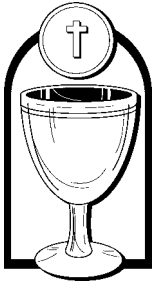


Corpus Christi Newsletter



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Receiving Holy Communion - Receiving our Lord.



In the celebration of Mass the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This change is called Transubstantiation. Therefore after the Consecration of the Mass our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under the appearance of bread and wine - the Real Presence. When we receive Holy Communion we receive this Christ, Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Obviously there is nothing more sacred, more holy, more awesome that we can touch or receive. We ought therefore to make every effort to receive our Lord well prepared and with supreme reverence, respect and adoration. Through the remainder of Lent let us continue with ever greater diligence and fervor prepare to celebrate the great mysteries of our Redemption by Christ our Lord - his Last Supper, his Passion, his Death, his Resurrection. Let us prepare too to receive him worthily and joyfully when we participate in the Easter celebration of the sacrifice of the Mass - Christ's sacrifice on the cross made present for us.

Receiving Holy Communion Worthily

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, one should be free of grave (mortal) sin and should have fasted for one hour before receiving. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without first receiving forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance (Confession). - see Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion inside the front cover of the Missalette.

Who may receive Holy Communion.

Because the Catholic Church believes and teaches the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion. (Exceptions: members of the Orthodox Churches, Assyrian Church of the East, Polish National Catholic Church. These are, however, urged to respect the discipline of their own churches in this matter). - See Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion inside the front cover of the Missalette.

The **Annual Women's Retreat Weekend** is scheduled for April 28 - 30, 2006. Women, sign up now for this parish retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. You will have quiet space and inspiring talks to help you see your life more clearly. You'll find rest and relaxation too!

Contact Robyn Ontiveros at 583-0614.

Penance Services with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Penance (Confession) in our area are scheduled at 7:00 pm, as follows:

Assumption Church, Truckee:	Mon, 4/10
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Incline Village:	Tues 4/11
Corpus Christi Church, Tahoe City:	Weds 4/12

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: \$ 182,433.40 ; Expenditures to date: \$ 202,158.45 . Thanks to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches and parish buildings.

Step Forward and Serve

Ushers Needed At the celebration of our parish Sunday Masses the service of additional Ushers would be most helpful. This liturgical service can be provided by women as well as men, by teenagers as well as adults. During summertime, with the larger attendances at Mass, the ministry of ushers will be ever more necessary. Now is the time to prepare, to get in some training and some practice. Sign-up forms are available at the church entrances. Sign up for the Mass at which you are willing to serve; this will permit scheduling. Training will be provided.

The office of Lector at Mass is a liturgical ministry that is properly exercised by the lay members of a parish. It is an honor, a privilege and a serious responsibility to proclaim the readings from the Sacred Scriptures to the people at Mass. If you are a faithfully practicing Catholic, and are not already a Lector, consider becoming one. Use the forms at the church entrances to sign up. Training will be provided.

Extraordinary (i.e. non-ordinary) Ministers of Holy Communion assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass if otherwise the receiving of Holy Communion by the participants would be unduly prolonged. To qualify for the office of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion one must be a faithfully practicing Catholic. To volunteer and be considered for this ministry use the sign-up forms at the church entrances. Training for the exercise of this ministry will be provided.

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 began Thursday March 2nd at 4:30 PM, and are continuing weekly after the religious education classes. Contact Mary Collins at 583-1066 or Carol Achiro at 583-5437 for additional information.

Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady Joseph Recchia Anita Staziak
Doug Peterson Lou Reinkins Joan Velo

The Easter Triduum (Three Days) consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Night / Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his apostles on the eve of his Passion and Death. During the Supper our Lord instituted the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, the sacrifice of the Mass and the Priesthood by empowering his apostles to "do this in memory of me." Following the Mass we recall Jesus' going to the garden of Gethsemane (procession with the Blessed Sacrament) and his agony there (adoration of Jesus in the tabernacle).

In the Good Friday liturgy we commemorate our Lord's Passion and Death for our Redemption.

In the liturgies of Holy Saturday evening and Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and our baptism into him whereby we share in the life of sanctifying grace he won for us.

Participate fully, consciously, knowingly and reverently in each of the liturgies celebrated in these Three Days - the Easter Triduum, and receive the many graces offered us through them.

Visit the **Corpus Christi Website** located at: www.corpuschristi-tahoe.org. On the site you can find our weekly bulletin, the monthly newsletter, a Pastor's column, information on our parish educational opportunities and updates on current events. On the home page, be certain to scroll down to the announcements. These are updated regularly.

The **Deanery Meeting** of priests, deacons, Synod Delegates, members of Parish Pastoral Councils, meets Wednesday, March 22, noon, Holy Family Church, Portola.

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*).

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