

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

Saturday, May 22nd St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:30 am - St. John – *in pectore*

9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John – Brent Beck by Deacon Pete & Mary Anne Gummere

Sunday, May 23rd Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - St. John – For the People

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – *in pectore*

11:30am - Queen of Peace - Randy Mackay by Robert & Priscilla Messier
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, May 24th The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Hans Hahr by Ray & Diane Bailey

Tuesday, May 25th Sts. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII Pope, Mary Magdalene

8:30 am - St. John - Gibson Children by Martha Gibson

Wednesday, May 26th St. Philip Neri

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John

5:15 pm - St. John – Aida Devierte by Marylou Sales

Thursday, May 27th St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:30 am - St. John – Ralph & Gratia Roy by Mike Roy

Friday, May 28th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Susan Maurice by Amy Marcinko

Saturday, May 29th St. Paul VI, Pope

8:30 am - St. John – *in pectore*

9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm - St. John – The Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul
by SVDP Corpus Christi Conference

Sunday, May 30th Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John

8:00 am - St. John – Anna Boivin by Isabelle Handy

9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – For the People

11:30am - Queen of Peace - *in pectore*
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Please pray for parishioners who are ill or in need of your prayers, especially:
Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis,
Randy Thomas, Dick & Anita Bedor, Karson St. Marie

5/30/21	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm D Hale 8am T Lovett	9:35am S Mason	11:30am D Rooker

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; the Rectory: 748-8129 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

A poster of the First Holy Communion candidates is at each of the three churches. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament which will take place on May 23rd.

PARISH EVENTS

May 23: First Communion at all 3 Masses

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$113,342.38 + On-Line: \$70,655.59

Collections & Receipts: May 16, 2021 Reg. Offertory: \$2,799.42

Second Collections

May 23rd No Second Collection May 30th No Second Collection

Beautification of the Monument for the Unborn Project

Parishioners are invited to share in this garden beautification project. If you would like to donate either perennials from your yard or a monetary gift, please see Sherry Alix, or call the Parish Office to find out how you can donate and help with this project. Thank You

Futures Pregnancy Care Bottle Drive

The Baby Bottle Drive is now coming to an end. Please return your baby bottles by May 30th. Thank you for all who donated.

First Holy Communion

First Communion candidates will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 23rd at the Sunday morning Masses: St. John's Church at 8:00 A.M., St. Elizabeth Church at 9:35 A.M., and Queen of Peace Church at 11:30 A.M. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. Thank you.

Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Hahr

We are offering a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Hahr in thanksgiving for his time here at Corpus Christi Parish. Please pledge to pray for him and note the devotional prayer and number of prayers which you intend to offer on the sheet provided in the entrance of each church. These will be available for the next two weeks. We have been truly blessed having Fr. Hahr as our Pastor for the last 3 years. May God bless him as he continues on his journey. Thank you. The Vocation Ministry

My family and I wish to thank everyone for their many kindnesses, prayers and condolences at the death of my brother, Hans. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Please continue to pray for Hans and for us. Many thanks. ~ Fr. Hahr

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory. May they soon be united with Thee and hear those blessed words which will call them to their heavenly home: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."
—St. Augustine

Ecce Agnus Dei

The article on the parts of the Mass in last week's bulletin, suggested that we contemplate the piercing of Christ's side as we sing "Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us ... grant us peace," and as we watch the priest fracture the Sacred Host, placing a particle of the Body of Christ into the Precious Blood, signifying Resurrection after three days. At the end of the Agnus

Dei, the priest says his own prayer to Jesus truly present on the altar, asking that he be always united and pleasing to the Lord, and that this particular Holy Communion, might be a source of grace and not an occasion of condemnation. In other words, the priest prays that he might receive worthily the Sacred Host, as one truly pleasing to the Lord. This is a time for everyone to make a similar preparation for Holy Communion.

The priest then genuflects to Christ's sacramental Presence before him, and taking the two halves of the Sacred Host, he may carefully put them back together, further signifying the Resurrection, and with his thumb and fore finger covering the place of the missing particle – we're reminded of St. Thomas examining the wounds of Christ – the priest then shows Jesus to the people saying: *Ecce Agnus Dei ... Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.* And the people respond: *Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.* This is inspired by the words of the centurion in St. Luke's Gospel: *when He was not yet far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to enter under my roof; for that reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You; but just say the word, and my servant shall be healed* (Lk 7:6-7), and it shows what sort of faith we must have when approaching Holy Communion. "To partake of Holy Communion freedom from guilt of mortal sin is essential. But, if in the dust of the roadside our heart has contracted one of those stains from which we cannot entirely preserve our poor human nature," viz. venial sin, let us be sorry, and admitting our unworthiness ask for our Lord's forgiveness and healing.

Next comes the Communion of the priest, which should "remind us of the *Eucharistic repast of the risen Savior with His Apostles* in the village of Emmaus ... the priest sees before him on the altar Jesus Christ risen from the dead. The same Jesus Who gave Himself in food to the Apostles at Emmaus. The priest takes into his hands the Body of the risen Jesus ... under the fragile Species acknowledging with Thomas his Lord and his God ... He raises to his lips the Bread of angels, lays it on his trembling tongue, which thus becomes the throne of the Most High, and the union is consummated. It is no longer the priest who lives, but Jesus Christ Who lives in him."

This is the prayer that priest quietly says before receiving the Body of Christ: *May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life*, and he says similarly of the Precious Blood. In the silence of this part of the Mass, you should also pray. In your charity and gratitude you might pray for the priest himself. He it is who is bringing Christ to you in this very moment; you might pray similarly for him as he prays for himself, viz. that the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ will keep him safe for eternal life.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

At Baptism, we receive seven special gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed and strengthened within us at Confirmation. These seven gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.

Wisdom is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.

Understanding is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church, as well as to know what's needed from you in a given situation.

Right Judgment, or Counsel, is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live faithful to Christ.

Courage, or Fortitude, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.

Knowledge is the gift of enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from Him.

Piety, is the gift of confidence in God. This gift of piety inspires you to want to serve God and others.

Fear of the Lord is the gift of wonder and respect that encourages you to be in awe of God. The gift of wonder and awe moves you to so love God that you do not want to offend Him by your words or actions.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit: *When we cooperate with the graces and gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit, we grow as followers of Jesus. We see the effect of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in special qualities and attitudes that we develop as we grow in faith. The Church identifies these qualities and attitudes as the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that the Holy Spirit is alive within us and helping us live the Catholic faith in our daily lives.*

Love: We exhibit the virtue of charity, or love, by our unselfish devotion and care for God and our neighbor.

Joy: We live with joy when we recognize that true happiness comes, not from material things, but from knowing and following Christ.

Peace: We are freed from worrying about trivial things because of the inner peace we experience with God in our hearts.

Patience: We demonstrate patience by treating others with thoughtfulness and tolerance. We know that we can overcome the temptations and sufferings of life because God is always with us.

Kindness: We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated.

Goodness: We exhibit goodness when we honor God by avoiding sin and always trying to do what we know is right.

Generosity: We demonstrate the fruit of generosity when we share our gifts and possessions with others.

Gentleness: Gentle people act calmly and avoid actions that might lead others to anger or resentment.

Faithfulness: We are faithful when we live out our commitment to the teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Catholic Church.

Modesty: Exhibited by being pure in our thoughts, words, and dress.

Self-control: We exercise self-control by working to overcome the temptations we face and by trying always to do God's will.

Chastity: We live the virtue of chastity when we use the gift of sexuality wisely, according to God's plan.