

Church of the Ascension

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Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M, W, F, S: 9:00 a.m.
T, Th: 6:30 a.m.

First Friday

9:00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 9:30 a.m.
Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m., and by
appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX
MONTHS in advance. Please
telephone the parish office to
make an appointment with the
pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First
Sunday of each month at 12
noon. (Preparation seminar is
required). Please contact the
parish office at least ONE month
in advance.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone

Send Envelopes Weekly, Not Required/Automatic
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**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY
JUNE 14, 2020**

BISHOP CANTÚ ANNOUNCES RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES STARTING JUNE 15

Dear Clergy, Religious, and Faithful of the Diocese of San Jose,

The Coronavirus pandemic, in many ways, has been devastating. Many of us have lost loved ones and neighbors, millions have lost jobs, the means of their livelihood, and many of us live with the fear of infection with this deadly virus.

Because of our concern for the lives and wellbeing of all persons, especially for the most vulnerable to this virus, we suspended public worship beginning mid March. Our concern throughout this time has been twofold: the safety and wellbeing of all, especially the elderly and health compromised, and the continued spiritual nourishment of the faithful. Although we continued to reach out to our faithful in safe, distanced, manners, we have all longed to worship together, again, in person.

After discussion with and consensus among our pastors and the Council of Priests, parishes and chapels in the **Diocese of San Jose may resume public worship outdoors beginning on Monday, June 15, 2020.**

We will follow the directives of the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer, who at this time is permitting outdoor worship in groups no larger than 25 persons. We will insist that all persons over the age of six attending these in-person celebrations wear face coverings, practice physical distancing of six feet between non-family members, and sanitize their hands when entering the worship space and immediately before receiving Communion.

It is essential that our in-person worship not be the cause of further outbreaks of infection, and so we will insist on these safety measures. If infection rates and hospitalizations do not spike, then we can expect the limitations on numbers and place of worship to be modified in due time.

I ask the faithful to follow specific instructions from their parish regarding Mass schedules and how to participate in in-person liturgies. The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for all Catholics in the Diocese of San Jose until further notice. Parishes will continue to livestream Masses.

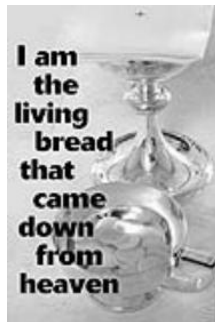
Let us pray for each other. Let us practice charity toward each other. And let us practice moral responsibility for each other's safety, especially the vulnerable.

Yours in Christ,



+Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 14, 2020



Jesus said, Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and blood, is true drink.

—John 6:51-58

FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

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I wept because I had no shoes, until I saw someone who had no feet.

—Ancient Persian saying

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Fr. Paul Weisbeck, who served our Parish many years ago, just marked his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 6. He was ordained in 1970. On that day, Fr. Hao sent a "happy anniversary" greeting to him on behalf of Ascension Parish. Fr. Weisbeck replied: "It is nice to be remembered. Hard to believe it has been 50 years. Ascension is a very special place to me. Was one of my best assignments."

Last Sunday, June 7, **Bishop emeritus Patrick J. McGrath** also celebrated his Golden Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. He presided and preached at the 11:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica. Joining him were San Jose Bishop Oscar Cantú, and Bishop emeritus of Spokane, Carlos Sevilla.

Articles about them and their anniversaries are on The Valley Catholic online at tvc.dsj.org.

You did it!
Congratulations

CORPUS CHRISTI



Today's *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist.

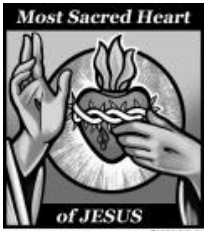
Originally called Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ), the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

was first proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV. In 1264, the pope did establish the feast of Corpus Christi as a solemnity extending to the whole Roman Catholic Church.

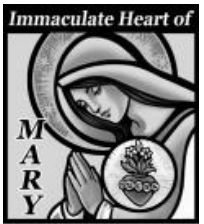
In some countries the feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday (in reference to the Last Supper) after Trinity Sunday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Where the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a holy day of obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

* a **solemnity** is a feast day of the highest rank

TWO FEASTS—TWO HEARTS



Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity that falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. This devotion, dating back to the eleventh century, takes Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity.



Falling on the day after her son's feast day, the **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, formalized in 1944, commemorates the joys and sorrows of the Mother of God, her virtues and perfections, her love for God and her Divine Son and her compassionate love for mankind.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus focuses on God's immense love for humanity, even though it was repulsed, scorned, and crucified. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary points us towards her love for Jesus and for God as an example.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Friday:** **Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- Saturday:** **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Sunday:** **Father's Day** (a day of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society)

THANK YOU

June 07, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Financial Date
NEEDED		
COLLECTED		\$
VARIANCE	\$	\$

Due to the current lockdown situation, the financial information is not available this week.

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

The effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope St. Leo the Great

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 13	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Maxine Stice
June 14	Sun	7 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	The Nora Family
		5 p.m.	Rebecca Gonzales
June 15	Mon	9 a.m.	Sebastian Brazzano
June 16	Tue	6:30 a.m.	Carmela Brazzano
June 17	Wed	9 a.m.	Cesar Munita
June 18	Thu	6:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
June 19	Fri	9 a.m.	Gaberiel Kraft
June 20	Sat	9 a.m.	Joe Fiorentino
		5 p.m.	Robert P. Mandal
June 21	Sun	7 a.m.	Charles Snyder
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst
		5 p.m.	Hung & Nhai Tran

EVENTS

PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

In the wake of the death of George Floyd, several bishops in the nation, included Bishop Oscar Cantú, have spoken out, calling for racial justice. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a joint statement signed by seven episcopal committee heads calling the death of George Floyd and other recent high profile attacks against people of color as a “wake-up call that needs to be answered by each of us in a spirit of determined conversion.”

On Friday, June 5, all California bishops led prayer services in a day of prayer for racial justice and peace. At 9:00 am, Bishop Cantú joined with several religious leaders in an interfaith prayer in the courtyard behind St. Joseph's Cathedral. They knelt in silence for nine minutes in remembrance of Floyd and other victims of racial injustice. At noon on the same day, the bishop led a Catholic prayer at the Shrine to Immaculate Heart of Mary, at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Santa Clara. Fr. Hao and other priests as well as religious sisters and lay people also took part in the prayer service.

Bishop Cantú called on the faithful in the Diocese to pause nine minutes at noon every day during this month of June to reflect and to pray for harmony and justice for people of all races and ethnicities. The California bishops also plan to keep the issue alive through the joint Stations of the Cross video on June 17, and education opportunities.

On June 8, the date for George Floyd's funeral in Houston, Fr. Hao and Fr. Rey celebrated a votive Mass for Justice and Peace (still available on Ascension Facebook page), in response to the invitation from California bishops.

For information on registration and sponsorship please visit
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