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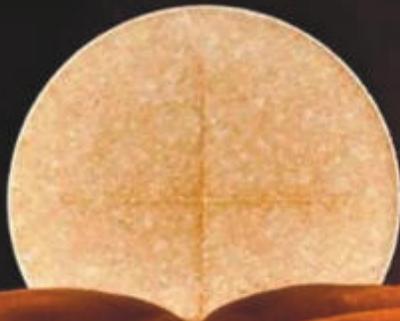
Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6, 2021

FOR MY FLESH

QUI MANDUCAT

IS TRUE FOOD

MEAM CARNEM



JOHN 6:55

## *Sacraments of the Eucharist*

Saturday Vigil Mass . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

## *Parish Office Information*

Office Hours . . . . . Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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## *Reconciliation*

By Appointment



## **School Office Information**

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Monday to Friday hours

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## *Staff Members*

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Call Shasta Hatter for more information or to volunteer.  
503-253-7566.



### *Our Prayer Petitions*

Kindly call the Office 503-256-5850 and ask for Colleen or email [info@stthereseor.org](mailto:info@stthereseor.org) if you would like your prayer petitions to be included in this section starting next week. More than ever, we are stronger in praying for each other!

**WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES IS EVERY MONDAY AT 5:00 PM. EMAIL [info@stthereseor.org](mailto:info@stthereseor.org).**

## A Note From Shasta:

St Vincent de Paul is still operating due to the generosity of the parish. We deliver food boxes, and help with rent and utilities.

Recently we held a quilt raffle and that was well supported by you. The drawing will be at our June 9th meeting. Food donations can be brought to the weekend masses; for larger donation please call Shasta at 503-253-7566 to make arrangements. Cash donations can be made using the envelopes in the quarterly mailing, or by making a check out to St Vincent de Paul and placing it in the donation box. Thank you for allowing us to serve the poor of our parish.

## Help Encourage One Another to Worship in Person!

There is no better time to step forward than now to help encourage each other return to in-person worship. Over a year is too long to stay away from receiving the Holy Eucharist, as the Holy Eucharist is precisely our sure hope to battle fear and uncertainty. Our small parish remains strengthened, renewed and anchored firmly on the Holy Eucharist, and we especially ask Jesus Christ the grace that more hearts will open and respond to His call to be one with Him in Mass in person. Help others gain confidence to return to church by sharing your own. Remember that as we step up to help, we also give ourselves the opportunity to share in the strength of community.



### *Thank you, Volunteer Ministers!*

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Janice Levesque  
Sue Buhr  
Greg Buhr  
Tom Byington  
Titay Schommer  
Steve Schommer  
Pam LaFerte



Sunday Mass at 10:00 am

John Crouch  
Jane Crouch  
Binh Truong  
Mary Haney  
Hazel Philbrook  
Margaret Oliphant  
Ken Oliphant  
Joan Galles



Emily Crouch  
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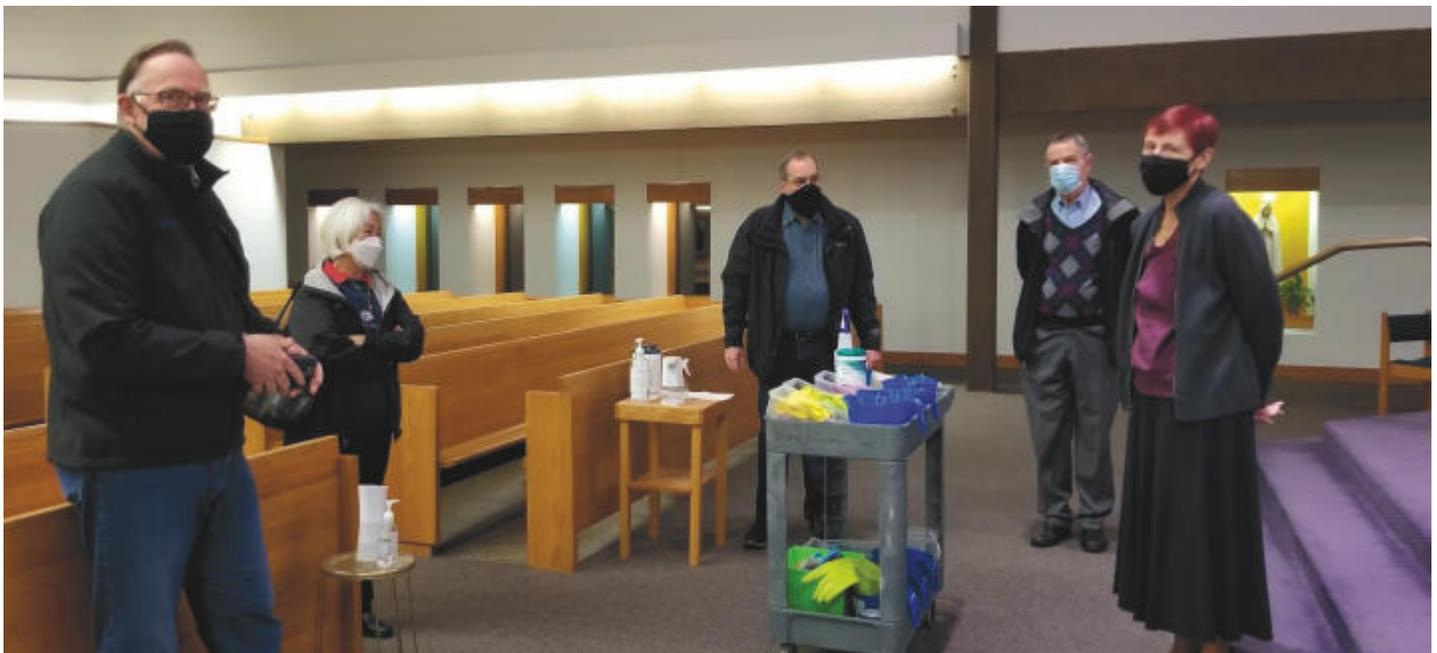
**“A View From The Pew” by Greg Buhr**



