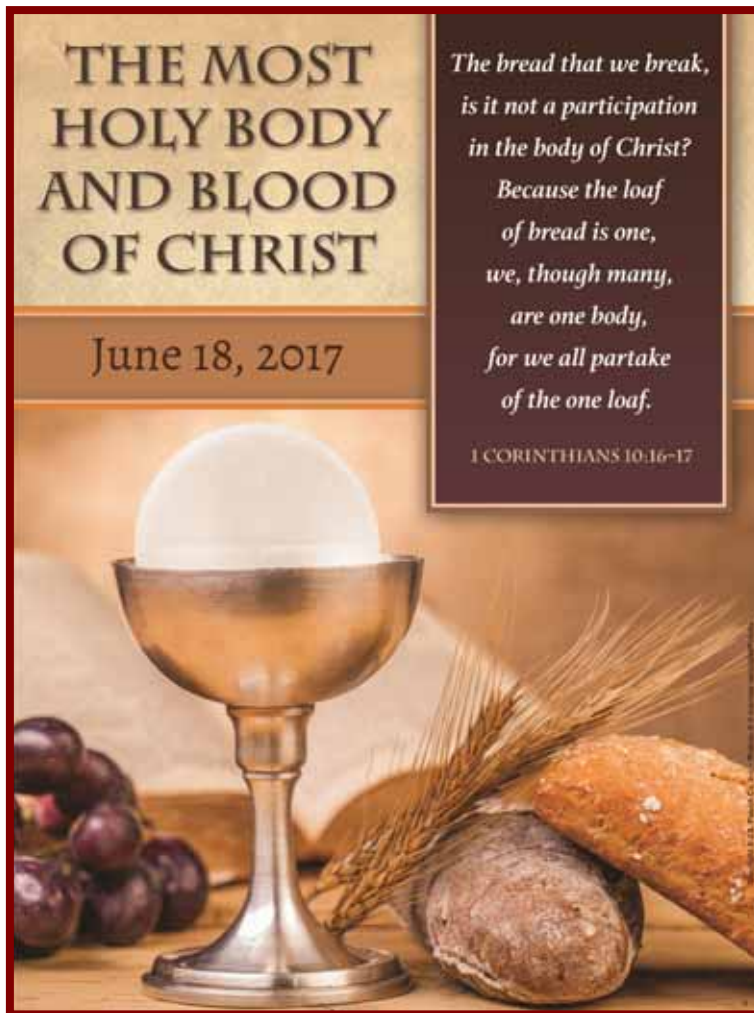


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MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 17TH — 23RD



SATURDAY

5 pm **General Ralph Phelps, RIP**

SUNDAY

7:30 am **Joseph Dohn, Special Intention**

9 am **Rene V. Perry, RIP**

10:30 am **For All Parishioners**

MONDAY

8 am 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Feliciano Rivera, RIP

TUESDAY

8 am 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Donald Patrick Newell, RIP

WEDNESDAY

8 am 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Paz Clemente, RIP

THURSDAY

8 am 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
John Draughon, RIP

FRIDAY

8 am Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10;
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Daniel Butler, RIP

SUNDAY'S MUSIC

The Call to Worship is the plainsong hymn *Adoro te devote*, attributed to Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), to honor Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at Pope Urban IV's (1261-1264) request when he first established the Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264. The hymn is found in the Roman Missal as a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass. Many poetic translations begin 'Humbly I adore you, verity unseen' but a closer literal translation is: *I devoutly adore you, O God truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to you, and in contemplating you, it surrenders itself completely*

The Offertory is by Alan Viner (born 1951) with words from a hymn by the Scottish hymn writer Horatius Bonar (1808-89): *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face, here will I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.*

The Communion begins with a traditional prayer honoring the Blessed Sacrament written by Saint Thomas Aquinas, expressing the profound mystery of the Eucharistic miracle: *O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given to us.* Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274, Aquinas meaning 'of Aquino' in west central Lazio region of Italy, rather than his family name) was an immensely influential philosopher and theologian, the foremost classical proponent of natural theology who had considerable influence on Western thought. Much of modern philosophy was conceived as a reaction against, or as an agreement with, his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law and political theory. One of the 33 Doctors of the Church, he is considered by many of our faith to be the Church's greatest theologian and philosopher. This musical setting is by Malcolm Archer, former Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

