Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In years past and for some today, this feast is known as Corpus Christi. We celebrate the fullness of the anointed one, the Christ. He is the One who said “take” and “eat”, “take” and “drink”. When he exhorted his followers to “take”, there was no condition. There was the invitation to them and to us to know what we are doing. When we “take” Him we are invited to “be” Him. This is foundational to what we do at Mass each weekend at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and in Catholic parishes throughout the world. Why do we do what we do? It’s because of Him who followed the will of the Father. We are united in living out His life by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday Mass is bedrock for us as a community. In the midst of schedules that are so complicated and so very busy with obligations, pressures to do everything and choices we must make, it is more imperative than ever to ground ourselves in this sure foundation. Going to Mass is not like going to any other event you have calendared. When you go to Mass, you are going in order to be who you are – by receiving Him, you are His presence and you are His ambassador. To that, many of us can say, “I get it”. I must remind myself again and again that “I don’t get it”. Because of this, ongoing and regular formation in our awareness of the Mass is crucial regardless of

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Informed” we think we are. We gather because of Him and for Him not expecting Him to give us anything more than what he has done. After all, he gave us His life. For what more can we ask?

It is important to make our celebrations a reflection of who we are. For example, this past year, we explored the opportunity to simplify the 8:00 AM Mass by increasing reverential silence and singing what is essential according to the norms of the Mass instructions issued by the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council. In this way, while “simplified” we were keeping it very much a “Vatican II” celebration. I heard many very positive comments about the shift and I heard some negative comments, too. One day, I was invited to coffee with a parishioner. She shared with me her preference for what we presently do at 8:00 AM Mass. What she also shared was her awareness that the community has tried and faithfully so. In that, they have struggled and many silently. I would wholeheartedly agree and for that I say thank you.

Back when we made the shift, we promised to revisit and assess the 8:00 AM Mass. It has been almost one year’s worth of experience. Today’s feast seemed the appropriate time to draw some conclusions. After reflecting upon the comments and from discussion with Deacon Gary and Ira, we will bring back a more full-bodied singing to the 8:00 AM Mass. Of course, we must take into account the need for seasonal focus that can “simplify” our worship (Advent, Lent) or “enhance” our celebrations appropriately (Christmas, Easter). To those who preferred the “simplified” experience, please continue to come and be one with us. We come to celebrate because of Him.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we need to remember that our response to so great a love, so unconditional a love, must be to love with greater desire to be one in His love. Nowhere else is that done as completely as when we celebrate the Eucharist. This is why Mass is bedrock.

We gather together...

Fr. Paul.
| Sunday | June 3 | 8:00 AM | John Cupec  
|        |       | 10:00 AM | Tom Michell  
|        |       | 12:00 PM | For the People  
|        |       |          |          | 8:00 AM | Knights of Columbus Donut Social | Hall  
| Monday | June 4 | 8:30 AM | Mrs. Florence Palet  
|        |       |          |          | 8:00 AM | Rosary | St. Vincent de Paul | Church  
| Tuesday | June 5 | 8:30 AM | Jimmy Esposito  
|        |       |          |          | 8:00 AM | Rosary  
|        |       |          |          | 10:00 AM | Infant & Toddler Playgroup  
|        |       |          |          | 12:00 PM | Al-Anon Meeting  
|        |       |          |          | 7:00 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Church  
| Wednesday | June 6 | 8:30 AM | Intack Kim  
|        |       |          |          | 8:00 AM | Rosary | Church  
| Thursday | June 7 | 8:30 AM | Paul Delucchi  
|        |       |          |          | 8:00 AM | Rosary | Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting  
|        |       |          |          | 7:00 PM | Bible Study | Church  
| Friday | June 8 | 8:30 AM | Mike Elliott  
|        |       |          |          | 8:00 AM | Rosary | Bible Study  
|        |       |          |          | 9:30 AM | Al-Anon | Church  
|        |       |          |          | 11:00 AM | AA—Words of Wisdom  
|        |       |          |          | 6:00 PM | Hispanic Prayer Group | Rooms 4 & 5  
| Saturday | June 9 | 8:30 AM | Virgilio & Claudia & Family  
|        |       | 5:00 PM |          | 8:00 AM | Rosary | Church  
|        |       |          |          | 8:45 AM | Al-Anon | Room 8  
|        |       |          |          | 3:00 PM | Reconciliation | Church  
| Sunday | June 10 | 8:00 AM | Marie & James Delucchi  
|        |       | 10:00 AM |          | 12:00 PM |          |          |
Scripture Readings
June 10
Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Requests for Mass Intentions
A wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones is to offer a Mass intention. The 2018 Mass Intention Calendars (July—December) will open for reservations on June 11 at:

- **St. Augustine Rectory Conference Room**
  - Monday – Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Monday – Friday 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

- **St. Elizabeth Seton Office**
  - Monday – Friday 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
  - Monday – Thursday 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Infant & Toddler Playgroup
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
St. Augustine Hall, Room 13

Giving Pre-K children in our community a casual setting to play, learn and socialize in a Christ-centered environment while providing a forum of support, friendship and fellowship for parents/caregivers.

