

Corpus Christi Newsletter

November 2005

November - Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030,1031)

"As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come." (St. Gregory the Great)

"But if he (Judas Maccabee) did this (had expiatory sacrifice offered for the dead) with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they may be freed from this sin (wearing amulets sacred to idols)" (2 Macc. 12: 45-46).

Let us too pray for the dead that they may be freed from their sins. Sin (Mortal and Venial) and its Punishments "To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church (regarding sin and punishment due to sin), it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave (mortal) sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the 'eternal punishment' of sin. On the other hand every sin,

even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures (persons or things), which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds, and when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and various practices of penance, to put off completely the 'old man' and to put on the 'new man.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1472, 1473)

Moral Conscience - God's Voice Within "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to
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Parental Notification

Proposition 73 (a proposed amendment to the California Constitution), if approved, will require a doctor to notify at least one parent 48 hours (at least) before performing an abortion on his/her minor (under 18 years age) daughter. **Vote "Yes"** to preserve parents' rights as the primary providers for the health and wellbeing of their children.

Devotions

- Monday (5:15-6:15 p.m.): Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.
- Thursday (4:00- 6:00 p.m.): Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

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Religious Education

Religious Education (CCD) Classes Grades 1 - 6 meet on Thursdays, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., in the Parish (Mulligan) Hall. Students preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents meet once a month with the Confirmation Preparation Director, Patricia Lebreton. At these monthly sessions the material studied at home over the previous weeks is reviewed and the students and their parents are presented with the material to be studied at home in preparation for the next monthly

meeting. Our parish, and particularly the students' parents, are blessed in and much indebted to our excellent Religious Education staff: Barbara Schlumpf (Director) and volunteer teachers - Donna Anderson, Mary Collins, Lynn Fagan, Patricia Lebreton, Lauren Parson, Jaime Sharbrough. Our program is offered to help, not replace, parents. Parents are the primary educators of their children, especially in their duty to pass on the Catholic Faith to them.

Church Restoration and Repair Work on Queen of the Snows Church nears completion. Corpus Christi Church awaits painting and pre-painting repairs; the rectory is also in need of painting. Hopefully the needed work on both can be completed next summer.

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Thanks to all who have made contributions toward the restoration and repair of our churches.

(Moral Conscience cont from page 1) do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. .. For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." (Vat. II, The Church in the Modern World, 16)

"Moral Conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent person can hear God speaking." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1777)

"Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1778)

"Return to your conscience, question it, ... Turn inward, brethren, and in everything you do, see God as your witness." (St. Augustine) Formation of Conscience "Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings.

In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path; we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1783, 1785)

Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady, Julie Hilfer, Joseph Recchia,
Charles Cross, Yvonne Menezes, Anita Staziak.