

St. Patrick Catholic Church

June 11, 2023

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

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Masses

Weekday	Mon - Sat 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM 1:00 PM (Español)

Daily Rosary	7:40 AM
Divine Mercy	Mon, Tu, & Fri after Rosary
Devotion to Our Lady	Wed. after Rosary
Liturgy of the Hours	Thurs after Rosary

For anointings, hospital visits, and
communion visits, please call parish office.

Adoration

1st Thursday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
1st Sunday	2:00 - 7:00 PM
3rd Sunday	2:00 - 6:00 PM

Rosary & Adoration

Tuesday	Rosary @ 5:30 PM Adoration 6:00 –7:00
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Confession

Tuesday	7:30 AM-8:15 AM
Friday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Saturday	3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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PASTORS PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

This past week we received very special news from the Bishop! He is allowing us to resume the distribution of Holy Communion under Both Species, and my goal is to start this at our Sunday Masses next week. This joyous news coincides with the start of the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative begun by the bishops in response to a survey that reported only one-third of Catholics believe in the Real Presence. This survey was done when I first arrived in our parish and so has always been at the forefront of my mind and approach to things. We have preached on the Eucharist, we have increased times for Adoration, and re-introduced 40 Hours Devotion and Processions of the Blessed Sacrament. But there is always more to do!

As we look forward to receiving the Precious Blood of our Lord, it is good to recall what we believe as Catholics about the Sacred Eucharist. The chief of our beliefs is that after the Consecration, the bread and wine cease to be bread and wine. They retain all the physical qualities of bread and wine but their substance, the WHAT they are, changes into to Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and remains this. We call this "Transubstantiation." We also believe that whether one receives only the Sacred Host or the Precious Blood, we receive our Lord completely as long as we are in a state of grace, have observed the Communion Fast, and are properly disposed. Both Species does not give us more nor are we deprived if we receive only one Species, and we call this doctrine "concomitance". Priests celebrating Mass must receive both in order for the Mass to be valid, but we only need one Species for Holy Communion. **If you have a compromised immune system or are feeling ill, avoid receiving the Precious Blood.**

When the Second Vatican Council proposed Holy Communion under both Species, a very restricted allowance was proposed; the current code of Canon Law gives that vision force of law. Currently, canon law recommends that we distribute the Precious Blood about 12 times a year. My plan is to have Both Species at Sunday Masses, and the solemn evening Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, but we will not have Communion under both Species beyond this.

This week you will notice one small change at Holy Communion as well. I am adopting the use of Communion Patens during the distribution of Holy Communion. This practice fell out of vogue but was never officially abolished by the Church. In fact, there is a document called "Redemptionis sacramentum" which demands its use. Recently, the Sacred Host has fallen two or three times and many of the Hosts have had issues causing particles to be lost. We believe that our Lord is truly present, in even the smallest particle of the Sacred Host.

In theology there is a principle called "Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi" which translates as "The law of prayer is the law of belief." Our practices, customs, and habits regarding the Sacred Eucharist will confirm what we believe, and it is my hope that our fidelity to the rubrics and instructions of the Church will deepen both our faith and our love for our Lord who gives Himself to us and abides present to us in the great gift of the Sacred Eucharist.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

WE PRAY FOR:

Bonnie Burke, Pat Chargin, Diane Damron, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Cathie Fideli, Gary & Linda Grube, Jack Harris, Jeff Hill, Joan & Tom Jacobs, Linda Kilass, Dee Lavrador, Wayne McHone, **John Mercurio**, Kathleen Montavon, Cheryl Riopel, Susan Roberts, Chuck Ryan, Frank Santos, Sue Schrag, Larry Schmidt, Dcn Rick & Maureen Soria, Stella Spring, Barbara Stephens, Maddie Testa, ...and their families.

Names are automatically included for 3 months, please call the office if you would like a different time frame.



STEWARDSHIP



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.

Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to be grateful for these gifts and to use them for God's glory and His purposes. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude for all the many gifts God has given each of us.

As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven.

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RCIA INQUIRY SESSION



Have you been worshipping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you been Catholic all your life, but never celebrated the sacraments of initiation? Are you from a different faith background, and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

If you, or someone you know answered yes to any of these questions, please join us for the next session of this year's Inquiry of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) on Saturday, June 17th, from 9-11 AM in the RCIA room at St. Cecelia's Center. Contact Traci at (530) 575-0176 or rcia@stppatrickgrassvalley.org for any questions.

