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June 19, 2022



*Our Lady of Lourdes
Shrine - 1881 -*

A Eucharistic Descant

“But let a man examine or prove himself: and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 11:28-29 Douay-Rheims).

Today is the External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, called the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the new calendar. This feast was originally placed on the first free Thursday after Eastertide and the Octave of Pentecost to honor the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Most countries continue to observe this past Thursday as Corpus Christi.

What might be surprising is that the “indult,” or “permission” to move the Solemnity from Thursday to the following Sunday did not take place after Vatican II, but during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII. (Recall that Pope Leo XIII granted a plenary indulgence to the visitors to the Shrine in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes here in our cemetery.)

It was not an indult granted out of pure practicality, although it is clear that the Lord’s Day allows a much greater participation by the Faithful in the Sacramental life of the Church than just about any other day. The Sunday following Trinity Sunday was from the earliest times a Sunday in which the Gospel and readings particularly called to mind the wedding feast of the Lamb, the banquet of the King: the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is not unlike the readings that were chosen for

“Low Sunday” which closes the Easter Octave. The Mass of that day remarkably dwells on the Divine Mercy of God and seems to have been put in place long before our Lord asked St. Faustina to petition the Church to make that day in honor of His Divine Mercy.

The day which would be most suitable for honoring and celebrating our Lord Jesus in His Most Holy Body and Blood would seem to be Holy Thursday, the day of the Institution of the Blessed Sacrament, but the commemorations of the Passion of the Lord called for a feast apart from Holy Week and that is why the first free Thursday after Eastertide was chosen and became Corpus Christi.

It was in 1263 that a priest offering holy Mass during his pilgrimage to Rome had just finished uttering the words of consecration that blood began seeping from the Host and ran over his hands and dripped onto the altar. The priest hastened to the nearby village of Orvieto where the Pope was visiting. After careful investigation, the Pope had the corporal that the priest had brought with him enshrined in the cathedral of Orvieto, where it remains to this day. And one year after the miracle, the pope established the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. A Dominican priest was asked by the pope to write a Mass and Office to honor the Blessed Sacrament. That Dominican priest was St. Thomas Aquinas. We still use the prayers and hymns that he wrote to open and close Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is interesting that the church where this happened was not in Orvieto, but in a neighboring town of Bolsena. Moreover, that church of St. Christine where this miracle took place still shows the stains of the blood that fell onto the altar and floor of the chapel from when the miracle happened 759 years ago.

Yet it had been to St. Juliana of Liège (1192-1258) that the Lord revealed His desire for a Feast in honor of His Body and Blood. The Bishop of Liège added the solemnity to the Local Church calendar. Not many years later, the Archdeacon of Liège, who knew about St. Juliana’s Eucharistic visions, was elected pope and took the name Urban IV. Early in his pontificate, he happened to visit Orvieto and received an anxious priest who brought to him a blood-soaked corporal and the account of the miracle at St. Christina’s church. Not long after a thorough investigation, Pope Urban IV added the Solemnity of Corpus Christi to the Universal Church calendar.

From the largest Basilica in the world (the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in the Ivory Coast) to the smallest and plainest chapel room where a priest offers the holy Mass with only the Lord and His saints and angels present, the Blessed Sacrament is continuously suspended between heaven and earth at altars around the world as an offering to God the Father. As one priest places the sacred Host back on the corporal, another is raising it up again. As the chalice filled with the Precious Blood is then again placed on the corporal, another chalice is being lifted up. If each of us receives



Monday, June 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Mary Ackerman (D)

Tuesday, - June 21, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Margaret Volland (L)

Wednesday, - June 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Augie Anetrini (D)

Thursday June 23, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Mary Ackerman (D)

Friday, - June 24, 2022

7:30 a.m. – The Seven Sisters Apostolate & Those They Pray For

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Saturday, -June 25, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Laura Kuzniar (D)

4:00 p.m. – Mary Ackerman (D)

Sunday, June 26, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Margaret Calabrese (D)

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Fr. John Bustamante (L)

Holy Father’s Intention for June:

For Families

“We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.” (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-monthly-prayer-intentions-2022.html>)

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, June 25, 2022

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, June 26, 2022

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, M. Grado, I. Charrette, A. Bustamante, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. A. & W. Remski, G. & G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of June 19, 2022

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

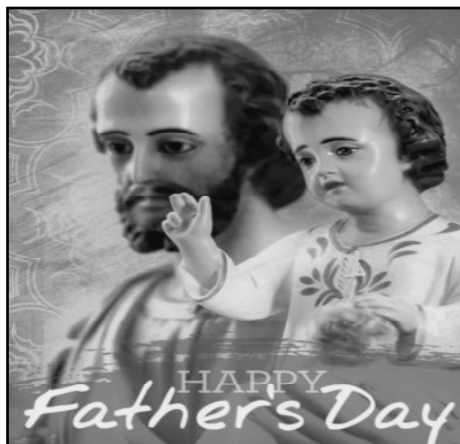
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62



