

From the Pastor: Facing the Rising Sun

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

On June 14th the dioceses of the United States celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast is directly connected with Holy Thursday and the institution of the Holy Eucharist.

When the Jews prayed and worshiped they would most often turn to the east to pray and worship God. The early Christians did the same as they celebrated Mass. When we look at the most ancient churches built, such as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, Hagia Sophia in Constantinople now Istanbul (this church later became a mosque and is now a museum), Germany's largest Cathedral the Church of St. Peter and Mary, and many other churches in both the Western Church or the Eastern Churches, all face the rising sun, towards the east, ad orientem as they say in Latin.

On a very natural level light first comes from the east, not only the light from the sun but also the moon. God is light and the darkness cannot overcome him. The sun is of course an image of God as scripture tells us. Later as time progressed Christians realized that if Jesus is the light that created all lights then one no longer has to build a church facing east. One may build a church in other directions if facing east is difficult. St. Peter's Basilica in Rome faces west. Though Killdeer's church faces east, Halliday's faces west, and Twin Buttes' church faces north. So the direction doesn't matter as much as it did for the Jews because it's the Blessed Sacrament whom we are called to face. We are called to face God. We face toward the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, There are even images of the crucifix and the saints to help us go toward God. It is as if we are in heaven gathered before the throne of God with the angels and saints worshiping him. And we are. We are praying and worshiping God.

On the feast of Corpus Christi, I'll be celebrating Mass facing with you God's holy people, the most Blessed Sacrament. Don't think about this as my turning my back on you but as me with you turning towards God begging his mercy and help just as all of you are doing. As Catholics we come to Mass to encounter God first and foremost. Yes, we are called to also encounter our neighbor but God first. We stand and kneel with each other facing the God who created us.

The Most Holy Trinity



St. Joseph's Church - Twin Buttes
St. Paul's Church - Halliday



St. Joseph's Church - Killdeer

June 7, 2020



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 8

Mass (Killdeer)+Betty & Joe Steiner by Tim & Tracey Eide 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, June 9

Mass (Killdeer) +John Nowitzki by Deacon Dan & Nancy Tuhy 7:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, June 10

Mass (Killdeer) Special Intention by Kevin & Cindy Candrian 7:30 AM

THURSDAY, June 11

Mass (Killdeer) +Neale & Mary Hartman by Ray Fettig 7:30 AM

FRIDAY, June 12

Mass (Killdeer) +Josephine Boger by Harold & Patty Voigt 7:30 AM

SATURDAY, June 13

Confessions (Killdeer) 4:45 - 5:15 PM

Mass (Killdeer) +Trude Tuhy by Ann & Kim Knutson 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, June 14

Confessions (Halliday) 7:30 - 7:50 AM

Mass (Halliday) +Greg Folkert by Anthony & Colene Evinger 8:00 AM

Confessions (Killdeer) 10:00 - 10:15 AM

Mass (Killdeer) +Adolph & Dorothy Kostelecky by Family 10:30 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes)..... Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's 2:00 PM Central

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Week of May 25-31, 2020

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| St. Paul's, Halliday | \$665.00 |
| St. Joseph's, Twin Buttes | \$458.00 |

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Living: Jeff Kilzer, Carolyn Klopp, Marvin Schmidt, Pauline Appledoorn, Jodi Lundberg

Deceased: Dianne Duttonhefer, Marlon Bell, Richard Jambor

Book Gift to Parishioners: "The Eucharist" by Trent Horn is a booklet that lays out the biblical evidence for Christ's Real Presence and helps to deepen appreciation for this most precious sign of Christ's enduring presence in the world. Free copies are available at the church entrance. Please take one home.



First Holy Communion: The First Communion Class of St. Joseph's, Killdeer will receive Christ for the first time in Holy Communion on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

PRAYER FOR A CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Amen.