The second piece at 7:30 and 9 is *Panis angelicus* (Bread of Angels) by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594), a giant among the native 16th Century Italian musicians, none of whom were more skilled in realizing the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music in the age of the Counter-Reformation. Palestrina began his career as a boy chorister in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, a city to which he returned in 1551 as Maestro of the Julian Choir at St. Peter's. He was a member of the Sistine Choir but was required to drop out when he married in 1555, and in the same year became music director at the church of St. John Lateran. The text translates: *Therefore, angels' bread is made the bread of man: the living bread from heaven. O wondrous gift indeed! The poor and lowly may feed upon their Lord and master.*

The second piece at 10:30 is *Panis angelicus* by the Belgian composer César Franck (1822-1920) who was organist at the basilica church of St. Clotilde in Paris for over forty years.

The third piece is by John Rutter (b. 1945): *The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS

FOUND AS THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST IN THE COMPANION MISSAL

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Congratulations to Our First Communicants!

It has been the tradition here at the Church of the Nativity to celebrate First Holy Communion on the Saturday morning before the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). This weekend we congratulate all of our young parishioners who received First Communion on Saturday, June 17th, as well as those who have received First Communion during other Lord's Day Masses during the Easter Season.

During a special meeting that I recently had with the second grade class of The Nativity School, the students gave me letters telling me how they had prepared for First Communion and why this was such a special day for them. Here are some of their answers:

I have prepared by:

Speaking to Jesus more. And by telling God all about my love for Him;
 Showing my love for others through my actions and trying to stay free of sin;
 Learning the Ten Commandments;
 Practicing at home and learning the parts of the Mass;
 Practicing being respectful and by studying in class;
 Prayers at home and trying not to sin;
 Trying to be more honest and by behaving at Mass;
 Praying the rosary every night; I also am acting more like Jesus;
 Trying not to lie and putting more love into my heart;
 Showing my love for Jesus through my actions;
 Practicing my faith, going to confession and praying the rosary;
 Going to Mass, learning the parts of the Mass, following the Ten Commandments and Jesus' example.

God bless you!

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This day is special to me because:

This is my first time receiving Jesus; also I will be closer to God than ever before;
 I'm going to be closer to Jesus, and I get to eat the host for the first time;
 I get to receive Jesus for the first time; also because I can show Jesus how much I love Him;
 My whole family is going to receive God's body;
 I can't wait to have Jesus in my heart;
 Jesus is in our hearts and I love Him so much;
 I can show how much I love Jesus and Jesus will be closer to my heart;
 I have waited so long to receive this sacrament;
 I get to receive Jesus and I will also be more like Jesus;
 I can grow closer to God and be a more holy follower of Jesus;
 Jesus' body will be inside me for the very first time, and I will be closer to Jesus than ever before;
 This is the first time I will be receiving Jesus;
 I get closer to Jesus than I've ever been before
 It is the greatest thing, and I really want to take the Body of Christ;

THE NATIVITY SCHOOL



Last week our school celebrated our Eighth Grade Class of 2017 at their graduation ceremony. Eight of the students have been with Nativity since they were in kindergarten. With great joy, and anticipation for what lies ahead as they all go on to do great things, we present The Nativity School Class of 2017!

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Come and see what we celebrate!
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2017 PETER'S PENCE

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit:

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Other 2017 weekends are September 22-24 & November 10-12. For more information go to www.wvme-sandiego.org.

FR. DONALD TIMONE'S "SUMMER SPIRITUAL SEMINAR" SATURDAY MORNINGS, STARTING JUNE 24TH



Back by popular demand, during his stay with us this summer, Fr. Donald Timone will be praying the Mass on Saturday mornings in the Daily Mass Chapel at 8am.

Immediately after Mass each Saturday morning, Fr. Timone will conduct an informal one-hour "Summer Spiritual Seminar" in the Parish Library. The focus of the hour will be on Spiritual Formation: "Being open to the working of the Holy Spirit in the life of an adult Catholic Christian."

The purpose of the seminar is to present a simple commentary on Part Four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Christian Prayer, with an opportunity also for questions and discussion.