WITH OUR CONDOLENCES



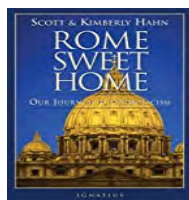
St. Patrick Parish community extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of **Virginia Hedges** who passed away June 2nd and **Jim Nieman** who passed away June 3rd. Please remember them and all the Faithful Departed in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

CREATION CARE



Last tips on climate-friendly traveling: Consider origin and content of souvenirs, and purchase locally made items, if possible; leave a note complimenting the hotel on earth-friendly practices such as having large pump-type shampoos, etc. instead of lots of little plastic bottles; save on water by reusing towels at the hotel instead of having them replace with fresh ones each day. Happy traveling!

PARISH BOOK CLUB



All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the Book Club on Monday, July 24, at 1:30 P. M. in the Angel's Nest. We will be discussing *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, by Kimberly and Scott Hahn. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee and cookies will be served.

OPENING DOORS MINISTRY



We are a Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. We have just completed our 38th year serving those in St. Patrick and St. Canice parishes. Our lessons this past season focused on the family tree of Jesus from the Old Testament, and on the Holy Seasons of the Church. Music, storytelling and prayer are an important part of this program. Our "doors" are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. The class will be starting up again in September 2023 with meetings on Sundays from 10am-11am. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Helen Albano, (530) 210-1721.

Corpus Christi

PROCESSION & CELEBRATION

This weekend following the 11:00 Mass

In celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through downtown Grass Valley with several altars set up for Benediction. Join us too for a potluck after the procession!

SUNDAY | JUNE 11 | NOON

Please Come and Join
(even if you attend an earlier Mass)

