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Dear Parishioners,

It was a time of hardship for the people of Israel, they were on the way to the Land of Promise and they had to travel through hard terrain. On my pilgrimage to Israel & Egypt, I personally witnessed, first-hand, the land, geography and tension that exist in that part of the world. Apart from that, they had food and water scarcity. In a miraculous way, God provided them “manna” and water from the rock.

Before the passion and death, Jesus left us a gift, the very life of the Church. The Eucharist is what makes the Church and Body of Christ. I am privileged to make present this gift, the Eucharist, through Mass.

We are all passing through hard times and the Eucharist provides us an opportunity to be nourished by this divine gift. These Sacramental Sign, Bread and Wine, make present, is what Jesus left us as a memorial of his passion and death so that we can offer to the Father this saving mystery.

I share the pain of all people who can not be present for the Mass in the Church. I truly miss their presence. But, Divine Saviour will know the inner thought of all believers.

On June 19, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for the Priests on this World day of the Priests. The day was begun by St. John Paul II with the objective of all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of Priests. Pray for me, for Fr. Victor and for all the Priests.

Again, I would like to remind you all to follow provincial and archdiocesan guidelines as we worship and fellowship with one another.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

Pastor

Celebrating the Body and Blood of Christ as “Stewards of the Gospel”

On Sunday June 14, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, to celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. Of course, now that we are beginning to return to the physical Eucharistic table in our parishes and celebrate the sacrament in person, we can more readily recall that the best way to celebrate the Eucharist is to live it, to put the Eucharist into action. None of us can be a mere spectator to the Eucharist, for this offering to God of bread and wine is really our offering to him of ourselves, of our lives and of the whole world. Jesus taught us this connectedness when he enjoined us to go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel (see Mark 16:15).

The Eucharist invites us to be “stewards of the gospel;” to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and to love others just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. This is the meaning behind the language of blood sacrifice of which we will hear proclaimed in the weekend’s readings. Blood is fundamentally life. The commitment to share in a common life, the covenant between God and Israel, was endorsed in blood, lots of it. Sacrifice was, and is necessary.

But how does the celebration of the Eucharist relate concretely to our ordinary day-to-day lives? At one level, our physical return to the Eucharistic table affirms our belief that there is something extraordinary in our ordinary, daily lives. We take time to acknowledge to ourselves, our families and our communities with whom we have been separated that we are engaged in an extraordinary relationship with God through Jesus Christ. More deeply, however, is that the Eucharist transforms us. It provides a center of our being and a driving force that impels us to go out and “be” Christ to a broken world. We are nourished and strengthened in a profound way in order to build up the Body of Christ and carry out Jesus’ command to be missionary disciples.

The theme for the 58th annual conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council, to be held, both virtually, and in Anaheim, California, if permissible, September 27 to 30, is Encounter! This conference will give us a wonderful opportunity to learn more about encountering the risen Christ in our lives, putting his gift of the Eucharist into action and to become “doers” of God’s Word as individual Catholics, and as local Catholic communities of faith.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us that even through these uncertain times, we are each called to serve and to carry the good news of the gospel to everyone we encounter. Nourished by the gift of the Eucharist, we are never alone in this journey of faith. Christ is with us always in a real and most personal way.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Weekend of June 13/14, 2020

Among the compelling Eucharistic themes proclaimed in today’s readings is the notion of “participation” as found in Saint Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, or in other words, putting the Eucharist into action. Good stewards are part of a Eucharistic family that loves, welcomes and serves. An important part of living as a steward comes about in the many ways we can participate in the life of the Church. No matter how much time we have to give, no matter what our skills or interests, no matter what our level of commitment, there is a way to participate as a good steward to enrich our lives and the lives of others to build up the Body of Christ. During this time when people are anxious and fearful, what are we doing to welcome others, and to love and be of service to them.

Mass Intentions



Day		Intention	
Saturday	Jun 13	9am	+Jason du Perron+
		4pm	+Fe Paredes Rosales+
		6pm	+Margaret Roybal+
Sunday	Jun 14	9am	Sp. Int. of the Parishioners
		11am	+Tom Sperling+
		12:30pm	Thanksgiving by Paul & Angela Fung
Monday	Jun 15	8am	+Roger & Lucille Rozon+
Tuesday	Jun 16	8am	+Vicente A. Cruz+
Wednesday	Jun 17	8am	+Anna Hing Ko+
Thursday	Jun 18	8am	+Kathleen Brooks+
Friday	Jun 19	8am	+Ronald Bainbrigde+

KIDS & SENIORS CORNER

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- 1) What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take it in when you don't want to use it?
- 2) What has teeth, but cannot bite?
- 3) What is strong enough to break a ship, but fears the heat of the sun?
- 4) Who instituted the First Holy Eucharist? (Peter, Paul, Jesus or John)

- (1) An Anchor
 (2) A comb
 (3) An Iceberg
 (4) Jesus

ANSWERS:

Stewardship Reflection

Most Body and Blood of Christ - May 31, 2020

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

(1 Corinthians 10:17)

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

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The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"

(1 Cor 11: 26).

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