Each week of the seminar is self-contained. All are welcome to attend any one or all of the sessions.

LEARNING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD



On Saturday July 8, 2017 the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an **Explorer Day** for those men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at **St. Francis Center** on the campus of the University of San Diego from **8:30 am to 3:30 pm**. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of the opportunity to attend this upcoming **Explorer Day**. Pick up an application at your parish office or call **Fr. Lauro Minimo** at St. Francis Center at **(619) 291-7446**.

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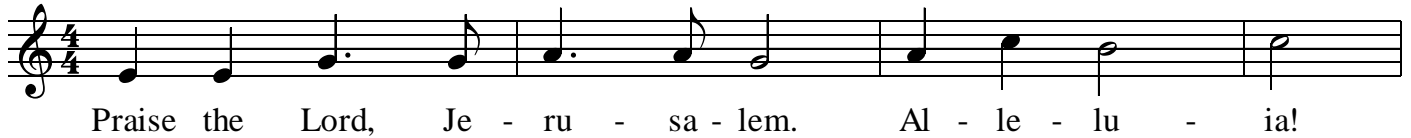


The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

— Deuteronomy 8:3b

Please join us in singing the Psalm Response:



TRUST IN JESUS



Today's feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ

in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God's word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2017

Our Parish Assessment: **\$115,000**

As of 05-03-2017

Total Pledges: \$149,0392

Number of Pledges: 209

Inspired by Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation, "*Amoris Laetitia*," the theme of the **Diocese of San Diego's 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal** is "The Joy of Love."

Inviting each of us to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year, Bishop Robert McElroy explains that our participation accomplishes something simple but profound: it opens the door of faith for others and for ourselves.

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Widows and Widowers:
 Mary Lou Matthews, 858-481-6255
 Monthly Luncheons - September through June

Men of Nativity: Meet First Thursday of the month
 6 - 8 pm in the Parish Commons
 Tim Van Damm, 617-501-3950

Small Christian Communities - Faith Sharing Groups
 See Deacon Jim Walsh or contact Kathy Alameda at
 858-756-9755 or kathyalameda1@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Celebrated on the 4th Sunday, after 10:30 am Mass
 Please contact the Parish Office 858-756-1911 or
jmoore@nativitycatholic.org.

Marriage: Saturdays, 10 am or 2 pm
 Wedding Coordinator: Georgiana Strate, 858-755-7459

Anointing of the Sick: Encouraged for anyone critically ill,
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Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 pm in the Chapel

Eucharist:

Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 8 am in the Chapel
Centering Prayer Group: Saturdays, 9 am in the Chapel
 Contact: Dixie Welsh, 858-756-1911

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday after 8 am Mass
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass
Rosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Chapel

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**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Classes meet September through June

PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Contact: Cynthia Lape, Catechist Coordinator
clape@nativitycatholic.org

Preschool - 6th Grade:

Sundays, 8:50 am - 10:05 am at The Nativity School

Junior High:

Sundays, 5pm - 6:15 pm in the Parish Commons

The last class for the 2016/17 Family Faith Formation is June 18th. Look this summer for announcements regarding registration for next year.

HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

Youth Group: Sundays, 5pm to 6:15pm

Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our Youth Ministry Program!

We are now on our summer break. Thanks to all the teens and parents that made it a great Youth Ministry year. Watch this space for information on summer activities. Have a safe and restful summer.

Registrations for the 2017-2018 Youth Ministry year will be mailed home in August.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

R.C.I.A. Class begins again in the fall. If you are an adult looking to convert to Catholicism, learn more about the Catholic faith, need to pick up a missed sacrament, or are a lifelong Catholic looking for a refresher course; then R.C.I.A. will help answer your questions.

To join R.C.I.A. please contact Mike James at (858)756-1911. Class meets on Sundays from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and continues each Sunday until Easter. We meet in the Parish Office Classroom.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The candle ministry is in need of several interested volunteers who can commit to one day a week votive care. Please contact the office for more details, (858) 756-1911 or jmoore@nativitycatholic.org

Please remember that the deadline for **bulletin submissions** is ten days in advance of the week-end you wish the item to be published.