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Bishop Daly, as you have undoubtedly already read, will open a year-long diocesan celebration in honor of the Eucharist beginning on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 14th. Sometimes, as the Easter season comes to its conclusion, the successive feasts take on a secondary importance: The Most Holy Trinity (June 7th) and the feast of Corpus Christi (June 14th) are indeed important feasts for all of us—the liturgical colors remain the same as for Easter (White) and the focus remains on the Paschal Mystery which speaks of that sense of unity to which we are all called in communion.

I have reflected many times in the bulletin and in homilies on the sense of ‘communio,’ that relationship which binds us together as the living Body of Christ in the world. The power that binds us together in this ‘communio’ is also the power that binds together the three persons of the Blessed Trinity in one Godhead, and is also the power that unites us in Eucharist.

We seek that bond of love and unity in a unique and special way during these days as we seek to re-integrate our society and our world. It is also of paramount importance in our world, as we see the divisions that exist in the life of our Church and our diocese, to seek a renewal of that bond between us.

Bishop Daly has also encouraged us to pray, between now and the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 19th), a novena prayer to the Sacred Heart, based on the prayers of St. Padre Pio.

Confessions will be heard from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, and again on Saturday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Until further notice, the confessionals will not be in use. I am asking that the norms of social distancing be maintained (6 feet) between penitents (unless they are in the same family). Individuals will come down the far aisle of the church and I will be seated in the back chapel; there will be some sort of screen in place between the confessor and penitent. I realize that this is not the ideal by any stretch of the imagination, but it does give us the opportunity to return to celebration of the sacrament of penance.

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UPDATE FROM FR. TIM

With all of the changing information that is going on this week regarding reopening our parish, I have made the decision that we will delay our reopening at least a week in order to navigate the changing requirements.

I am looking forward to celebrating with everyone when it is safe to do so and our protocols are clear.

Please be assured of my prayers.

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

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