

Corpus Christi- June 10th, 2012



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us

Mass Schedule & Intentions from June 9–17, 2012

Saturday	5:00PM	†	Rugiero & Catarina Sdao by Frank & Franca Sdao Pierino Iaonnoni by wife & family Francisca Bastiampillai by Anton & Indri Swampillai
Sunday (Feast of Corpus Christi)	9:00AM	†	Angela Ventresca by husband Luciano Angelina Santone by Terzo & Stella Pace Franc Horvat by Teresa Horvat Lily Ligotti by John Ligotti & family For the People of our Parish No Mass
Monday	11:00AM		Communion Service
Tuesday	7:00PM		Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00AM		Communion Service
Thursday	9:00AM		Communion Service
Friday	9:00AM		Communion Service
Saturday	5:00PM	†	Pasquale Vaccaro by wife & family Fred Leon by wife Betty & family Antonio Maddalena by Lina Maddalena & family In honour of St. Anthony of Padua by the morning prayer group
Sunday	9:00AM	†	Carl & Olive Madsen by Cheryl Maurice & family John Kotula by family Beny Inneo by wife Nardina & family Ippolito Mauro by Ines Mauro For the People of our Parish
	11:00AM		



"Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'"
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, also known as the feast of **Corpus Christi**.

Last Sunday's Collection - \$1983.01 and \$528.00 for the Building Fund. Bless you for your continued support.

"Christ gave his own body for the life of all" by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop

"I am dying for all," says the Lord. "I am dying to give them life through myself and to redeem the whole human race through my humanity. In my death, death itself will die and man's fallen nature will rise again with me. I wanted to be like my brothers in every respect, so I became a man like you, a descendant of Abraham." Understanding this well Saint Paul says: *As the children of a family share the same flesh and blood, he too shared our human nature so that by his death he could destroy the power of the devil, the prince of death.* Death itself and the prince of death could be destroyed only by Christ, who is above all, giving himself up as a ransom for all.

And so, speaking as a spotless victim offering himself for us to God the Father, Christ says in one of the psalms: *You desired no sacrifices or offerings, but you have prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sin offerings. Then I said, "Behold, I am coming."* He was crucified for all, desiring his one death for all to give all of us life in him. It was impossible for him to be conquered by death; nor could he who by his very nature is life be subject to corruption. Yet we know that Christ offered his flesh for the life of the world from his own prayer, *Holy Father, protect them, and from his words, For their sake I consecrate myself.* By saying that he consecrates himself he means that he offers himself to God as a spotless and sweet-smelling sacrifice. According to the law, anything offered upon the altar was consecrated and considered holy. So Christ gave his own body for the life of all, and makes it the channel through which life flows once more into us. How he does this I will explain to the best of my ability.

When the life-giving Word of God dwelt in human flesh, he changed it into that good thing which is distinctively his, namely, life; and by being wholly united to the flesh in a way beyond our comprehension, he gave it the life-giving power which he has by his very nature. Therefore, the body of Christ gives life to those who receive it. Its presence in mortal men expels death and drives away corruption because it contains within itself in his entirety the Word who totally abolishes corruption.

International Eucharistic Congress: June 10-17, Dublin Ireland

Theme: "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another"

The aim of the Eucharistic Congress is twofold: to make us more aware of the centrality of the Eucharist in our life and mission, and to improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy.

Excerpts from the Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI on The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, May 31, 2009

"This is my Body.... This is my Blood". These words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated every time that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is renewed and they resonate with special power today on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. They make us relive the spiritual atmosphere of that night when, celebrating Passover with his followers, the Lord mystically anticipated the sacrifice that was to be consummated the following day on the Cross. The Institution of the Eucharist thus appears to us as an anticipation and acceptance, on Jesus' part, of his death.

