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Masses—Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook

page AND on our YouTube channel).

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (in *Spanish)

and Thursday EVENINGS: 7:00 p.m.

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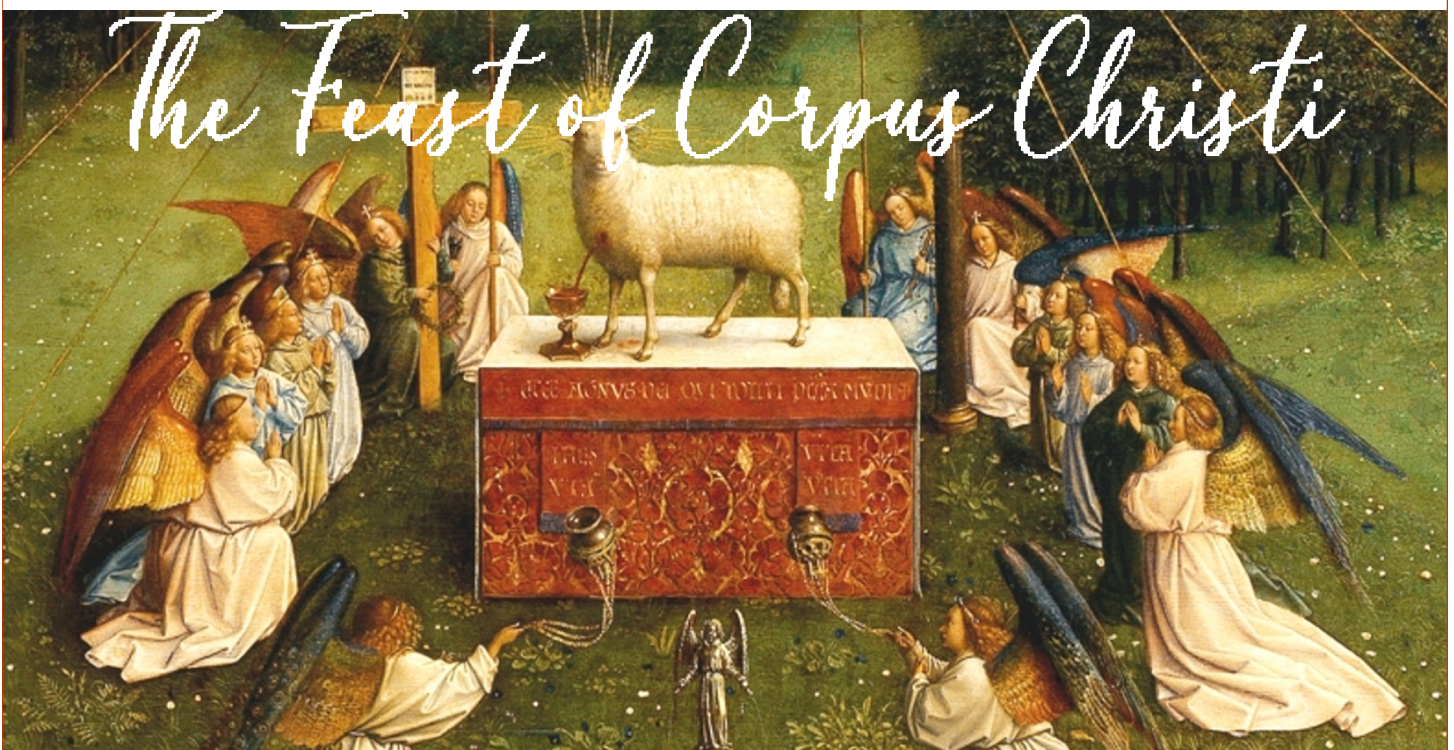
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The Feast of Corpus Christi



PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Blessed Solemnity of Corpus Christi, one and all!!!

As I have said before, this Solemnity reminds us of the one thing that the Blessed Trinity does NOT KNOW: They don't know how to give us a greater gift than the Eucharist: Jesus Himself—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—really and truly present (Sacramentally, not physically!) in what **looks** like a piece of bread or some wine, but is NOT really a piece of bread or some wine!

