



Corpus Christi Newsletter



April 2007

Participate in the Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter

Participate in the Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter fully, consciously, actively and devoutly:

On Passion / Palm Sunday: through participation in today's liturgy we celebrate and participate in spirit in the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sunday before his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

"The huge crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while some began to cut branches from the trees and lay them along his path. The groups preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' As he entered Jerusalem the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, 'Who is this?' And the crowd kept answering, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'" (Mt 21:8-11) At Mass we will hear St. Luke's account of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Holy Thursday: through participation in the Mass of the Lord's Supper we commemorate our Lord's Supper with his Apostles on the eve of his Passion, the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist as sacrifice and sacrament, and the institution of the Catholic Priesthood for the perpetuation of the Most Holy Eucharist. "During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 'Take this and eat it,' he said, 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, 'All of you must drink from it,' he said, 'for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.'" (Mt 26:26-28) By participation in the Procession with the Most Holy Eucharist after the Mass we symbolically and spiritually accompany Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane where he would suffer his Agony and be arrested. We are invited to stay with his apostles and "watch with" him for a while.

On Good Friday: no Mass is celebrated on Good Friday - the only day of the year that the world is without the celebration of Mass. However, Holy Communion will be distributed during the Good Friday Service. In this Liturgical Service we commemorate the Passion and Death of Jesus. We will hear the account of that Passion and Death from the Gospel of St. John. This will be prefaced by the reading of the Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God - a prophetic description of the Lord's Passion - and a passage from the Letter to the Hebrews that speaks of

Accompanying Our Lord To and Through Holy Week

"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. 11, Document on the Sacred Liturgy*)

At Caesarea Philippi, in response to Jesus' question to the Apostles, "And you, who do you say that I am?" Peter responded, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" To this Jesus responded, "Blest are you, Simon son of Jonah! No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. I for my part declare to you, you are 'Rock', and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (cf *Mt. 16:13 ff*)

"From then on," St. Matthew, in his Gospel, continues, "Jesus (the Messiah) started to indicate to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly at the hands of the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and to be put to death, and raised up on the third day." (cf *Mt 16:21*) Peter tried to dissuade him from going to Jerusalem and was sharply reprimanded. (cf *Mt 16:22, 23*).

"Jesus then said to his disciples: 'If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and begin to follow in my footsteps. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.' " (*Mt 16:24,25*)

Jesus, accompanied by his Apostles, then began his journey south to Jerusalem to accomplish all that we commemorate and participate in through the liturgies of Holy Week. Through our observance of Lent and especially through its Scripture readings we have been invited and enabled to accompany Jesus on that journey to Jerusalem; to walk in the company of the Apostles, to hear what Jesus said, to witness what he did.

our "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God."

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Devotions in Lent

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

Mon—Fri (8:00 am):	Daily Mass
1st Sat (8:00 am):	First Saturday Mass
Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.):	Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.):	Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.
Fri (7:00 pm):	Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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On Holy Saturday Night we celebrate the Easter Vigil Service. This consists of: 1) *The Service of Light* which consists of (a) The Blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle; (b) The Procession into the darkened church and the lighting of our individual candles from the Easter (Christ) candle. This symbolizes our receiving the fruits of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross (grace) and the light of Faith from Christ, the Light of the World; (c) The Easter Proclamation (Exultet); 2) *The Liturgy of the Word* in which, through the Scripture Readings, the story of salvation is told from creation to Redemption in Christ; 3) *The Blessing of the Baptismal Water* and our recommitment to Christ in the Church through the Renewal of our Baptismal Promise; 4) *The Celebration of the Mass of our Lord's Resurrection* - the first Mass of Easter.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Mass of our Lord's Resurrection. At Mass, in the place of the usual Profession of Faith - the Nicene Creed - we renew our Baptismal Promises and are sprinkled with the newly blessed Baptismal Water. We thus recommit ourselves to Christ in his Church.

Parish Financial Status

Checking Account Balance	\$82,678. ¹⁸
Savings Account Balance	\$4,746. ⁴⁰
Loan Balance	<\$50,000. ⁰⁰ >



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner was enjoyed by approximately 30 guests on Sunday evening, March 18. The dinner, served after a no-host cocktail hour, consisted of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Dessert, Wine, Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks. Members of the local Knights of Columbus Council and their families cooked and served the dinner. They thank all who came and enjoyed a pleasant meal and fellowship.

Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady	Jay Di Benedetto	Mary Ellen Elsnore
Marge Faia	Gabriel Jensen	Tom Jensen
Albert Juarez	Joey Kenney	Emily Killian
Joanne Lemus	Don Mashbir	Helen Mathis
Doug Peterson	Mary Margaret Rankin	Joseph Recchia
Barbara Schmidt	Joan Velo	Rosalie Wampler

For Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office at 583-4409

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Corpus Christi Church, Tahoe City

Palm Sunday, April 1:

Palms will be blessed and distributed	
Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday Mass	8:00 & 10:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:

Morning Mass	8:00 AM
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Holy Thursday, April 5:

Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 PM
Adoration until	10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 6:

Liturgy of The Word	3:00 PM
Veneration of the Cross	
Holy Communion	
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 7:

Easter Vigil Mass	7:00 PM
Service of Light	
Mass	

Easter Sunday, April 8:

Mass	8:00 & 10:00 AM
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Queen of Snows, Squaw Valley

Palm Sunday, April 1:

Palms will be blessed and distributed	
Saturday Vigil	4:00 PM
Sunday Mass	Noon

Easter Sunday, April 8:

Mass	Noon
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ProLife Youth Oratory Contest

April 21, 2007, 10:00 am

Corpus Christi Church will be hosting a Youth Oratory Contest, in conjunction with the California ProLife Council and Nevada Life. This contest is open to Middle School and High School Students who will make a brief presentation on a Pro-Life Topic. The High School Jr/Sr. level first place winner will receive a \$100 prize. This contest is open to residents of California and Nevada. For info, call 583-4409 or go to the parish website.

Penance Services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Schedule

Tues, Mar. 27, 7 PM	St. Francis Church, Incline Village
Tues, Apr. 3, 7 PM	Assumption Church, Truckee
Weds, Apr. 4, 7 PM	Corpus Christi Church, Tahoe City

Church Restoration and Repair Work completed: Queen of the Snows restoration and repair. Cost \$207,493.⁸⁹

Work in progress: Queen of the Snows: handicap access ramp construction and restroom configuration to handicap access status (required by Placer County); replacement of underground water drainage pipe (installed at time of construction of church in 1959, which had become occluded) with surface rock-lined ditch to prevent flooding and ground erosion. Cost: \$190,144.⁷⁶

Work in prospect: evaluation of Corpus Christi church for structural integrity, repair as needed, and painting. Rectory & Mulligan Hall: Painting.

Funding Status: Goal: \$300,000 to be reassessed after evaluation of work required at Corpus Christi; Income to date: \$292,725.⁴⁰ Expenditures to date: \$407,058.⁷⁷

Thanks to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches, our parish buildings and grounds.