Pope Francis on the Death of George Floyd, Racism & Protests

In his General Audience on Thursday, June 4th, the Holy Father said: “Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.”

POSSIBLE MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

If & when Polk County is approved to move into Phase 2 of the Covid recovery plan, there may be additional changes to our Mass schedules. This could include allowing more people to attend Masses. However, these changes will still require individuals and families to sign-up for the Mass they will be attending and require maintaining the 6-ft social distance spacing. We will do our best to post these changes on the parish website, in the parish bulletin, via email and at the church.

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POSIBLES CAMBIOS DE HORARIO DE MISAS

Si el condado de Polk es aprobado para pasar a la Fase 2 del plan de recuperación de Covid, puede haber cambios adicionales en nuestros horarios de misas. Esto podría incluir permitir que más personas asistan a misas. Sin embargo, estos cambios aún requerirán que las personas y las familias se inscriban en la misa a la que asistirán y requieren mantener el espacio de distancia social de 6 pies. Haremos todo lo posible para publicar estos cambios en el sitio web de la parroquia, en el boletín de la parroquia, por correo electrónico y en la iglesia.
**CONFIRMATION MASSES**

Tuesday = Wednesday = Thursday
June 16, 17 & 18 at 7 pm
June 23, 24, 25 at 7 pm
June 30, July 1 & 2 at 7 pm

- Church Seating will be limited to the Confirmation Candidates & their godparents.
- Additional seating (23) to watch the livestreamed Mass & receive Holy Communion will be available in the St. Michael modular classroom.
- Sign-ups for both locations are **REQUIRED**. Contact Maria Addessi (503-991-2516) to sign-up.
- Daily Masses on these dates are cancelled.

**MISAS DE CONFIRMACIÓN**

Martes = Miércoles = Jueves
16, 17 y 18 de junio a las 7 pm
23, 24 y 25 de junio a las 7 pm
30 de junio, 1 y 2 de julio a las 7 pm

- Los asientos de la iglesia se limitarán a los candidatos de confirmación y sus padrinos.
- Asientos adicionales (23) para ver la Misa en vivo y recibir la Sagrada Comunión estarán disponibles en el aula modular de San Miguel.
- Se **REQUIEREN** inscripciones para ambas ubicaciones. Póngase en contacto con Maria Addessi (503-991-2516) para inscribirse.
- Las misas diarias en estas fechas se cancelan.

**How to Give to the Parish**

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**Confessions**

Saturday / Sabado 3:30—4:30 pm
(Also available by individual appointment // Por cita individual con el Padre Kiko)

**This Week in Our Parish**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

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**SEATING IS LIMITED to 25 People**

**MASS sign-up required**

For Saturday & Sunday Mass (in English) and for Daily Mass, call Maria Addessi (503-991-2516)

Anyone who shows up at the church and has not pre-registered will be not be admitted.

**EL CUPO ES LIMITADO 25 Personas**

**Se requiere registrarse en MISA**

Para las misas de los sábados y domingos, llame al Gloria Ahumada (503-991-3910)

Para la misa diaria llame a Maria Addessi (503-991-2516)

No se admitirá a nadie que se presente en la iglesia y no se haya registrado previamente.

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**ADORATION THIS WEEK**

Tuesday / Martes 7:00—8:00 pm
Wednesday / Miercoles 5:30—6:30 pm
Friday / Viernes 10:30 am—9:00 pm

**ADORATION sign-up (per hour) required**

by contacting Gloria Cisneros (503-551-2767)

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**Se requiere inscripción ADORACIÓN (por hora)**

contactando a Gloria Cisneros (503-551-2767)

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:**

June 14: Anastasius XVII
June 15: Germaine Cousin (patron saint of victims of child abuse)
June 16: John Francis Regis
June 17: Manuel
June 18: Gregory Barbarigo
June 19: Hildegrin
June 20: Helena
Today, we celebrate the great solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Like the solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, the full appreciation of this mystery seems to be lacking the mark – our hearts! Similar to last week’s solemnity, there are so many facets to this most precious “diamond” that our limited minds tend to build a wall that inhibits our appreciation of it. Just as the Trinity appeared impossible and contrary to logic, so too, does the doctrine behind this Divine Gift – a gift that is a foretaste of the eternal banquet to come. A gift that reflects and reveals the Mystery of God, Himself.