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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

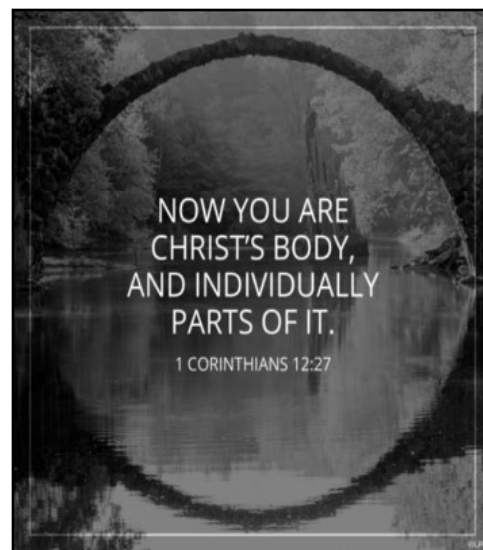
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.



A Eucharistic Descant (continued)

the graces of every rosary being prayed in a particular gathering—as we pray together after each holy Mass here—how much more do each of us share in the graces of the mystery of the Eternal Sacrifice of Jesus Christ when we attend Mass. Our Lord’s sacrifice is being represented at altars around the world continuously, and our presence here unites us mystically to every Mass throughout the world.

St. Paul’s words “But let a man prove himself” refers to the proper preparation to partake of the Blessed Sacrament. Broadly speaking, this is being free from mortal sin through Confession, fasting the prescribed time that Church has set, and professing full communion with holy Mother Church. If we are not in the state of grace or lacking full communion with holy Mother Church, then we are not receiving the graces that God intended us to receive. In fact, prayers in the state of mortal sin merit us nothing, until we are restored to communion with the Lord. It’s not that we should not pray, but we should not delay being restored through Confession.

It is important to note that Holy Mother Church does not have numerous or complicated rules regarding reception of Holy Communion. Holy Mother Church requires the same of anyone who would desire to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. The requirements are that a person be in full communion with the Catholic Church—free from any mortal sin as well as any dissent from Church teaching, and that the person has fasted for at least one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. The Church does not bar anyone from professing full communion with the Catholic Church. She does bar from Holy Communion those who refuse to profess full communion. This profession is not made by simply filing up for Holy Communion. There is a serious obligation which precedes a person processing to the Communion rail to receive Holy Communion, and that obligation is full

acceptance and adherence to the teachings of the Catholic Church. To approach the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ with anything less is sacrilege. And yes, Catholics can commit sacrilege much easier than non-Catholics since Catholics alone not only have such ready access to so Blessed a Sacrament, but also have been entrusted with so great a Sacrament: “And unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required” (Luke 12:48).

At Benediction today after the noon Mass, the faithful are afforded a special opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence for themselves or a soul in purgatory when the Tantum Ergo is sung, followed by the short responsorial and prayer. The usual conditions apply—sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions and exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow morning Holy Mass until noon. The Litany of the Sacred Heart and Consecration to the Sacred Heart will be prayed at noon and again at the evening Mass at 7:00 PM.

Today is the perfect day to mention Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: we have Adoration after Mass from Tuesday to Friday. We hope to begin adoration on Mondays in the Convent Chapel once we have refurbished it and made it more suitable for Adoration of Our Lord. Please consider making a Holy Hour during these hours and, if you are at all able, let the secretary at the parish office know if it would be OK to call you on occasion to come for an hour of Adoration if we are short on Adorers during the week.

There will be a social offered for a minimal cost sponsored by the Ushers after the procession and Benediction.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar, be praised, adored and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in every

tabernacle throughout the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

Adoration

Because the church is being cleaned on Mondays now, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved from Monday to Tuesday. When we have enough Adorers on Monday, we will begin Adoration on Mondays in the convent. Please consider signing up for an hour of adoration between 9:00 AM and noon during the weekdays or adding your name to the substitute list who are called when there is a specific need.

New Parish Email Address

Please note that the parish email address has changed. The new email address is parish@assumptiongrotto.com.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21 at 7:15 PM.

Corpus Christi Picnic

The ushers will host a picnic on the church grounds after the noon Mass today (weather permitting).

New Banners for Our Lady

We need volunteers to assist in making new Banners to honor our Lady. Some of our older banners are worn and in need of replacement. If you are able to help, this is a wonderful gift to our Blessed Mother. Banners may be made using any title from the Litany of Loretto. For more information, or to volunteer, please call the Rectory at 313-372-0762.

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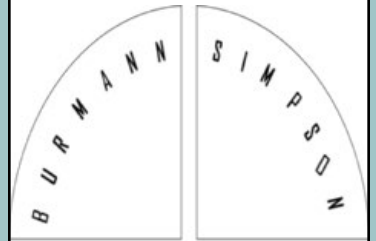
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A Blog by a Grotto Parishioner
DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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