



Corpus Christi Newsletter



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Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and ends immediately before the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening (April 15). The season of Lent has a double character, namely to prepare both Catechumens and the Faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Catechumens (unbaptized persons) through the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechetical instruction, are prepared for the reception of the sacraments of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

The Faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and to prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their Baptismal Promises.

The theme of Lent is presented to us when we are signed with the blessed ashes during the Ash Wednesday liturgy. On having the sign of the Cross imprinted with ashes on us we are called to: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return." We are called, yet again, to direct our lives ever more truly to God by discovering anew His will in all circumstances and situation of our lives and by committing ourselves to do His will willingly, promptly and fully. So that we may grow to be less concerned with ourselves and worldly things and be more attuned to the things of God, the Church invites us to practice self-denial, self-discipline, and charity by abstinence and fasting in regard to food and drink and by acts of charity towards our neighbor, especially the poor.

Acts of Religion

The three "Acts of Religion" of the disciple of Christ which have always been recommended to its members by the Church and traditionally observed by Catholics from the time of Christ are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer: a raising of one's mind and heart to God, to adore, praise, thank and petition Him for what is good for us.

Fasting: traditionally understood to mean eating one full meal and two partial meals (sufficient to maintain strength). Everyone (in good health), 18 to 59 years of age is obliged to fast of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting on other days during Lent is recommended. Those 14 years old and older (in good health) are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, reparation for sin, a form of piety, a witness of fraternal charity and an expression of Lenten conversion.

As we pursue our Lenten pilgrimage of faith and climb the holy mountain of Easter, may God direct our steps to himself, and show us how to walk always in his way.

Devotions During Lent:

- Weekdays: Mass: 8:00 a.m. in St. Andrew Chapel (Rectory)
- Mondays: Eucharistic Hour: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. Andrew Chapel (Rectory)
- Thursdays: Eucharistic Adoration: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in St. Andrew Chapel.
- Fridays: Stations of the Cross and Benediction: 7:00 p.m. in Corpus Christi Church.

Church Restoration and Repair Work completed: Queen of the Snows restoration and repair (except for painting of repaired areas - warmer weather awaited). Work in prospect: Evaluation of Corpus Christi church for structural integrity, repair as needed, painting; Handicap church and rest-room access at Queen of the Snows church; Rectory: pre-painting and painting. Funding Status: Goal: \$300,000.00; Income to date: \$ 180,976.40 ; Expenditures to date: \$ 202,158.45 . Thanks to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches and parish buildings.

Parish Pastoral Council

Highlights from the February 15, 2006 Meeting

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - To make this event possible, we need a volunteer to step forward and commit before March 1st. The parish secretary is to contact several likely candidates to determine their availability and interest in assisting. There will be a fee to attend the event of \$5/person or \$15/family which will cover the costs of the dinner. There will be a no-host bar available.

Stewardship recruitment efforts are to be made for additional Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, a Spring Clean-up Committee and Winter Snow Shovelers. All are encouraged to consider how they can contribute to the support of our parish. There will be a push to encourage increased stewardship beginning in Lent.

Father O'Connor will offer a **Study Program** during Lent, to go through the *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) Encyclical recently released by Pope Benedict XVI. For additional information, contact the Parish secretary.

We are looking for anyone with an used, serviceable **Snowblower** to consider donating it to the parish.

Parish Study Group

Deus Caritas Est (God is Love): Pope Benedict's first encyclical will be studied on March 10 & March 24, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to participate.

Website Update!

Corpus Christi Parish Website may be accessed at www.corpuschristi-tahoe.org. On it may be found: the weekly Bulletin, Schedules, Information relating to Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Weddings, Religious Education (youth and adult), Parish Social events, Parish Council and Finance Committee reports, and much more.

Engaged Encounter Weekends

For marriage preparation and to ensure you get off to the right start, attend an Engaged Encounter weekend. Weekends: March 17-19 and May 26-28. For more information, contact Matt & Laura Pipitone at (916) 772-0970 or (916) 725-4270.

Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady

Joseph Recchia

Anita Staziak

Doug Peterson

Lou Reinkins

Joan Velo

Children's Choir

In response to a request that we provide an opportunity for the children to participate in the Mass, a **Children's Choir** is now forming, to sing monthly at the Saturday Vigil Mass (6:00 PM) on the second Saturday of each month starting in April. More information has been provided to students enrolled in the CCD program. Other youth from the Parish are welcome to participate. Practices begin Thursday March 2nd at 4:30 PM. Contact Mary Collins at 583-1066 or Carol Achiro at 583-5437 for additional information.

Full, Conscious, Active Participation in the Mass

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else... (*Vat. II, Document on the Sacred Liturgy*).

Parish Finance Council

The Committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The financial status of the parish was reviewed in the context of the completed and anticipated restoration and repair work on our two churches and the repair that may be needed in the near future on the other parish buildings. Further analysis of the parish financial income sources was planned with a view to enhancement through the introduction of Stewardship (of Time, Talent and Treasure) in our parish. It was decided that summary reports of the Committee meetings and of the parish financial status be published regularly in the parish Bulletin, Newsletter and Website; also that a fuller Parish Financial Report be published twice a year. Committee members are: Donna Anderson, Joan O'Brien, Brady Sherman, George Williams.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: "Healing After Abortion"

Weekend retreat in Auburn will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. Cost is \$150 for meals, retreat materials, and private room. Call (888) HOPE-790. Inquiries are strictly confidential.

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