*We will not have a 1:00 PM Spanish Mass this day

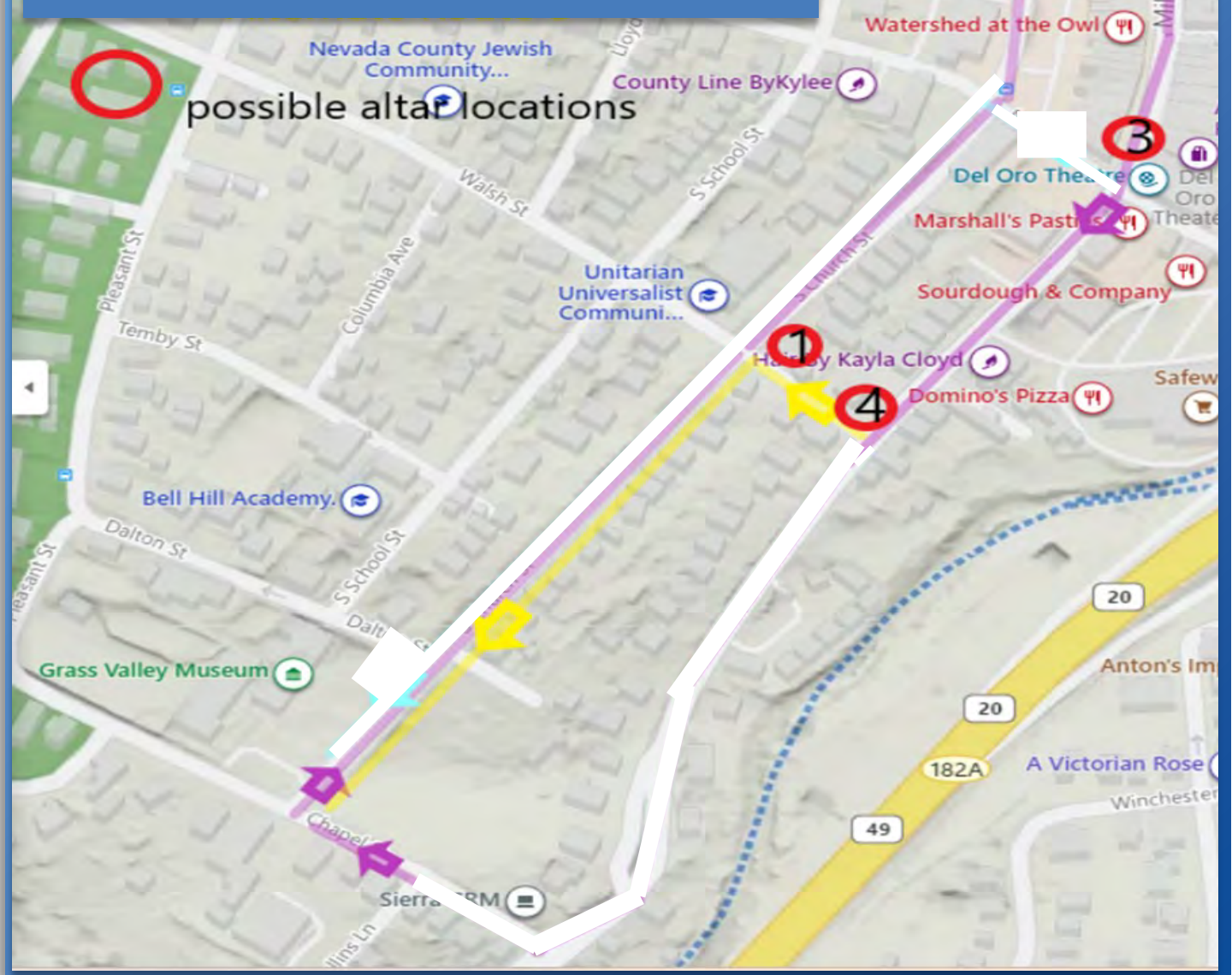


John 6:51-58

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him”

The latter part of the Easter season is all about the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises to send an advocate who will not leave us orphaned. Now, two Sundays after Pentecost, we celebrate another astonishing way that Jesus remains with us after the ascension. Through the power of that Spirit, he becomes fully present at every Mass; his body and blood are really there. While we might envy the disciples who got to walk alongside Jesus in his lifetime, we are given the extraordinary gift of being united with him – deeply and really – at every eucharistic celebration. Eating is one of the few acts that bypasses the barriers of the human body; the closeness is such that even on a molecular level, Jesus becomes part of us. The humility of God joining us in our human condition was an inconceivable gift; the humility of giving his flesh and blood as food and drink continues the mind-bending generosity of our God.

Corpus Christi Procession



**Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 &
1 Cor 10:16-17**

The first reading shows that God has a long history of providing food and drink for God's people. The Eucharist carries on this long tradition, but in an entirely new way that gives life previously unimaginable. The second reading reminds us that the Eucharist is a way of participating in the life of Jesus himself. We become his Body by participating. We are also bound together, becoming united in a reality that transcends all the human divisions we continue to enforce.

The Second Vatican Council calls the Eucharist the "source and summit" of our faith, but its repeatability can make it feel less special or exciting than some of the other sacraments. But Jesus reminds us of the reason for this repeatability; this sacrament is food, and like the food we eat to nourish our physical selves, this meal needs to be repeated for spiritual health and vigor.



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DONUTS WITH DAD

Join us on Sunday June 18th, Father's Day, and celebrate our dad's with donuts and coffee, tea or juice after all the Sunday Masses.



2nd Collection Next Week
Parish Maintenance
(Restoration)

The Good The Bad & The Beautiful



The Good: 40 Days for Life reports abortion facility worker number 251 has left their job, and of those 251 former staffers many have become pro-life advocates. 40 Days for Life spokesperson and former abortionist Dr. Haywood Robinson, along with his late wife Dr. Noreen Johnson, share their amazing conversion story in a book, *The Scalpel and the Soul*.

The Bad: An adjunct assistant professor of Hunter College in New York recently hurled insults and vandalized a pro-life display sponsored by campus members of the Students for Life of America. The professor is seen on video flipping over a case holding fetal models and declaring, while using explicative and offensive language, that the students were not educating anyone and their display was just propaganda.

The Beautiful: A growing number of Catholic colleges are putting their pro-life values into action by making available resources to help expectant moms on campus. A survey on this topic was done by EWTN News and they received responses from 17 Catholic colleges. Monsignor James P. Shea, president of the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota responded, "The pro-life movement needs this kind of 'strong and beautiful' witness more than ever. If I'm going to advocate for the protection of unborn lives, that means that I'm going to do everything I can to support those lives once they're born and the women who are generous enough to bring those lives into the fullness of light." The survey revealed these schools provide a variety of programs offering support for young moms pursuing a college degree from child care, tuition breaks, and specialized housing to, in the case of Belmont Abbey, an on-campus maternity home.

