June 18, 2017
THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

TRUST IN JESUS

Today’s feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God’s word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today’s Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 18, 2017
Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. — Deuteronomy 8:3b

Mass Schedule

SAT.  JUNE 17 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 ♀Margaret Pellen Himler by Family

SUN.  JUNE 18 -
8:00 ♀Frances Rourke by Brother
10:00 ♀Jolan Dolhopol by Sanders family
12:15 Latin Mass

MON.  JUNE 19 -
8:00 ♀Mr. & Mrs. Nedza by daughter, Gizela

TUE.  JUNE 20 -
8:00 ♀Patrick Dargan by Fran Bremer

WED.  JUNE 21 -
8:00 ♀Living & Deceased Mbrs of Resurrection Women’s Guild

THU.  JUNE 22 -
8:00 ♀Barbara Caramelli by Husband

FRI.  JUNE 23 -
8:00 ♀Living & Deceased Mbrs of Serrao/Wasko Families

SAT.  JUNE 24 -
8:00 ♀Frank & Margaret Grasso by their Children

SAT.  JUNE 24- VIGIL MASS
3:30 ♀Carl W. Hessler by Peach Giles

SUN.  JUNE 25 -
8:00 ♀For a Greater Respect for Life
10:00 ♀Guy Roy by Peter & Ellen Albert
12:15 Latin Mass

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 15 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Ruthanne Pitaro, John Luvera, Adam Piotrowski.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Thursdays: Closed until November
Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sun: Open 7:00 a.m.
and also open between morning Masses.
CLOSED DURING MASSES

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle A
Sunday, June 18, 2017

First Reading
Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a
Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Praise God, Jerusalem!

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading
John 6:51-58
Jesus says, “I am the living bread.”

Background on the Gospel Reading
This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology. Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites. Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today’s Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.
What does St Vincent de Paul do?
In May we received 110 calls for assistance. The poor are scared and need gentle guidance on navigating a very difficult system to get help. A woman called saying her sister just left leaving behind an infant and a 2 year old. She was struggling to discern what to do now. A social worker called. A woman she met lost her husband to a stroke in January. She has stage 4 liver cancer. The house was being foreclosed on. Can you help? A lady in her 60's called. "I am so scared. I slept in the woods by Page Field. Can you put me in a hotel for 1 night help? A lady in her 60’s called. "I am so scared. I slept in the woods by Page Field. Can you put me in a hotel for 1 night until my disability money comes?” Almost all need food. Some need bus passes or gas cards. Sadly some need toilet paper and soap! We are honored to serve the poor! We would love to have you join us.
We have all been blessed to see the face of God in the poor. We are always happy to accept donations of craft materials such as quilting fabrics, batting, knitting and crochet yarns, craft tools etc. We are also collecting jewelry and used books. Thank you for any way that you want to contribute. Our next bazaar will be held in November. Stop by on a Tuesday morning and have a cup of coffee with us. A great way for parishioners to meet and share!

**2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far Total: $281,465.54
We still need $85,534.46 to pay our assessment.
Thank you for your loyal support of this annual assessment!
*If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so today!*

**Craft Club News -**
The Resurrection Women’s Guild Craft Club will continue to meet through the summer months in the classroom at the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Some Crafters prefer to work on projects of their own at home and donate these item for our sale and raffles. We are always happy to accept donations of craft materials such as quilting fabrics, batting, knitting and crochet yarns, craft tools etc. We are also collecting jewelry and used books. Thank you for any way that you want to contribute. Our next bazaar will be held in November. Stop by on a Tuesday morning and have a cup of coffee with us. A great way for parishioners to meet and share!

**PRAYER**
They pray best who do not know that they are praying.
—St. Anthony of Padua

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK**
**IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:**
When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.
To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.
The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:
*Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973
**Comment**  The solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, but the context of the three holy days of the Triduum focuses us on the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ invites our return to a full and leisurely reflection on the Eucharist. The actions of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving that constitute every celebration of the Eucharist are patterned on the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. Today we celebrate his presence with us as “the living bread, come down from heaven.”

One cannot overestimate the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. The Gospels themselves record the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes no fewer than six times. John narrates the story in fifteen verses (John 6:1-15) and then devotes the rest of the long sixth chapter to a protracted reflection on the meaning of the words, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven” (John 6:51). Clearly, the entire sixth chapter expresses a deeply held faith in Jesus as nourishment for the human spirit as necessary as ordinary bread is for the body.

The reality of Jesus as bread for the journey is foreshadowed in the other nourishment story of a people on the way. That people is the Hebrews who spent a forty-year sojourn in the desert. Here was the place of their long education of what it is to be God's own people. Throughout the desert wanderings, the Hebrews learned and forgot and learned again that God was the source of their life, beginning with their basic physical survival.

