indeed, one could preach about the Most Holy Eucharist "till the moon be no more," Ps. 72:7, and only scratch the surface of so great a mystery and blessing.

One can preach about the Eucharist and say many beautiful things, but only by divine faith can the Eucharist be appreciated and genuinely loved with thanks and praise beyond all telling. St. Ignatius of Antioch refers to the Blessed Sacrament as the "medicine of immortality" because Our Lord said that whoever eats this Bread, the Eucharist, will live forever.

What the believer does about the Eucharist is far more important than what the believer says about the Eucharist. This is not to say that "confession on the lips," Rom. 10:10, is not necessary. But it is "faith in the heart" that matters most. In September 1965, as the closing session of the Second Vatican Council was beginning, St. Pope Paul VI issued an encyclical called *Mysterium Fidei*, a title taken from the first words: "The Mystery of Faith", that is, the ineffable gift of the Eucharist that the Catholic Church received from Christ, her Spouse, as a pledge of His immense love, is something that she has always devoutly guarded as her most precious treasure." It is the faith in this "most precious treasure" that led many of our ancestors to risk their lives to attend Mass when it was forbidden by governments who tried to eradicate faith in the mystery of the Eucharist. Mass, of course, is essential if we are to receive the Eucharist. The example of faithful Mexican Catholics during the persecution under President Calles is still a living memory for some in our own parish whose ancestors suffered greatly for their faith in the Eucharist. They grew up hearing the stories of the Mexican martyrs who died because they loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament so much.

We have experienced a different kind of privation of the Eucharist during the pandemic. For months and months, Catholics were not able to attend Mass and receive the Body of Christ. For many this was truly a cause of suffering and hardship. I witnessed tears of joy when the faithful were finally able to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. But there were many who could not receive the "medicine of immortality." The scourge of the dreaded virus was in some ways worse than outright persecution of the Church. And it did seem that some delighted in the way Catholics were impeded from attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion. We hope that this difficult year is in our rearview mirror, so to speak. We must pray that Our Lord will cause His people to have such a hunger for Him that they will be eager to return to Mass. Jesus said, "I thirst." We might interpret this to mean that He thirsts for our love. He wants to give Himself to as much as He possibly can. What more can He do than give us his Body and Blood, and his Soul and Divinity?

*I devoutly adore you, hidden deity,
Who are truly hidden beneath these appearances.
My whole heart submits to You,
because in contemplating You, it is completely overwhelmed.
Sight, touch, taste all fail in their judgment of you,
But hearing suffices firmly to believe.
I believe all that the Son of God has spoken;
There is nothing truer than this word of Truth.*

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

HOLY HOUR

Please join us for a Holy Hour in honor Saint Joseph with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 5th

8:00am Amelia & Hilario Casado/R.I.P.
5:30pm Frank Ramirez/Happy Birthday

Sunday, June 6th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Eustoria Burrola/R.I.P.
10:00am Special Int./Pueblo High School, Administration & Community
12:00pm Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.
6:00pm Special Int./Sister Mary Chiara of Our Lady of Light, P.C.C./Golden Jubilee

Special Int./Becky Nieto
Benjamin Chavez/R.I.P.

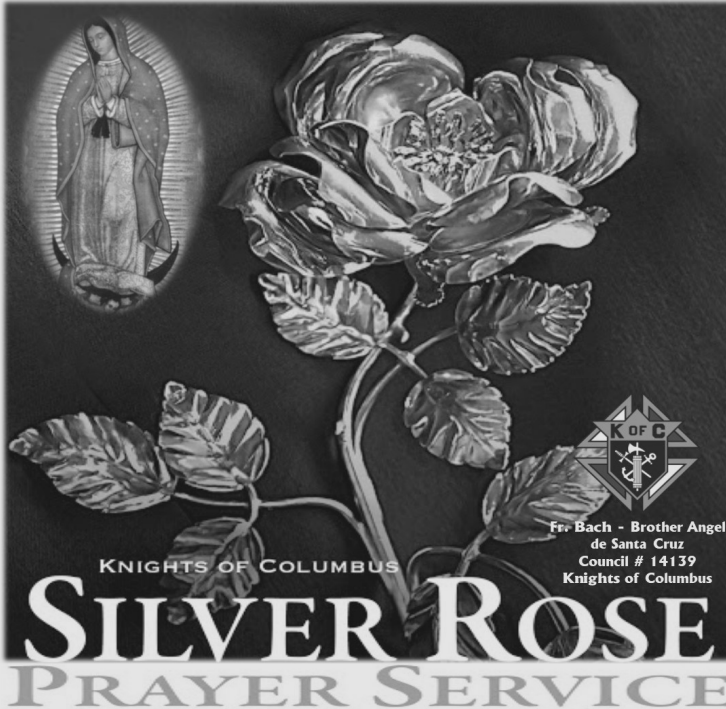
Hannah Pham/Improved Health
Aydaen Reyes/Happy Birthday

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Sister Sean, O.C.D./Happy Birthday

Special Int./Hannah Rose
Mercedes P. Burruel/R.I.P.

Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need of our prayers/R.I.P.

Deacon Richard Ornelas & Deceased Family Members of the Pedroza & Ornelas Families/R.I.P.



Brief outline for Silver Rose Tour on June 11-13
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Friday, June 11th	Saturday, June 12th	Sunday, June 13th
6 pm Rosary	8 am Mass & Exposition	6:30 am Mass English
7 pm Mass	9:30 am Pro Life talk in English	8 am Mass Spanish
8 pm to 10 pm Adoration & Rosary	11 am Pro Life talk in Spanish	10 am Mass English
	12 noon Mass in Spanish	12 noon Mass Bilingual
	1 pm Rosary in Spanish	...Silver Rose Departs
	3 pm Devine Mercy Chaplet	
	3 pm to 5 pm Confessions	
	5:30 pm Mass English	
	6:30 pm to 9 pm Adoration & Rosary	

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Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Please note COVID protocols: masks required; distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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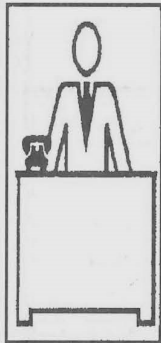
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