Blessed are the meek Blessed are the pure of heart Blessed are the merciful...

(Matt :1-10)

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel		Intention
Mon	6/12	Blessed Jolenta of Poland	2 Cor 1:1-7	Mt 5:1-12	8:30	Virginia Hedges (d)
Tues	6/13	Saint Anthony of Padua	2 Cor 1:18-22	Mt 5:13-16	8:30	Massie Gibson (d)
Wed	6/14	Saint Albert Chmielowski	2 Cor 3:4-11	Mt 5:17-19	8:30	Joel Thornley (d)
Thur	6/15	Saint Marguerite d'Youville	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6	Mt 5:20-26	8:30	Virginia Hedges (d)
Fri	6/16	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16	Mt 11:25-30	8:30	Richard Hauptert (d)
Sat	6/17	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Cor 5:14-21	Lk 2:41-51	8:30 5:00	TBD Noreen Russell (d)
Sun	6/18	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11	Matthew 9:36—10:8	7:30 9:00 11:00	TBD Jack Valentine (d) For the People



DEACON'S CORNER



"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert..... its parched and waterless ground;

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

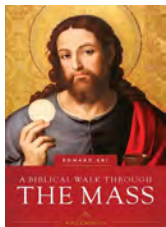
I love Jim Tissot's beautiful painting *Communion to the Apostles*. There in the eternal upper room is Jesus as the Eternal High Priest, flanked by St. Peter and St. John who are lifting Jesus' humeral veil as He is giving Communion to His Apostles. Our Blessed Mother is also there by St. John's side receiving the gift of Life. This beautiful image is a wonderful icon of the meaning of the Eucharist. But this gift of Life comes at such an amazing cost: Jesus, the Word made Flesh, gave His Life, His Flesh and His Blood on the cross in the most painful form of death. He did this not because we are good but because God is good. To ensure that His act of love would not just become a static historic event, on the night before His death, *"He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you— **do this in memory of me.**" And likewise the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.*

Countless books have been written on the Eucharist, trying to explain its meaning by using terms like Anamnesis, Transubstantiation, and recent theologians have added Transignification and Transfinalization. Bishop Robert Barron, in his book *This Is My Body*, does break open the meaning of these words as he discusses the Eucharist as both God's desire for an intimate relationship with us in a banquet and an eternal sacrifice to seal God's covenant of fidelity and love with humanity. Bishop Barron also made 2 points that I want to share with you.

The first goes to the heart of what I believe: Jesus Christ Our Lord is the Son of God, the Word Made Flesh. In the beginning God said: "Let there be light, and there was light;.... Then God said: Let the earth bring forth vegetation:..... And so it happened: Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature:.... And so it happened: Then God said: Let us make* human beings in our image, after our likeness. Jesus speaks and calms the storm. Jesus tells the paralytic man to rise and walk and he does. Jesus says: " Lazarus come out" and Lazarus comes out. To the daughter of Jairus, Jesus says: Talitha Koum" (little girl rise) and the 12-yr-old girl immediately got up. Jesus speaks and it happen., Jesus speaks and it is. Jesus says: *"This is MY body.... This cup is the new covenant in MY blood"* and they are. But then the most amazing gift happened, Jesus said: **Do this in memory of me.** And he empowered the apostles to speak the Words to become present to this eternal moment. Over the last 2 millenniums that empowerment to speak the Word has been passed down so that today, when Fr. Estrella or any priest, acting **in persona Christi**, repeats Jesus' Words, we become present to the sacrifice on Calvary and we are at the table and we are given Jesus' flesh to eat and blood to drink. *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*

The second thought is that this eternal remembrance of Jesus is known by 3 names, and in those 3 names, the 3 elements of time are impacted. It is the sacrifice of the Mass, taking us to the past to experience the suffering act of love that brings about our forgiveness. It is called Communion for its impact on the present time by forming us into the Body Of Christ here and now. And finally, as we look to the future, it is called the Eucharist in anticipation of the great thanksgiving at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

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A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Wednesdays Morning June 28th to August 16th 9:30-11:30 AM

At St. Canice Center

Thursday Evenings June 29th to August 17th 6:00-8:00 PM

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