One would be hard put to overestimate the importance of food and water to a desert people, not to mention a people who had no knowledge of the desert in the first place. The Hebrews, though enslaved in Egypt, were at least fed there. And doubtless for the worst motive—so that they would be strong enough to slave away another day.

After they were free, they wondered if they had been cut loose in the desert to die. And they would have died in fact, had it not been for God's providence. They partook of a sweet food never known before, which they called manna. This food was their physical sustenance in the wilderness.

The book of Deuteronomy, or “second law,” reiterates the story of Israel's exodus and sojourn. Deuteronomy takes the form of a pastoral, a homily. The strange desert is parched and infested, yet God supplies food and water. And that's not even the half of it. The first reading today from Deuteronomy recalls how God fed the people with manna. The book reminds the people that although this abundance of new food was amazing, it was as nothing compared to the word issuing from the mouth of God. This—God's word—is the true bread that sustains the soul.

**Reflection**  Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ not only keeps us alive in him, it keeps us together. The bread we break and the cup we share are our participation in his life. Paul reminds us that as the bread is one, we, the many, are also one with Christ and with one another. This communion and union must show in our daily lives, which must manifest our participation in Holy Communion. The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a good time to remember this.
A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -
Jesus: I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.
Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear you.
Jesus: My child, do you fear the God of Mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

Marriage Struggling?
If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be... Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program in Tampa begins **Aug 18-20, 2017**. For more information, visit [www.HelpingMarriages.org](http://www.HelpingMarriages.org), or call (813) 816-0711. *Not counseling or group therapy.*

**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**
for **Al Kane & James DiPalma**
by JoAnn Kane

**Altar Flowers This Week:**
*In loving memory of:*
**Marie Hillmyer**
by Bonnie & Family
*In honor of:*
**All Fathers of the Parish, both living and deceased**
Reflecting on Father's Day

This week, Father's Day comes around once more. Father's Day can be a useful time for those men who have children to reflect on what it means to be a father. Social commentators often remark that the art of fatherhood has been lost in the modern era. The media continues to present fathers as the less capable and less responsible half of the parenting team. Childcare has become the domain of mothers, and fathers have been reduced to ‘income-providers.’ In many cases, fathers spend so much time in their profession that they overlook the fact that their primary calling is to their family. On the one hand, modern society has conspired against the traditional role of fathers, but on the other hand fathers themselves have tended to abdicate their responsibilities as parents.

Christian fathers cannot accept this reduction in their role. Guided by their faith, they will wish to take their vocation as fathers seriously. Fatherhood is a gift from God, and with this great gift comes great responsibility. Yet, although being a responsible father requires hard work, there are great rewards to be won.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has much to say about the responsibility of parents. I want to take this opportunity to outline these duties with respect to fathers. I will make two observations.

First, healthy parenting is never the role of one parent only; it is the result of a partnership of both a father and a mother. That is why the *Catechism* speaks regularly of the duties of parents, and not of fathers or mothers individually. Nevertheless, there is really no such thing as a ‘parent’ in the abstract – in real life parents are always either a mother or a father, and it is recognised that fathers have different ways of parenting to mothers. Therefore, I want to address my comments particularly to fathers, although always with the consciousness that fathers exercise their parenting role in equal partnership with their wives.

Second, for fathers to be effective parents, they must spend time with their children. This seems so obvious that it should hardly be worth saying, but the fact is that fathers generally spend less than a quarter of the time alone with their children that mothers do. Only by spending time with their children will fathers be able to forge real bonds of love with them that will last into their adult lives. Of course, with a little imagination, time spent together can be both a source of fun and a source of education and formation.

In the *Catechism* we find many practical and essential elements of fathering outlined. Here are some of them:

1) Fathers must regard their children “as children of God and respect them as human persons.” (Cat, §2222)

God is the origin and standard of all fatherhood (cf. Eph 3:14-15), even while God’s Fatherhood transcends human fatherhood such that “no one is father as God is Father.” (Cat, §239) Nevertheless, the *Compendium* (§460) speaks of human parenthood as a “participation in the fatherhood of God” – a staggering idea if we take it seriously. The Fourth Commandment (“Honour your father and mother”) parallels the First Commandment (“I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods.”) For the sake of their children, fathers dare not abdicate their authority. It must be exercised gently but firmly, respecting the fact that one’s own children are also God’s children. Thus, while the Scriptures teach that “He who disciplines his child will profit by him” (Sir 30:1-2,) they also warn fathers not to “provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph 6:4)

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2) Fathers must take responsibility for the education of their children, especially their moral and spiritual formation (Cat, §222), and “educate them in the right use of their reason and freedom.” (Cat, §2228)

The home is the perfect environment for this educational program. In the home, children are prepared to take their place in society. The family is a small microcosm of the wider community, and thus the perfect training ground for learning tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service for others. Children learn these virtues best by observing the good example of their parents. The example of fathers makes a particular impression upon young children, especially in matters of faith, prayer and Mass attendance. It is truly said that the virtues are ‘caught, not taught.’