"This is my Blood". Here the reference to the sacrificial language of Israel is clear. Jesus presents himself as the true and definitive sacrifice, in which was fulfilled the expiation of sins which, in the Old Testament rites, was never fully completed. This is followed by two other very important remarks. First of all, Jesus says that his Blood "is poured out for many" with a comprehensible reference to the songs of the Servant of God that are found in the Book of Isaiah (ch. 53). With the addition "blood of the Covenant" Jesus also makes clear that through his death the prophesy of the new Covenant is fulfilled, based on the fidelity and infinite love of the Son made man. An alliance that, therefore, is stronger than all humanity's sins.

On the Cross, Jesus is at the same time victim and priest: a victim worthy of God because he was unblemished, and a High Priest who offers himself, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and intercedes for the whole of humanity. The Cross is therefore a mystery of love and of salvation which cleanses us as the Letter to the Hebrews states from "dead works", that is, from sins, and sanctifies us by engraving the New Covenant upon our hearts. The Eucharist, making present the sacrifice of the Cross, renders us capable of living communion with God faithfully.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us too reaffirm our fidelity to the Lord. I recall the importance of remaining attentive to the word of God in prayer and in exploring the Scriptures, especially through the practice of lectio divina, that is, through reading the Bible in meditation and veneration. God moulds our faith community as "his" People, as the one Body of Christ, thanks to our heartfelt participation in the twofold banquet of the Word and of the Eucharist.

St John Vianney liked to tell his parishioners: "Come to communion.. It is true that you are not worthy of it, but you need it".. With the knowledge of being inadequate because of sin, but needful of nourishing ourselves with the love that the Lord offers us in the Eucharistic sacrament, let us renew our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We must not take this faith for granted! Today we run the risk of secularization creeping into the Church too. There is the temptation to reduce prayer to superficial, hasty moments, letting ourselves be over- powered by earthly activities and concerns, is always strong.

When we recite the Our Father, we will say: "Give us this day our daily bread", thinking of course of the bread of each day for us and for all peoples. But this request contains something deeper. The Greek word *epiούσιος*, that we translate as "daily", could also allude to the "super-stantial" bread, the bread "of the world to come". Some Fathers of the Church saw this as a reference to the Eucharist, the bread of eternal life, the new world, that is already given to us in Holy Mass, so that from this moment the future world may begin within us. With the Eucharist, therefore, Heaven comes down to earth, the future of God enters the present and it is as though time were embraced by divine eternity.

Upcoming Parish Events

C.W.L. Final Meeting of the Season:

Monday June 11th at 7PM in the Parish Hall.

Blessing of the Bread: to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua,

Saturday June 16th at the 5pm Mass.

Meatball Sale Fundraiser: Volunteers are needed to help make the meatballs on Saturday June 16th, starting at 9AM.

Twoonie Sunday and Food Drive: for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Sunday June 17th.

Youth Ministry Pickup Sports

League: for ages 12-18, Wednesday evenings at 7pm throughout the summer. The first session will be June 20th.

Last Day of Children's Liturgy:

Sunday June 24th.

Vacation Bible School: Monday July 16th until Friday July 20th 9am-12pm daily.

Great Adventure Bible Study for kids is an adaptation of Jeff Cavins Bible study program. Starting September 15th.

Our Parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society is in desperate

need of volunteers. Without more help we may be

forced to close.

If interested contact Barbara at 905-735-4812.

St. Andrew's Pickup Sports League for Youth

Throughout the summer holidays, the youth ministry will be hosting pickup sports at St. Andrew's school for youth aged 12-18. Participants will meet weekly at 7pm on Wednesday's.

Want to help? Contact Jon or Sarah Hardt at 905-732-5798.

Child & Youth Ministry Team Call for Volunteers

Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.):

We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

Faith leader, Craft leader, Music leader, Snack leader and Skit performers. We are also looking for some individuals to help with the overall operation of the program.

World Day of Prayer for Priests, Friday June 15, 2012.

Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for priests today. The day was begun by Pope John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of priests. The World Day of Prayer for Priests coincides with the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We pray that priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God.