For the past year or so I have had the privilege of volunteering to help at Mass, it's not that I enjoy hand sanitizing 10+ times in an hour or spraying down the pews and doors with bleach. And definitely not the over-spray that make my pants look like the most modern H&K fashion look! Nor is it the “The Door Guy” job that I seem to get a lot. But it is about the opportunities that it provides to help others come to Church and feel safe about entering a space we need so much during ALL the craziness that has surrounded us in the last 19 months. I can't think of being at any Mass that I have not thought... “for the small amount of effort to help keep the environment safe here, I have been able to celebrate my Faith and receive Communion. How may hundreds of millions of Catholics around the world have not been able to do the same?”

As we are able to open up from the restrictions that the Archbishop and the mandates from the State of Oregon provide us, it's time to take the next steps and get more of our parishioners into the building. Regardless of your status with the vaccines, we need you with us. If you need to wear a mask, please do so, if you are cleared to not have that restriction that is a personal choice too. If you go to the grocery store, stop by the pharmacy, grab a takeout meal from a favorite restaurant, then you can come to celebrate Mass with your other family. I fear that there are people who are taking the wrong road of faith by allowing yourself to use this as an excuse. Now before you start pounding out a frosty reply, if your doctor says no, if it is a genuine problem, then by all means, do not come, you are responsible for your own wellbeing! Just be sure that you are not using the broadcast version of Church as a reason to not join us..... Communion does not travel the cable wires well. Heck, I'll try and get the grumpy old guy at the door on Saturday night to be a little more welcoming!

We miss you all.



Greg Buhr (leftmost) with fellow Ministers Tom Byington, Sue Buhr, Titay Schommer and Steve Schommer.

*Teresita Frida K, Banico*

*Maxine Behm*

*Jeremy Burns*

*Paulina Ennes*

*Isabella Gazzola*

*Jeffrey David Ginter*

*Vera Korchinski*

*Candy Lopez*



*Jose Lopez*

*Joy Moorman*

*Jean Olson*

*Maria Jesusa K, Pineda*

*Dorothy Rose*

*Joanne Scabery*

*Joseph Van Buren*

*Barbara Netz-Yuitinga*

*In Remembrance - on February 5th we had a Remembrance Mass to remember those who passed away in 2020 and January of 2021. Barbara Yuitinga who passed away recently has been added to our Remembrance Scroll. May eternal rest be granted upon them.*

### **St. Therese Church Shared Music Ministry**



From left: Suzanne Edwards, Robert O'Hearn and Brian Haskins - three members of our Shared Music Ministry Team who have tremendously helped us in Masses during these pandemic times.

Jesus saw many walking away from him because what he said was difficult to understand, but he did not change what he said. Instead he turned to the twelve who remained and asked, "Do you also wish to go away?" Today when many Catholics doubt, or do not believe, the real presence of Jesus, remember his question, and Peter's response. May it also be yours!



## Do you find it difficult to believe?

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "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. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

## The Words of Eternal Life

**<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."**

**<sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."** <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil." <sup>71</sup> He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, <sup>[1]</sup> for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him. (From the Gospel of John, Chapter 6)

Joyful celebrations of Sacraments during the pandemic: Twelve of our students were confirmed on October 25th and November 8th, 2020. Eight of our students received their First Communion on January 1st and May 16th of this year while one of our third graders was also baptized. Praise the Lord for these blessings!



A group of parishioners has been meeting for LECTIO DIVINA on Fridays after the 10:00am Mass at the PSC (around 10:45am). Safety and sanitation protocol are still very much in place in our parish. In the noise of all the fear and confusion LECTIO DIVINA gives us a space and a time to spend with the Lord. For information please call Carmel at 503-997-7067.



**39 “COME,” HE REPLIED, “AND YOU WILL SEE.” (FROM JOHN 1:39)**

If you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Faith, considering becoming a Catholic, or would like to walk more fully into our journey of faith, please give us a call. We are opening up our Parish Faith Formation Program soon - so please kindly share the good news! If you would like more information about the following, or any question at all! - please see Stella, call 503-256-5850 ext. 204 or email at [Stella@stthereseor.org](mailto:Stella@stthereseor.org):

**First Communion Classes** (after school hours)

**Confirmation Classes** (after school hours)

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - schedule to be decided by attendees

**Catholics and Difficult Questions**, or Growing More in the Faith - schedule to be decided by attendees

**Bible Reflection Group** - schedule to be decided by attendees

**Come and See!**



Star of Heaven,  
who nourished the Lord  
and uprooted the plague of death  
which our first parents planted:



May that star now deign  
to hold in check the constellations  
whose strife causes in people  
the sores of a terrible death.



O glorious star of the sea,  
save us from infections.



Hear us:  
for your Son, who honors you,  
denies you nothing.



Jesus, save us,  
for whom the Virgin Mother prays  
to you. Amen.

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