I and the whole Carmelite Community and Parish would also like to congratulate our six Eighth Grade graduates and all of our students who are graduating

by moving on to the next level!!! And thank you, Mrs. Cornejo and the entire St Therese Carmelite School teachers and staff, for your untiring, self-sacrificing service in the face of non-stop adversity this past year!!! Here is a little story about today's Solemnity:

The Contest That Never Was

It was 1264 when Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for the "Body of Christ"). The pope wanted a special Mass and office written especially for this new important feast of the Holy Eucharist. It was this difficult and essential task that was appointed to both Sts. Bonaventure and Thomas Aquinas. The holy father reserved to himself the right of choosing which of these two great men's writings would be used.

So, on the appointed day, both Saints, each with his manuscript under his arm, came before the Vicar of Christ. St. Thomas was to go first, and kneeling before the pope, began to read what he had written. Both Pope Urban IV and St. Bonaventure listened with tears of emotion to the beautiful work of this Saint. And while St. Thomas was still reading, St. Bonaventure turned aside and tore his manuscript into small pieces. When St. Bonaventure's turn came, he admitted what he had done and told them that he was no longer in possession of his manuscript. St. Bonaventure explained that he considered St. Thomas' work alone worthy to be used at the Most Holy Feast, therefore making it unnecessary to take his own poor work into account.

And for centuries now, on the feast of Corpus Christi, within every Catholic church is heard that heavenly hymn written by the hand of St. Thomas Aquinas. And while no one will ever know what inspiring prayer St. Bonaventure wrote, we do know one thing. While God is greatly glorified and pleased with the great work of St. Thomas Aquinas, He is equally glorified and pleased with the great humility of St. Bonaventure.

So when you hear the "**Tantum Ergo**" or the "**O Salutaris Hostia**" (excerpts from what St. Thomas wrote for the feast of Corpus Christi), remember the humble act performed by St. Bonaventure who desired that this feast be the most beneficial to the Catholic Church and give the greatest glory to God.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,
Fr. Thomas, OCD

THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS

Today's solemnity of Corpus Christi focuses on the Eucharist, Jesus' self-gift to us, the Living Bread that nourishes us, the perpetual Sacrifice that redeems us, the Real Presence that comforts us and challenges us to self-sacrificing love. The readings remind us of how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass. The reading from **Exodus (24:3–8)** describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God. As in our own Liturgy of the Word, Moses solemnly proclaims God's word to the assembled people, who solemnly affirm their acceptance of that word and pledge obedient fulfillment. Then, in a ritual reminiscent of our own liturgy, Moses seals the people's spoken assent by sprinkling them with sacrificial blood.

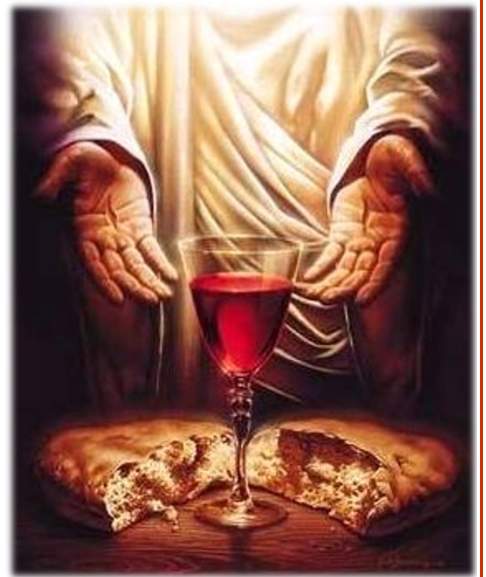
The reading from the Letter to the **Hebrews (9:11–15)** turns us from animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship God. It portrays Christ as our High Priest, entering the Holy of Holies with His own Blood to seal the New Covenant that frees its participants from death. Our sacrifice is the Body and Blood of the Son of God, instituted sacramentally at the Last Supper and offered on the altar of the Cross, the Sacrifice and Supper of which we partake at every Eucharist.

The Gospel from **Mark (14:12–16, 22–26)** retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. Juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation when Jesus gave His Body and every drop of His Blood for us. Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' Passion and the pledge of our share in His future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to His disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup" He would drink (10:38–39). Soon, He would beg His Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic Cup, Jesus promises a day when He would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup He—or we—will drink, the Cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the Cup of the Kingdom of God.

