



Ash Wednesday

At the Masses of Ash Wednesday (8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church) ashes will be blessed and imposed on the foreheads of those who wish to receive them. John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord through calling people to repentance and conversion. Those who responded positively to his call accepted baptism from him as a sign that they were committing themselves to turn away from sin and do God's will ever more faithfully in the future. When we receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday we ought to do so as a sign of our serious intention and promise to try with God's grace to serve God and follow Christ more faithfully throughout Lent and for the rest of our lives. Our acceptance of the ashes should be a sign of genuine repentance. As we receive the ashes we will hear one of two formulas: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return."

ASH WEDNESDAY



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The Precepts of the Church

To be a faithful member of the Catholic Church - "a Catholic in good standing" - one must not only live according to the Ten Commandments but must also observe the Precepts of The Church. Using the authority Jesus gave to the Apostles to "bind" and to "loose" the Church obliges us to dutifully observe these Precepts:

1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."
2. "You shall confess your sins (grave) at least once a year."
3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist (worthily) at least during the Easter season."
4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."
5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2041 - 2043)
6. If you marry, it shall be in accord with the laws of the Church regarding marriage.

The Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 6 this year) and continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It consists of a period of 40 days (Sundays excepted) of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The traditional observance of Lent in the Catholic Church consists of Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving (helping the poor). The call to these Lenten practices is directed traditionally to two groups in the Church: Catechumens and the Faithful. But each of us is called to conversion through prayer, penance and almsgiving.



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During the Easter Vigil Service and Mass on Holy Saturday Catechumens (non-baptized persons) - now the Elect- will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Baptized non-Catholics who have been preparing to join the Catholic Church will be received into Full Communion with it through a Profession of Faith and the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion (preceded by the reception of the sacrament of Penance). For Catechumens and those coming into Full Communion with the Church Lent is a time of more immediate and intense preparation for Initiation or Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. For them it is a type of Spiritual Retreat; a time of Prayer, of Scripture Reading and of Penance.

We, the Faithful, ought also to observe Lent as a time of conversion, of repentance, of renewal of our prayer life, of reflection on the Scriptures that relate more directly to our Redemption through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Parish Religious Education Meetings

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| 2/12 - Tues 6:30 pm | Parent Night for parents of Sacraments Preparation Students |
| Thurs, twice/month | Confirmation Preparation Class (call Barbara Schlumpf for dates) |
| Thurs, 3:15-4:30 pm | Religious Education classes meet weekly for K-5th grade students |

Devotions During Lent

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

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| Mon-Fri (8:00 am): | Daily Mass |
| 1st Sat (8:00 am): | First Saturday Mass & Rosary |
| Fri (7:00 pm) | Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 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 the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. |

Religious Education

Corpus Christi Parish provides its Religious Education Program as a help to parents, not a substitute for them, in the religious formation of their children. Parents are privileged by God to be the ones who are to form their children according to the Gospel of Jesus; to form them to know, love and serve God on Earth and be with God eternally in heaven. "It is here (in the home) that the father of the family, the mother, children and all members of the family exercise *the priesthood of the baptized* in a privileged way 'by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.' Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and 'a school of human enrichment.' Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1657)

Baptismal Sponsors - Duties

"Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor." The duties of a sponsor are:

1. To assist an adult in Christian initiation;
2. Together with the parents to present an infant for Baptism;
3. To help the baptized person to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism;
4. To help the baptized person to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in being baptized into the Catholic Church.

Baptismal Sponsors - Qualifications

Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

1. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist;
2. Be "a Catholic in good standing", that is, be faithfully living according to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church;
3. Know and have the intention of fulfilling the duties of a Baptismal Sponsor.
4. Be 16 years of age (for a just cause an exception may be made).

Catholic Breakfast Club—Reno

February 14, 2008—Silver Legacy, Reno

Robert Colbert

Speaker/Breakfast 7:00 am

Robert Colbert currently serves as the director of mission integration/catholic identity at the National Center of Catholic Charities USA. Catholic Charities USA's members provide help and create hope for nearly seven million people a year, regardless of their religious, social, or economic backgrounds. For more than 275 years, local Catholic Charities agencies have been providing a myriad of vital services in their communities, ranging from day care and counseling to food and housing.

To Gain Eternal Life - What must I do?

"Why did God make us? is the third question of Lesson 1 in the Baltimore Catechism, No. 2. The answer given - "God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness of heaven" is as true today, and always will be, as it was when God created Adam and Eve. Once a man asked Jesus, "Teacher, what good must I do to possess everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." (cf Mt.19:16 et seq.) The same is true for each of us. To enter into eternal life we must keep the Commandments of God.

Restoration, Repair, Painting Churches (2), Rectory, Hall

Queen of the Snows - work completed: Roof and Floor laminated beams repair (deteriorated portions of 14 roof & 7 floor beams were cut away and new sections spliced in to complete the repair); 14 Roof and Floor support pillars repaired, 3 pillars were added; Handicap access ramp constructed; Restroom made handicap accessible; Rock lined drainage surface waterway constructed to replace original underground pipe (now occluded); Leaking sewer-line repaired. Cost: \$411,898.⁰⁶

Corpus Christi Church, Rectory, Hall: Work completed: Needs Survey -Cost: \$1,240.00; Heating ducts insulation repaired or replaced - volunteer labor; Supplies: \$145.¹⁵; Foundation (north side) added to and reinforced. Deteriorated siding (north side) removed, replaced painted. Removal of under the church dirt where in contact with supporting beams and wood. Cost \$10,551.⁶⁰. Church main entry. Cost: \$12,881.⁸⁰. West side foundation and siding. Cost: \$12,495.¹⁸

Work in prospect - repairs as needed to Church, Rectory, Hall; painting of each building after repairs completed. Work to be done on a priority basis as parish finances permit. Cost: unknown.

Expenditures to date: \$449,935.⁹²

Restoration & Repair Fund income to date: \$415,231.²⁷



Catholic Radio

Immaculate Heart Radio founded 11 years ago by a family of our parish, now broadcasts Catholic programming over 20 stations in California, Nevada, New Mexico. On December 10, 2007 Immaculate Heart Radio began broadcasting on KSFB 1260 AM to the San Francisco Bay Area, thereby increasing their potential listening audience from 8 to 17 million. You may listen to Immaculate Heart radio on: KHR 920 AM Reno, KSMH 1620 AM Sacramento, KHR KJPJ 93.3 FM Truckee, and KJPJ 89.3 FM Quincy. For more info, go to www.ihradio.org

Pray for the Sick

Erik Arnold

Marge Faia

Barbara Johnson

Albert Juarez

Joey Kenney

Emily Killian

Don Mashbir

Helen Mathis

Jack Morris

Joseph Recchia

Fr. Richard Rolfs

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