

**Sunday, June 18, 2017**  
**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**  
**External Solemnity of Corpus Christi**



**Sun. 18 June** **2nd Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**  
 8:00 am Tony & Jean Gomez  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Father Lyons  
 6:00 pm †John Reyes

**Mon. 19 June** **St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin, III Class**  
 7:00 am †George Marshall  
 12:15 pm Spencer Roundtree

**Tues. 20 June** **Feria, IV Class**  
 7:00 am †Ursula Uclaray  
 6:30 pm Sacheen Littlefeather

**Wed. 21 June** **St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am †Julian Raphael Rangel  
 12:15 pm Leona

**Thurs 22 June** **St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop & Confessor, III Class**  
 7:00 am †Gregory Nicholas  
 6:30 †Timothy Bulat, †Elizabeth Bulat, †Anton Leahu, & †Veronica Leahu

**Fri. 23 June** **Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Class**  
 7:00 am Mary Baccay  
 12:15 pm †Harry Verkuhl  
 6:30 pm In Thanksgiving for Benefactor

**Sat. 24 June** **Nativity of St. John The Baptist, I Class**  
 7:00 am †Gregory Nicholas  
 9:00 am Brandon Williams

**Sun. 25 June** **3rd Sunday After Pentecost, II Class**  
 8:00 am †Gregory Nicholas  
 10:30 am Pro Populo  
 1:30 pm Father John Berg, FSSP  
 6:00 pm Father R. Novokowsky

**...In Memoriam**

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopff, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
 †Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
 †Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
 †Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath,  
 †Sarah Vierra, †Mary Daley, †James Greenwell

**Important Upcoming Dates**

June 18-24 Camp Sacred Heart  
 June 21—Knights of Columbus meeting  
 June 23—Feast of the Sacred Heart  
 June 29—Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul  
 July 1—Feast of the Precious Blood  
 July 13—Fatima Procession  
 July 23-27—Annual Retreat  
 August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)  
 Sept. 10—Confirmation classes begin

**The Real Presence**

“*Verbum caro factum est*”. The Incarnation of the Word, the ineffable mystery of the merciful love of God, who so loved man that He became “flesh” for his salvation, is, in a way, prolonged and extended through the ages, and will be until the end of time, by the Eucharist, the Sacrament by means of which the Incarnate Word became Himself our “food”. God was not content with giving us His only Son once for all, willing Him to take flesh in the womb of a Virgin — flesh like ours, so that He might suffer and die for us on the Cross — but He wished Him to remain with us forever, perpetuating His real presence and His sacrifice in the Eucharist. Aided by the Gospel narrative we can reconstruct and relive in our heart the sweet mysteries of the life of Jesus. Had we nothing but the Gospel, however, we would have only nostalgic memories; Jesus would no longer be with us, but only in heaven at the right hand of the Father, having definitively left the earth on the day of His Ascension. With what regret we would think of the thirty-three years of our Savior’s earthly life passed centuries ago! Oh, how different the reality! The Eucharist makes the presence of Jesus with us a permanent one. In the consecrated Host we find the same Jesus whom Mary brought into the world, whom the shepherds found wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger; whom Mary and Joseph nurtured and watched over as He grew before their eyes; the Jesus who called the Apostles to follow Him, who captivated and taught the multitudes, who performed the most startling miracles; who said He was the “light” and “life” of the world, who forgave Magdalen and raised Lazarus from the dead; who for love of us sweat blood, received the kiss of a traitor, was made one enormous wound, and died on the Cross; that same Jesus who rose again and appeared to the Apostles and in whose wounds Thomas put his finger; who ascended into heaven, who now is seated in glory at the right hand of His Father, and who, in union with the Father, sends us the Holy Spirit. O Jesus, You are always with us, “yesterday, and today, and the same forever!” Always the same in eternity by the immutability of Your divine Person; always the same in time, by the Sacrament of the Eucharist.  
 (*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, OCD.)

