



# Corpus Christi Newsletter



May 2006

**Congratulations and Welcome** to those who in the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Liturgy became fully members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, and of Corpus Christi Parish. Holly Fischer, Megan Fischer and Breanna Good received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion; Sean and Will Collin received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Thanks to their parents and sponsors who supported them on their faith journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation process and to their instructor, Mrs. Barbara Schlumpf ( Parish Religious Education Director).

**May- Month of The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God** The Blessed Virgin Mary is to be given a higher degree of honor than any of the angels or saints. This is so because she is the mother of God. Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate that stupendous event on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25); we celebrate the birth of God the Son become man on Christmas Day (December 25). Jesus is God. Mary is the mother of Jesus who is God. Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God. She is to be recognized and honored as such. At the Annunciation the angel Gabriel addressed Mary: "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." He addressed her as the object and recipient of the fullness of God's grace. She was by a special privilege and favor of God preserved from Original Sin (Immaculate Conception) and thereafter from all sin. She was always "full of grace". We honor Mary; we do not worship Mary. Worship is to be given to God alone - to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



**Mary is the Mother of the Church** Each person who is baptized is mystically (mysteriously, yet truly) united with Jesus Christ. In his letter to the Christians at Rome, St. Paul wrote, "Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, ... (Rom. 6:3 - 4a). In his first letter to the Christians at Corinth he wrote, "You, then, are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it." (I Cor. 12:27). The Church is made up of those who have been baptized into Christ; the baptized form his Mystical Body of which he is the Head. Mary is the mother of Christ; she is therefore the mother of his Mystical Body, the Church. She is therefore the mother (spiritually) of each one baptized in to Christ, into his Mystical Body, into the Church.

**Thanks** to all who participated fully, devoutly and reverently in our Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Liturgies. Additional thanks and compliments to those who participated in a special way and made our celebrations so reverent, inspiring and worthy of the events we commemorated: those who decorated the churches and prepared the liturgies; those who represented the apostles in the ceremony of the washing of feet on Holy Thursday; our choir members, ushers, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, helpers in the Easter Candle service, and Mass Servers.

**Footprints of God, an excellent Bible Study Series** is presented through the medium of video and discussion on the topic presented. Our next five week series will be held in the Parish Center on Mondays, 7:00 p.m., beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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: \$ 203,918.40 ; Expenditures to date: \$ 202,478.18. Thanks to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches and parish buildings.

## Devotions

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - Mt. 26:40):

Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.): Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.): Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

# 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.

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## 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** now sings monthly at the Saturday Vigil Mass (6:00 PM) on the second Saturday of each month. Information has been provided to students enrolled in the CCD program and all youth from the Parish are welcome to participate. Practices continue weekly on Thursdays at 4:30 after the religious education classes. Contact Mary Collins at 583-1066 or Carol Achiro at 583-5437 for additional information.

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# Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady      Mary Margaret Rankins      Lou Reinkins  
Doug Peterson      Joseph Recchia      Joan Velo

**The Da Vinci Code**—coming to theaters in May. How will you respond? Did you know that this movie claims to be based on historical facts including the “fact” that Christ never claimed to be divine, nor did any of his early followers believe him to be. The book “shares” that this was a new teaching brought about by the Emperor Constantine. The teachings of the Early Church Fathers, and retained early copies of the scriptures, definitively refute this claim and many others made in this work of fiction.

Why should we care that many basic truths of the Church are challenged in this fictional piece? Because so many of us don't know the truths to counter the claims made, and even a single soul led astray is one soul too many.

You can easily inform yourself of the truth to counter the claims made by picking up a copy of “The Truth About the Da Vinci Code” available through the parish at no cost to you. This 32 page booklet walks you through many of the assertions of the book and movie. Be prepared to answer those who question the role of the Church, our view of Christ and our understanding of the role of women through-out history.

It is recommended that we not financially support the author or producers. Do not attend the movie when it is released. Let Hollywood know this is not kind of project we desire.

For additional information on how the Catholic Bishops throughout the United States are responding, go to [www.jesusdecoded.com](http://www.jesusdecoded.com). Here you can get help in how to respond to any questions you receive.

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**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.

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