Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

From time to time, people ask me what I get out of Mass. BIG question... The Eucharist for me is simple: the Eucharist is God’s physical embrace of us, God’s touch. Nowhere is the body of Christ so present and available for deep intimacy as in the Eucharist. Today we do not take seriously enough this radical, physical and intimate character of the Eucharist. Rarely do we risk understanding the Eucharist in these earthy terms which might be good for us to consider. We are the poorer for it.

The early church was less reluctant in this than we are. For them, the Eucharist was a communion of such deep physical intimacy that they surrounded it with a certain secrecy. Unless you were fully initiated, you were NOT welcome. As crazy as it sounds, the basis was worship as an intimate gathering of God’s faithful.

They never spoke about the Eucharist to anyone except to fully-initiated Christians – You had to be baptized and confirmed to celebrate Eucharist. Our present practice within the RCIA of asking catechumens to leave after the homily and before the Eucharistic Prayer is based upon this ancient

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discipline.

This secrecy, however, was not an attempt to surround the Eucharist with a certain mystique so as to intrigue others to be curious about it, as is usually the case with secrecy of this kind. It was not an attempt to create some secret cult. Surprisingly, the secrecy was a reverence. For them, the Eucharist was such an intimate thing that one didn’t do it with just anyone nor did one talk about it publicly.

The Eucharist is the touch, the physical coming together, the embrace, the source and the summit.

The mystery of the Body of Christ—God becoming incarnate, The Word taking full human flesh, is what we should adore and glorify. Christ leaving us the Word and the Eucharist, and the intimacy and communion that we experience with Christ and each other in the Eucharist—can, in the end, not be exaggerated.

Have a great week...

Fr. Paul
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MedShare Volunteers Needed

Please join us at MedShare on Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 AM until noon. A group of CCOP volunteers will sort medical supplies at MedShare in San Leandro. MedShare provides free medical supplies to hospitals and free clinics around the world where there is great need. We need 20 volunteers. For information or to volunteer, contact Mark at menevi@sbcglobal.net or at (925) 846-1014. Thank you.

This volunteer activity is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Military Peer Support Group

Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St Augustine’s rectory conference room from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Contact Dom Pietro for additional information at (925) 462-4665 or e-mail pietr11@comcast.net. All ages welcome.

Giving Made Easy (GME)

Make your Arise & Build, Sunday and Special offerings via Credit Card or Checking Account.

1. Go to the CCOP website.
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Young Adult Ministry
Come join the CCOP Young Adult Ministry in a summer-long Book Study with the young adults from St. Raymond as we read and study *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Join us on Wednesday evenings from June 15 thru August 31, 7:00 PM—8:30 PM at St. Raymond’s Kids Klub. For more details, email Susie at staugustine868@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook under CCOP Young Adults Ministry.

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Summer Fun at Camp!
Northern CA has two exciting options for Catholic camps. Both offer a variety of Summer Camp Programs for 1st grade through high school, and both offer online registration at www.pendola.org. **Camp Pendola (July 17-23)** is adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest near Camptonville, CA or take a look at **CYO Camp (July 11-17)** in Occidental, CA at www.cyocamp.org. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schlachte at (925) 474-2775 or nschlachte@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

School Supply Drive
The High School Youth Ministry is having a backpack and school supply drive for kids in Tri-Valley Haven’s shelter and children in the Pleasanton School District. Collection bins will be in the vestibules beginning next weekend. The supplies needed are:
- Backpacks
- Binders
- Binder paper (wide-rule and college-rule)
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils & Crayons
- Compasses
- Dividers
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Notebooks (marbled or wired)
- Pencils & Pens (red, blue, and black ink)
- Protractors & Rulers
- Scissors
- Payless Shoes gift cards in $10 denominations to help families whose children need shoes for school would be very much appreciated as well.

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