Our reading from Mark's Gospel is similar to the story in John's Gospel of the wedding feast at Cana. They both begin with a problem presented to Jesus: Lack of wine (John) and finding a place for the Passover meal (Mark.) They both involve jars of water. Jesus responds in both by giving orders: to the waiters (John) and to the apostles (Mark). Both tell of miraculous changes: water becomes wine (John) and bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood (Mark). The wedding feast showed Jesus using the water meant for purification and changing it to wine for a wedding. The Jews needed to purify any dishes in order to keep the kosher laws, but Jesus replaced those laws with a new one—the law of love, symbolized by the wedding. In our Gospel today, Jesus replaces ordinary food with spiritual food. He is doing something new, beyond the requirements of the Old Testament.

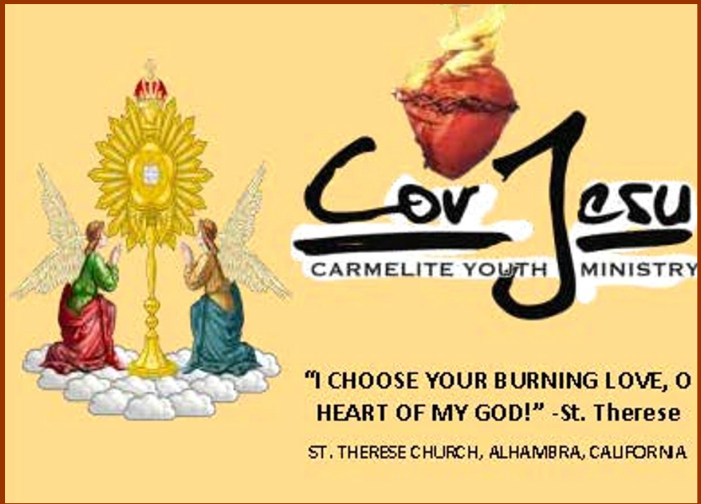
What does that mean for us? Jesus is showing God's love for us in a new way. You might say He is replacing the way He comes to us. The bread and wine at the last Supper were signs of Jesus' Body being broken and His Blood being poured out for us on the Cross. When He gave His life for us, He rose from the dead to give us hope. And now we have the Eucharist, in which He becomes our new Food and Drink. Just as the Passover meal became a sign of Jesus' real death on the Cross, our Eucharist is the sacrament of His Real Presence among us today. Do we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Son of God? The way to measure that is to ask, "**How has Jesus changed my life?**" Do you love others more because you know God loves you? Do you have less fear of the future, because the Holy Spirit gives you courage? Do your children know Jesus, because you share your faith with them?

Through both Scripture and Tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's Presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, Pope Francis praises those groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then he repeats St. John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation. As we receive Jesus' Body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others. Let us look forward to being renewed in spirit whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.



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For those wishing to take advantage of our Healing Ministry, come to the Masses on **Thursday evenings and First Friday evenings.** The Mass on those nights will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will then be followed by adoration. During adoration, healing prayer will also be available in the church.



SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, June 18!

We have planned another **YOUTH EVENING of FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN** for **Friday, June 18**, from **6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, beginning with food and fun in the Hall. Then, at 7:30 p. m., there will be a speaker; and from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., we will have Adoration in the church.

If you have any questions, contact us at CorJesuSTCALhambra@gmail.com.

When it was evening, they brought Him many who were possessed by demons, and He drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick, to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet: "He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases" (Matthew 8:16-17).

Then He summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness" (Matthew 10:1).

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ALL ARE INVITED to a Going-Away Party for our Music Director/Organist, Charlotte Lansberg!

Charlotte is sad to leave us, but needs to leave so she can live near her family in Ventura.

For a chance to say "farewell," a light lunch will be held in the Parish Hall **TODAY, Sunday, June 6**, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (approximately **12:30 p.m.**).

Please join us to thank Charlotte and wish her well—as well as to visit with the other members of the Parish Community.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



If your child (in First Grade+) has been baptized but **has not yet received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion**, and you'd like to enroll him or her in our preparation classes,

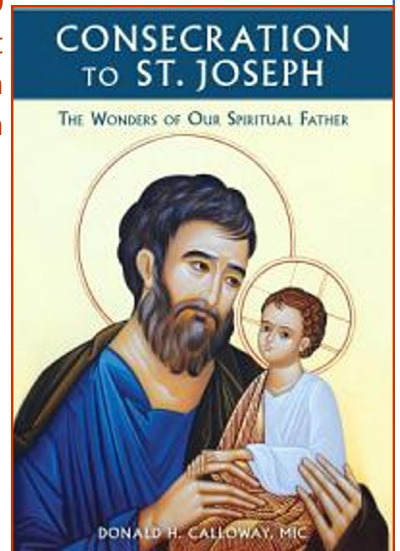
please contact **Denise Lopez** at deniseclopez7@gmail.com.

