

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPEL † Trinity Sunday
Requiescat in Pace, Father Paul Wickens
May 18, 2008 – May 25, 2008

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sunday, May 18

Trinity Sunday

7:30 ✕ Fr. Wickens, priests & faithful of St. Anthony's

9:00 ✕ William (Bill) Bowers

11:00 Thomas Rossi

Monday, May 19 St. Peter Celestine

9:00 am ✕ Esther Simone

Tuesday, May 20 St. Bernadine of Sienna

7:00 pm ✕ Kathleen Drury

Wednesday, May 21 Votive Mass of the 1st Sunday
after Pentecost

9:00 am ✕ Pascqualina Montagano

Thursday, May 22 Corpus Christi

9:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 23 Votive Mass of the Passion of
Our Lord

9:00 am ✕ Charlotte Kiernan

Saturday, May 24 Saturday of Our Lady

9:00 am ✕ Lee Kubrak

Sunday, May 25

Trinity Sunday

7:30 ✕ Janet May

9:00 ✕ William Bowers, 10th Anniversary

11:00 Poor Souls in Purgatory



Wisdom of the Saints

From The Spirit of Saint Francis de Sales, by J.P.

Camus

ALL FOR LOVE OF GOD, Part 2

"From this spirit of holy and Christian liberty originated the saying so often to be met with in his letters: "Keep your heart in peace." That is to say: Beware of hurry, anxiety, and bitterness of heart. These he called the ruin of devotion. He was even unwilling that people should meditate upon the great truths of Death, Judgment and Hell, unless they at the same time reassured themselves by the remembrance of God's love for them. Speaking to a holy soul, he says: "Meditation on the four last things will be useful to you provided that you always end with an act of confidence in God. Never represent to yourself Death or Hell on the one side unless the Cross is on the other; so that when your fears have been excited by the one you may with confidence turn for help to the other." The one point on which he chiefly insisted was that we must fear God from love, not love God from fear. "To love Him from

fear," he used to say, "is to put gall into our food and to quench our thirst with vinegar; but to fear Him from love is to sweeten aloes and wormwood."

Assuredly, our own experience convinces us that it is difficult to love those whom we fear, and that it is impossible not to fear with a filial and reverent fear those whom we love."...

Announcements

Corpus Christi:

The **Feast is celebrated liturgically** this coming **Thursday**. To allow everyone to attend this most solemn event, **its external celebration**, including the famous and beloved Eucharistic Procession, **is held in the United States on the following Sunday**, which is **May 25:**

To honor the Eucharistic Lord becomingly, the following additions were made to customary liturgical schedule:

Benediction will follow the 9:00 am Mass.

11:00 am High Mass will be followed immediately by the solemn Corpus Christi procession on the Chapel grounds.

Sunday, June 15, St. Anthony's First

Annual Summer Picnic: Following the **11 o'clock Mass**, we will have our summer picnic in honor of St. Anthony. We will gather at the pavilion next to the Turtle Back Rock Softball field (South Mountain Reservation, about five minutes from the chapel). All are welcome!

Please bring your own blankets, lawn chairs, food, (charcoal if you wish to grill; grills are available on sight) and whatever else you might need for the picnic. You may also bring your preferred games. Games for the children will be available. A map will be found in the next bulletin. **I hope to see you there!**

Baptizing Your Baby: The Godparents

The godparents or sponsors play an important role in the life of the neophyte (newly baptized). Being godparents cannot be reduced to buying a gift for the godchild's birthday, First Communion, Confirmation and Wedding. On the contrary, as for the parents, maybe to a lesser degree, their prayers, Christian example and good advice will have an important and positive impact on the spiritual growth and therefore the eternal destiny of the godchild. Hence, it is clear, why the sponsors must be practicing Catholics. If they come from another parish, their own pastor must provide a letter of eligibility before the baptism may take place.

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Save the Date: July 5th, Day of Recollection at St. Anthony's:

Includes: High Mass, Confessions, spiritual conferences and Eucharistic Adoration.

Starts at 10:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. No charge, all are welcome! Further details in a future bulletin.

From the desk of the Rector

My dear faithful,

This week Corpus Christi, the jewel of feasts, will be rising in the liturgical sky. On Holy Thursday, the Church received from her blessed Spouse and Savior, with a grateful but bleeding heart, the Sacrament of Sacraments, the most precious of them all: the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Here we find not grace alone, but the Maker of Grace. In the Sacred Host to be carried solemnly in procession next Sunday, are contained Jesus' very Body and soul that were tortured and the precious blood that was shed to obtain *every single grace*.

Holy Thursday, being also the night that initiated the sorrowful Passion, the Church's exuberant joy over the Institution of the Sacred Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist finds itself wholly submerged in utmost mourning. In that holy night the Hymns of praise cease and all ends abruptly with the gloomy stripping of the altars: the Church sinks to her knees in silent nocturnal adoration before the Eucharistic Lord, and that is all.

However, it is not all. Divine Providence decreed it otherwise. That there might be fitting joy and abundant, even public, thanksgiving, God gave the Christian world this wonderful feast day of Corpus Christi with its unique public procession.

No one less than the Angelic Doctor, Saint Thomas Aquinas, composed the magnificent texts for the Divine Office, Mass and procession. Who else but this angelic mind and seraphic heart would have found fitting words that were at once the most accurate theological terms as well as the most becoming words of praise which mankind owes to this mystery of humility, love and intimacy divine?

The Feast of Corpus Christi has an interesting history. It appears that its providential existence is due to two inspirations:

The first is the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, which happened in A.D. 1263: Peter of Prague, a German priest, during a pilgrimage to Rome, stopped at the Church of St. Christina there to offer Mass. While he was a holy and devout man, he harbored doubts about the Real Presence -- doubts which were completely resolved when the Host he consecrated during that Mass began to bleed. He rushed to meet Pope Urban IV in Orvieto, bringing the Host with him. The miracle was recognized, and the Host is still on display at the Cathedral of Orvieto today.

The second source of inspiration was an Augustinian nun, a Belgian named St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (A.D. 1193-1258). Juliana, from her early youth, had a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and always longed for a special feast in its honor. This desire was increased by a vision of the Church under the appearance of the full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity.

*In response to both of the above, Pope Urban IV published a Bull, Transiturus, in A.D. 1264, which made this Feast a part of the liturgical calendar. **DEO LAUS ET GRATIAS!***

Yours very truly in Christ the King and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Andreas Hellmann