

We celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) on May 25th. Our parish has had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament two afternoons weekly since January 2001. There has been a request to extend this prayer to three afternoons. I believe

this is possible if we can increase the number of people willing to commit an hour a week.

I invite all parishioners who are involved in Eucharistic Adoration to an evening of **Prayer and Reflection concluding with Benediction at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel, Tuesday May 27th from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**. This experience will help all of us to grow in our prayer life. I invite all those who may be considering this form of prayer to join us. Some parishioners do not like coming out at night; let us be conscious of those who may need a ride.

This week I offer a few reflections on Eucharistic Adoration. The hour we spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament prepares us for the hours we spend with Christ in our families, places of work, and community.

Sitting in silence before the Blessed Sacrament allows me to be drawn into the mystery of God who took flesh in Jesus, who died and overcame death.

A friend of mine likens the time spent in Eucharistic Adoration to the instant replay of a scene that needs more time to be absorbed than Mass affords. How many times have we seen significant images captured on film and commented on them repeatedly, whether they be the horrors of national tragedy or the exuberance of sports. In these moments, we relive the moments of joy and pain. We remember where

we were and with whom. I think that is what adoration is like, the savoring of the sweetness of something we taste together — the Real Presence of Jesus. As the disciples of Emmaus put it, “Were not our hearts burning within us?”

When Jesus gathered his disciples in the upper room before his death, it was a very ordinary thing. He gathered with others for Passover to recall the goodness of God throughout history, how God saved and blessed us. On this night, Jesus was also preparing to face his own death. He washed their feet and called them to love one another. He gave himself as food to feed their lives and encouraged them to be strengthened by this food to serve others. He told us to “do this in memory of me”.

I need time to take it in. It is so unfathomable that Jesus would love us so much and would die with so much love. I need time and I need to be silent to hear. I need time to simply welcome this love in my own heart -- to hear it and let it heal me of my own sin and betrayals, as well as of the wounds I have received. I need time to bring before the Real Presence of Christ the things I don't understand. I need time to remember what Jesus said and did, so that I can “do” in memory of him.

There is a wonderful hymn that speaks about coming to the garden alone and meeting the beloved there. I imagine that this beloved is the Jesus of Easter who still bears the marks of the wounds and who understands everything. The refrain of the hymn ends with “And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has known.” I think that Eucharistic Adoration is simply that moment of tarrying with the one we love. It is good to be there.

Come and join us on May 27th.

Fr. Padraig



BINGO

Team 8 – May 17

Voice Mail (925) 806-8106

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Team 4B – Scheduled for May 24 & 25

Team 1A – Scheduled for May 31 & June 1

WORKPLACE GIVING

If you contribute to a company Payroll deduction plan that provides the opportunity for you to designate a portion of your contribution to a particular charitable or religious organization, please consider directing part of your donation to the Catholic Community of Pleasanton or the Capital Campaign Building Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Let Us Remember Them

Please join us and invite your friends in remembering our loved ones. Mass will be celebrated on **Monday May 26 at St. Augustine Cemetery at 10:00 AM.**

Special Award and Blessing

We will have our **final** Bingo session this weekend, **May 17.** We are so grateful to the many heroes who have sustained Bingo over two decades and facilitated so much development in our parish.

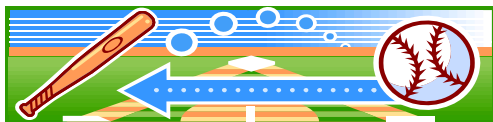
At the **5:00 PM mass on Saturday, May 31,** Dave Scimeca will be awarded the Diocesan Medal of Merit for his years of leadership, and the Bingo volunteers will receive a Special Blessing.

Farewell

After the **12 noon Mass on June 22,** we will gather for a reception in St Augustine Hall to express our gratitude to Jim Silva, Andrea Giovannoni, Anna Adams, and Sandi Wilson for their years of ministry in our parish. Please plan to attend.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The Knights of Columbus and parishioners will enjoy a relaxed, family outing including tailgate picnics and at the same time contribute to a worthy cause, **Mary's House**, a home for women in crisis pregnancy.



At AT&T Park: Giants vs. Padres

Saturday, May 31 – 1:05 PM
View infield seats, Section 324
Price: \$24 Sorry NO Picnic

At McAfee Coliseum: A's vs. Angels

Sunday, June 8 – 1:05 PM
Plaza level seats, Section 208 & 209
Tailgate picnic 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Price \$26 Picnic \$4 (kids under 12 free)

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 18. For reservations and questions, please contact as soon as possible Paul Unpingco at (925) 462-2263 or Lou Santero at (925) 846-5124.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND/NURSING HOMES

Fr. Padraig will lead a morning of prayer and reflection for all our parishioners who bring communion to the hospital, nursing homes, and the housebound on **Saturday, May 24, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.** This ministry ensures that our sick and homebound continue to feel a sense of belonging to our parish community. One very important ministry they do for us is to pray daily for all the people who are listed monthly on the parish prayer list. This is a time together for all of us to grow in our ministry.

If you would like to join this ministry, please call Linda, our Minister to the Sick/Homebound at 484-5020 ext. 2764.

CCOP PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE



We have **400+ families** signed up to take their picture for the upcoming CCOP Church Directory.

This weekend sign-ups are scheduled at both St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. Please note that **the on-line schedule page is down during weekend sign-ups.** We do not want to double book a time slot!

Many time slots are open on May 19, 20, 21, 22, and the 23rd. To schedule your portrait appointment, go online to www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and click the **Portrait Sign Up** link, email or call our Directory Coordinator at esther@edirectories.biz or 510-381-0168.

You will be photographed, view your images, and select your directory pose in **ONE** trip. Every family receives a **FREE** 8 x 10 portrait and a **FREE** directory for participating. There is no sitting fee and there is no cost to the church. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at competitive prices if **YOU** choose.

The dates we have selected to have our portraits taken are:

May 19- 24, June 17– 21, June 30 – July 3 in Rooms 17 & 18 at St. Augustine Hall and June 23 – 28 at SES in Rooms A & B. **Sign-up today!!**