**From the Pastor**  
**How to Receive Holy Communion**

At the Traditional Mass, Holy Communion is received kneeling at the Communion rail (unless it is difficult to kneel) and only on the tongue. Hands should be no higher than the Communion rail so that the server can easily place the paten beneath the chin of the communicant. “Amen” is **not** said in response to the priest’s prayer: “May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto everlasting life. Amen.” As the priest is approaching the mouth should already be open to receive the Host so that he does not have to wait for a reply. The mouth should be opened wide and the tongue extended slightly over the lower lip (it need not be extended farther), so that the priest can easily and securely place the Host on it. It is best to close the eyes just before receiving in order to avoid being distracted; as well as to avoid the temptation to move the head in the direction of the priest’s approaching hand. This often results in touching the priest’s fingers with the tongue. Most important of all, of course, is to receive Our Eucharistic Lord with a pure and loving heart!

**Knights of Columbus & Men’s Holy League**  
**Wednesday, June 21st**

Brother Knights, Please come to the Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 6:00 pm.

Also this Wednesday, Men’s Holy League will meet for a Holy Hour at 7:00 pm followed by a talk by one of the priests and fellowship. All men are invited!

**Annual Retreat—July 23-27**

This year’s retreat will be preached by Fr. Joseph Mary Brown, CSJ. Father Brown preached the retreat for the FSSP deacons’ retreat the year Fr. Curtis was ordained to the diaconate. Father Curtis says that it was the best retreat he ever went to! Let’s have a full house in order to take full advantage of having such a wonderful priest.

Secure your place at the retreat by filling out a form and leaving a deposit as soon as possible. Forms are available in the parish office or bookstore.

If you are unable to go on the retreat, but would like to help make it possible for someone else to go, stop by the parish office or bookstore.

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

**Feast of the Sacred Heart**

This Friday, June 23rd, we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred heart. A sung Mass will be held at 6:30 pm. Hopefully, many will come to Mass on this day to show their love and devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**History of the Feast of Corpus Christi**

It was a humble nun in Belgium, Saint Juliana (1258), Prioress of Mont Cornillon, who first suggested and advocated a special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament to be celebrated on a day other than Maundy Thursday.<sup>2</sup> From her sixteenth year she had often in her prayers beheld a strange sight: it was as if the full moon appeared to her in brilliant light, while a part of its disc remained black and lightless. Finally, in a vision, Christ showed her the meaning of this picture. The moon represented the ecclesiastical year; the black spot indicated the lack of a festival in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. She was to announce to the authorities of the Church that God wished such a feast to be established.

In 1230 Juliana communicated her secret to a small group of learned theologians. As her message became publicly known, she had to suffer scorn and ridicule for some years. But the bishop of her diocese (Liège) and some of his canons eventually lent a willing ear to her appeals. A diocesan synod in 1246 decided in her favor and prescribed such a feast for the churches of Liège.

Was it mere coincidence that one of the men who had supported her efforts in Belgium later became pope? He was Jacques Pantaléon, Archdeacon of Liège. Upon his election to the papal office he assumed the name of Urban IV (1261-1265). On September 8, 1264, six years after Juliana’s death, he established for the whole Church that festival in honor of the Holy Eucharist which the saintly nun had proclaimed to be willed by God. It was to be celebrated with great solemnity on the Thursday after Pentecost week, and indulgences were granted to all who would receive Holy Communion or attend special devotions in addition to hearing Mass.

Urban IV commissioned the great Dominican scholar Saint Thomas Aquinas to compose the texts of Mass and Divine Office for the new feast. The splendor, depth, and devotion of the prayers and hymns that Saint Thomas wrote have enriched the liturgy with one of its most beautiful rituals. They are still in use today, admired and appreciated by people of all faiths.

The bull of Urban IV had no immediate effect because he died soon after its publication, and the succeeding popes did not urge the matter. Finally, however, Pope Clement V, in 1314, renewed the decrees in a bull of his own, and then the feast spread quickly throughout the Latin Church.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Paulette Brady, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Mitzi Vandenburg, Gerald Foy, Strahota Family, Helen DeCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 10:30 a.m. High Mass  
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

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