3) Fathers must evangelise their children. (Cat §2225)

In the domestic church that is the home, fathers in particular have to play the role of ‘priest.’ Vatican II taught that parents should “associate [their children] from their tenderest years with the life of the Church.” [LG, 11.2] Just as the grace of ordination is not for the personal benefit of the priest but for his service to the Church, so the grace of matrimony is given for the benefit of the whole family. This grace is necessary for parents to fulfil their evangelising mission. Fathers must take responsibility for the formation of their children in the Christian faith. This formation precedes, accompanies, and enriches all other forms of instruction in the faith that might be given in the parish or school. Thus fathers have a pivotal role in teaching their children to pray and in leading them to discover their vocation as God’s children.

4) Fathers must exercise their right to “choose a school...which corresponds to their own convictions” (Cat, §2229), especially one which “will best help them in their task as Christian educators.”

Traditionally, the Church has placed great emphasis on this point. Christian fathers cannot ‘hand over’ the responsibility for their children’s formation to schools, but at the same time, they will seek to place their children in schools which support the work of formation that takes place in the home. For this reason, the provision of Catholic schooling is seen as a part of the mission of the Church in supporting home life and providing a real freedom of choice for Catholic parents. By cooperating together, the home, the school and the parish can provide a strong, safe and focused community in which children can grow spiritually, physically and emotionally.

The task of fatherhood can seem burdensome at times. No wonder many choose to abdicate their responsibilities – especially when society at large seems to bless such irresponsibility. On Father’s Day, let us support the fathers in our community with prayer and encouragement and blessing for the vital role they play in their families and in our society.

+ Denis J. Hart,
Archbishop of Melbourne.

“He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.”
~Clarence Budington Kelland

“Is the shadow you cast as a Father, one that is long and of substance?”
~Joseph W. Boothe
This year's theme "Freedom for Mission" is focused on the importance and value of our freedom to be a witness to the Catholic faith in how we pray, serve others, and promote a culture of freedom. We encourage you to participate in this important cause for the Catholic Church.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
AT RESURRECTION PARISH

Daily Prayer after Mass for Religious Freedom

Daily Rosary before Mass for the Fortnight - Our Daily Rosary will be said for “RELIGIOUS FREEDOM”

Please set aside time each day for personal action - If we all work together much can be accomplished.

Fortnight for Freedom - Bishop Frank J. Dewane is calling on the Diocese of Venice to once again join Catholic Arch/dioceses and across the United States to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns during the sixth annual Fortnight for Freedom, Wednesday, June 21 to Tuesday, July 4. The theme of this two week focus is "Freedom For Mission," and emphasizes the importance and value of our freedom to be a witness to the Catholic faith in how we pray, serve others, and promote a culture of freedom. The faithful are encouraged to reinforce their commitment to prayer, to study the Church’s teaching, and to participate in peaceful public action during the Fortnight. Resources and activities for Fortnight for Freedom can be found at www.dioceseofvenice.org/conscience/fortnight-for-freedom.

Additional resources from the USCCB can be found at www.fortnight4freedom.org. The following are recommended activities for Catholics during the Fortnight for Freedom:

Prayer - Pray that the governing authorities would uphold religious liberty, traditional marriage, the dignity of human life, and other key issues such as immigration reform and the need for more humanitarian services.

Study - To find out what Bishop Dewane has said on these vital issues, go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/conscience. Download and read the Fortnight for Freedom Reflections published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by going to www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightreflections.

Public Action
Check out the latest action alerts and write/email to Congress opposing the HHS Mandate and calling for greater conscience protections for religious individuals and institutions. Go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightactionalerts.

Join the Diocese of Venice on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dioceseofvenice for news, updates, and opportunities to have your voice heard.

All are encouraged to spend time daily praying for our Religious Freedom. Let’s all participate wholeheartedly. The stakes are high!!
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you searching for peace?
Do you have questions about meaning?
Does fear control your living?

Jesus says, “Peace be with you!”

If you are searching...
PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING

God’s love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit...
God’s presence often surprises us!

Inquiry sessions will be starting in October
Please contact: Joanne MacPeek:
e-mail: resurrectionre@gmail.com
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Jesus promises:
“I come that they may have life...
life in abundance!”

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