Bi-Monthly Grief Workshops
Our bi-monthly workshop for grief support will be held June 14 and 28, July 12 and 16, August 9 and 23. These meetings will be at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. For a complete schedule and more information, please visit our website catholicsofpleasanton.org, scroll down to grief ministry tab and tap on it for additional information.

Facility Scheduling
The Facility Scheduling packets have been emailed to all Ministry Coordinators. If you did not receive yours, please contact Michael Harmon, Director of Communication at mharmon@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group
“Prayer Groups are beds of Faith” says Padre Pio! The “Sons and Daughters of Padre Pio Prayer Group” at CCOP which has been officially aggregated to the International Center of the Prayer Groups of Padre Pio for the relief of the suffering invites you to join and celebrate the Eucharist every 2nd Saturday of the month. Mass starts at 8:30 AM at St Augustine Church followed by devotions, meeting and fellowship at St. Augustine Hall.

Grief Workshop
You Are Not Alone - From Grief To Grace
Saturday, June 9, 10:00 AM - 4:45 PM
Santa Sabina Retreat Center - San Rafael

This Retreat day offers an opportunity for those who are experiencing such loss and unresolved grief to join with Fr. Padraig Greene, an experienced presenter and guide, for reflection, prayer and journaling. The day begins at 10:00 AM, includes lunch and closes at 4:45 PM. Eucharist will follow at 5:00 PM. Please share this information with grieving friends and families. For reservations call (415) 457-7727 or info@santasabinacenter.org.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**Thursday, June 14, 6:30 PM**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Rooms A & B at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. All who knit and crochet are welcome--especially beginners! For more information, please contact Joanne Lenigan at (925) 872-8940.

Military Peer Support Group  
St. Augustine Church—Rectory  
**3rd Wednesday of the Month**  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each moth. For more information, contact Dom Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or pietr11@comcast.net. All Ages are welcome.

Safe Environment Training  
Safe Environment training is mandatory for all who minister and volunteer at CCOP. It must be done first before starting work or volunteering and then every 3 years thereafter. The Diocese of Oakland announces our affiliation with VIRTUS, Protecting God’s Children. The links for registration are on the Safe Environment Page of the Diocese website.

To register and take the online course go to www.virtusonline.org. It is available in Spanish and English. Cost paid by parish.

All volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults must be live scan printed and cleared prior to beginning work.

Fingerprinting Vendor:  
AAA Live Scan  
1576 2nd Street - Suite E, Livermore, CA  

Faith Formation Registration  
In case you missed faith formation registration, we will have another registration opportunity on **August 14 in St. Augustine Hall**. If you have any questions, call the office at (925) 846-3531.

Habitat for Humanity  
Volunteers are needed to build a home for a deserving family in Martinez. Please join us on **Saturday, June 16 from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM**. Adults and teens 16 years and older are welcome. With your help we can fulfill the dream of homeownership for low-income, hard working families in Alameda.

For information or to volunteer, please contact Diane Cowart at djcowart@aol.com or (925) 989-5083. You can also sign up at https://eastbay.volunteerhub.com/lp/CCOP/.

This volunteer activity is organized by the Social Justice Committee.

Tri-Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry  
We are a group of Catholic adults from the Tri-Valley and surrounding areas, between the ages of 18-35, who meet to grow in our faith, develop lasting friendships, encourage good citizenship, and create a culture of life.

**June Schedule of Events**

**Bible Study - June 6, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
St. Raymond Parish - Guest Speaker Tricia Bolle will give a presentation on the Church in China - Called to Serve, in Asia - Real Life Stories from a Missionary Serving the Persecuted Church

**Bible Study - June 13, 20 & 27, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
St. Raymond Parish on topic Lectio Prayer

**Social Opportunity - June 16**  
Wine & Cheese night! Catholic Charities Transforming Lives Tour at St. Isidore Parish in the St. Isidore Parish Room. Learn about the great work of Catholic Charities and how young adults can get involved.

**Barbecue - June 23**  
Lake Del Valle - Volleyball, hiking, etc.

**Mass & Brunch - June 24, 9:00 AM**  
St. Elizabeth Seton in Pleasanton

**Volunteer Opportunity - Habitat for Humanity**  
TBA, email trivalleyyam@gmail.com for more information.
What is your ministry about?
At CCOP we have a grief program that has been in development for close to 20 years and is staffed by over 25 ministers who have been through our program.

What makes your program different from all the other grief meetings I hear about?
We have been told by many people attending our program that our program worked for them because of the small groups. We break into groups of 3 or 4 participants with similar losses, and one or two ministers in the group who also share similar losses.

Do you support only people from our church?
No, we are open to not only our church, but all people in the community.

What is a grief meeting like if I decide to attend?
After we welcome you and give you an overview of the night, one of our ministers reads a talk they wrote. You then receive a sheet with about three questions for your eyes only, to fill out and take with to your small group of other participants with a similar loss.

How often do you hold meetings?
We have meetings all year. We have an 8-week workshop every Spring and Fall, and drop in meetings between the workshops.

How do I find out about the meetings?
We almost always have flyers in church. Our website carries a short video and all the information on our grief program. You will also find the name of a contact for your questions and workshop registration. Call Eleanor at (925) 846-8708 or go on our web site: catholicsofpleasanton.org and scroll down to grief ministry.

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden or tragic or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Each person’s grief journey has its own path.