ALSO... If you are interested in volunteer with this program, please contact Denise as well!

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The next consecration to St. Joseph will be **on Friday, July 16**, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The first gathering of those wishing to prepare themselves to be consecrated to St. Joseph will be **Wednesday, June 9**, in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Courtyard. You can **choose** to attend at either **12 Noon or 6:00 p.m.** We will meet both times each Wednesday through July 14.

The book we use to prepare is **Consecration to St. Joseph** by Father Donald Calloway. They are available for purchase in the office for \$15 each.



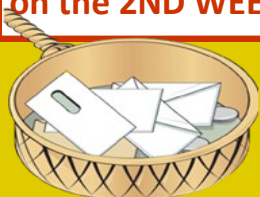


MASS & PRAYER NIGHTS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching/Meditation (indoors!)
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Celebrated in **SPANISH!** Join us at 7:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every **THURSDAY** evening in **HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH!** The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration and **HEALING PRAYER**
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Next will be **FRIDAY, June 4**, followed by adoration and prayer.
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER:** Join us **LIVE OR** via **ZOOM** for Fr. Thomas' **HEALING PRAYER TRAINING**. Training is held on **Saturday nights** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (join anytime during that time slot).

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



May 29 / 30, 2021
 Unrestricted..... \$10,634.00
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 May 22 / 23.....\$20,649.00

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Mass Intentions

June 5 through June 12, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 pm: Giacinto Arcaro, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Catherine Bacciarini Fluetsch, RIP
 7:30 am: L. A. McGrath, INT
 9:00 a.m.: Martita Lopez, B-Day INT
 11:00 a.m.: Virgilio & Segundina Odonon, Anniversary
 1:00 p.m.: Usulina Aquino, RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Robert O'Neil, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Brundige, Jr., RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD/Marietta Okamoto,
 Birthday Day INTs
 8:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, RIP
 7:00 p.m.: Raymond Toohey, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Winston Goh, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mary Catherine Bacciarini Fluetsch, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Azucena Sanchez-Scott, INT
 7:00 p.m. (Span): Gary Kocherhans, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Joseph Hagler, Jr., RIP
 *7:30 am: Teresa de Jesus Gonzalez, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Barbara Sawaya, RIP
 *7:30 am: Mary Catherine Bacciarini Fluetsch, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Linda Kay Hesse, RIP
 7:00 p.m.: Flora Santoso/Kiem Man Jo, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Ruth Laigo, INT
 *7:30 am: Mary Catherine Bacciarini Fluetsch, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 am: Carmelite Community
 8 am: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres/Gabriel Anyanwu, INT

***Held Monday-Saturday at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),
11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and **7:00 p.m.** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening Masses (and any other special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those not attending)—links on our website's home page (top left column).

Quiet Listening

(Taken from Chapter 14 of *St. Teresa's Life*)

The Second Water

Herein the soul begins to be recollected; it is now touching on the supernatural—for it never could by any efforts of its own attain to this. True, it seems at times to have been wearied at the wheel, laboring with the understanding, and filling the buckets; but



in this second degree the water is higher, and accordingly the labor is much less than it was when the water had to be drawn up out of the well; I mean, the water is nearer to it, for grace reveals itself more distinctly to the soul.

3. This is a gathering together of the faculties of the soul within itself, in order that it may have the fruition of that contentment in greater sweetness; but the faculties are not lost, neither are they asleep: the will alone is occupied in such a way that, without knowing how it has become captive, it gives a simple consent to become the prisoner of God; for it knows well what is to be the captive of Him it loves...

The other two faculties help the will, that it may render itself capable of the fruition of so great a good; nevertheless, it occasionally happens, even when the will is in union, that they hinder it very much: but then it should never heed them at all, simply abiding in its fruition and quiet.

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