Once, I was privileged to be in Rome when a grand procession of the Eucharist was to take place with Pope Francis processing the Eucharist through the streets of Rome. Desiring to witness this unusual event, I left my hotel for the streets of Rome. The streets were packed! There was no possibility of moving anywhere as the procession approached and the excitement of the populace grew. I was amazed and for a second rejoiced that so much enthusiasm was generated for this sacrament. After hearing numerous comments, my joy turned to disappointment and sadness when I suddenly realized the excitement was due to the possibility of seeing the Pope and not the Body of Christ. Had the Vicar of Christ on Earth become more important than the Master he represents? This could only have happened if the people did not understand who was really present. They failed to look with their eyes of faith and, as a result, were blinded to the reality that was approaching. Their God was approaching under the form of Bread! Yet, they were anxious to see a mere mortal of clay.

Today’s readings unveil the Divine Plan in establishing this most unique and wonderful sacrament. As is customary, God gradually introduces his greatest miracles in small steps so as to prepare the finite human mind and soul for acceptance. This is clearly found in our readings, today. The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy where Moses reminds the Chosen People of God of God’s miraculous intervention in their journey to the Promised Land. When confronted with starvation, the Lord provides His people with Manna or miracle bread from Heaven. This life-saving bread provided nourishment for the sojourning Jews when nothing was available from their supplies. It was through God’s spoken Word that their needs were met by producing nourishment while displaying Divine Power. In the midst of trials, tribulations, hunger and thirst, the Chosen People could rely upon the mercy of God to meet their needs. This “bread from heaven”, known as Manna, was a portent of even a greater and more precious bread that Jesus would soon deliver – the Eucharist. This New Manna would be “super” bread – bread that would nourish both soul and body.

The bread that was to come through Jesus is the topic of the second reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians. In this short selection, Paul affirms that the Eucharist, the bread and wine received by Christians, is none other than the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. This Divine Bread has a special quality that unites us with the Lord and with each other in Communion or Koinonia. While the mana received by the Jews gave them physical sustenance, the Bread received from Christ goes a step further in granting us spiritual sustenance and Koinonia. It is through the Eucharist, Paul states, that all become one. This unity is the Mystical Body of Christ with Jesus as the Divine Head. It is the sacred Bread that the faithful should guard against losing even a crumb. It was to be their “daily Bread” that would bring eternal life.

In John’s Gospel, the uniqueness and effect of this sacrament is elucidated by Jesus, himself. Christ explains that just as he is one with the Father, so too, will those who partake of this heavenly bread be one. In short, today’s reading challenges the human mind and demands that we take a leap of faith in accepting Christ’s teaching that the Eucharist is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. This Divine Mystery requires an openness to God. As a Mystery, it reveals an attribute of the Divine that the finite being, man, cannot fully comprehend but must if he is to acquire his intended destiny. In humility, mankind must recognize his own limitations and accept God for who He is.

This teaching is “hard to hear” as Scriptures records. On this special solemnity, Holy Mother the Church desires us to look with our eyes of faith and behold the Christ revealed in the Sacred Mysteries – the Mass. Unlike the crowd in Rome, we should focus on the Sacrament and acclaim the Lord of Lords as we acknowledge the True One and Only God who gives us His Only Son in the Sacred Mysteries. Perhaps, the vast depth and greatness of this sacrament was best expressed by St. Ignatius of Antioch when he described the Eucharist as, “the medicine of immortality and the antidote which wards off death but yields continuous life in union with Jesus Christ”. Likewise, St. John Chrysostom’s words to the early Christians addresses the desire by humans to know Christ more intimately when he adds, “…Many people nowadays say, ‘I wish I could see his shape, his appearance, his clothes, his sandals.’ Only look! You see him! You touch him! You eat him!” The Mystery of God is an invitation by Him. He invites us, once again, to walk with Him in the Garden of Life and to enjoy His Presence. As Scripture says, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Deacon Rob

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- For a parishioner’s son: successful surgery on June 19
- For a childhood friend: successful cancer treatment
- For Alma Oliveros: comfort and healing
- For Jane Minard: continued recovery from Covid

**For answered prayers:**

- Alleluia!

**For Jane Minard: continued recovery from Covid**

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