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SERVICES

SUNDAYS

8:00am	LOW MASS
10:00am	HIGH MASS

DAILY MASS

Tuesdays	7:00am & 12noon
Wednesdays	9:30am
Thursdays	7:00am & 6:00pm
Fridays	9:30am
Saturdays	9:00am

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FATHER TONY WRITES...

Dear friends,

We have had a marvelous Eastertide at All Saints'. It all began with the Easter Triduum, and the marvelous Services of Holy Week. I think it is no exaggeration to say that the liturgies and music were outstanding – perhaps the best in my time as Rector. I also must include the magnificent flowers, the hard work of our acolytes and altar guild and, of course, the enthusiasm and devotion of the congregation. The attendances for the Triduum and Easter Day were the highest since I have been here – over 500 communicants. If our church only existed for that great week, it would be worth it!

CORPUS CHRISTI

The season of Easter concluded on the Feast of Pentecost. This is a festival in its own right, and it is a marvelous celebration of the 50th day of Easter. Sadly, we sang the Regina Coeli for the last time. The following week was Trinity Sunday, which sums up everything we have celebrated in the first 6 months of the Church Kalendar. Then comes Corpus Christi.

This is the great commemoration of the gift by Christ to the Church of the Eucharist. On Maundy Thursday we celebrated the institution of the Eucharist by Our Lord at the Last Supper. However, it is overshadowed by Good Friday & the Passion. Corpus Christi allows us to celebrate with more joy. We will, as usual, conclude High Mass on Sunday June 14th with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

THE EUCHARIST

Because we are about to celebrate Corpus Christi, the *Church Teaching Series* in this magazine is about the Eucharist.

LENTEN APPEAL

During Lent we continued our appeal for the Diocese of Bendigo in Australia. This was for the community center for bushfire victims established by the Rt Revd Andrew Curnow, Bishop of Bendigo. In the April magazine I reported that we had sent \$11,000 and our diocese \$5,000. Many of you gave generously during Lent, and after Easter I sent Bishop Curnow a further check for \$2,973. This means that he has received over \$25,000 in Australian dollars – a truly remarkable contribution to that small diocese.

MY VISIT TO BENDIGO

In May I had an 8 day vacation in Australia, and visited Bendigo. I caught the train from Melbourne – a lovely 2 hour journey through typical Australian countryside. Bishop Curnow met me at the station – and it was a happy reunion for us both.

After lunch he drove me through the areas affected by the February bushfires. It was terrible to see. Then we went to the community center called "*Our Place*", to see the work and meet the chaplain, Tracey. She had been busy getting ready for my visit, and the welcome I received was slightly overwhelming.

About 25 volunteers & fire-fighters greeted me, and there was a table groaning with cakes and desserts. The local newspaper and television station were there to interview me – there is a copy of it on our parish website. Speeches welcoming me, and of thanks to our parish, were made. An amusing aspect was that many people were surprised that I was not an American. All they knew was that an American Church had given a generous donation, and the priest was visiting from California! Bishop Curnow explained our association going back to St Mark's, Fitzroy – but I think some of them were disappointed I was not an American!

SALLY WONG-AVERY

Sally and her sister, Grace, have been members of All Saints' for 40 years, when they arrived in San Diego to study. The rest of the family followed, and they are regular worshippers at the Sunday 8 am Mass. Many parishioners will not be aware of the great work Sally does in the Chinese community. It is extensive, and includes the Chinese School of San Diego, the Chinese Service Center and a lot of work behind the scenes within the community. All the work she does was recognized in May by her being awarded the 2009 Ellis Island Medal of Honour. This is a most prestigious award, and well deserved. We salute Sally, and say how proud we are to have her and the family at All Saints'.

SO TO SUMMER

Summer is almost upon us. Our choir has its usual break in July and August. It is a well-deserved one. Sundays will continue as usual, of course, and parish life goes on as always. See you in church!

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr Tony". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

CORPUS CHRISTI



SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2009

**10:00AM HIGH MASS,
PROCESSION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT,
AND BENEDICTION**

Facilities Committee Report

From Ruby Littler - Chair of Committee

In January 2009 the church and parish hall were tented for termite extermination.

Two large upstairs school rooms were renovated to accommodate the choir. They now use these rooms which allowed the Sunday school to move into the fireside room. The Sunday school has out grown the space they were using.

New swinging gates were installed on the alley side of the school parking lot and spaces configured to accommodate 10 cars if parked front to back.

New ceiling tiles and light fixtures were installed in the drop ceiling in the parish hall.

Junk was removed and disposed of from the old rectory garage, making space available for future use.

School building and flat areas of church and offices have been re-roofed.

Ivy and juniper trees were removed from area between alley and chapel entry. Red pavers were laid which match pavers on corner of 6th and Pennsylvania.

Two unused upstairs schools rooms were rented out. One to the Community Coaching Center, and one to S. D. Men's Chorus.

Requested the City to move the handicap parking space on Pennsylvania Ave away from power pole and guy wire. City has agreed to move space 20 feet farther toward the alley.

Projects Pending:

1. Installing rotating fans in church. 2. Enlarging patio cover to shade larger area. 3. Install additional metal gates around stair area of school building to secure pre-school area.

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THE EUCHARIST

“DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”

On the night before his death, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. It was a solemn occasion and during the meal he used some striking words and actions. He took bread, gave thanks to God, and then said, “This is my Body, which is given for you”. He took a cup of wine, gave thanks again and then said, “This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant..... Do this in memory of me”.

Jesus took ordinary bread and wine and filled them with new and life-giving meaning. You will see these actions and words repeated whenever the Mass is celebrated. The bread and wine become living signs, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through which Christ comes among us. When God reveals himself in this way we talk about a “Sacrament” of the Church.

Christians have met ever since the Resurrection on the first Easter Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. We believe that when we do this in memory of Christ we are united in his death and Resurrection in a way that is not limited to time. These events become real for us here and now and we are drawn into them. The moment of receiving Holy Communion during the celebration of the Mass is a personal encounter with the Risen Lord.

It sometimes seems odd to people when we speak like this. All that can be tasted is bread and wine, and yet we say they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Christians also claim that Jesus himself is present when the Eucharist is celebrated.

Jesus teaches this in Saint John 6. A story in Luke's Gospel can illustrate what we are trying to say. On the first Easter Sunday two disciples were talking with a stranger and they invited him into their house for supper. Something prevented them from recognising the Risen Lord. Saint Luke goes on with the story:

So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table. He took bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him. (Saint Luke 24: 30-31)

In the actions and words of the Eucharist, Christians today find that they meet with Christ as those two disciples did.

HIS CONTINUING PRESENCE

The Church teaches us that the real presence of Jesus in his Body and Blood under forms of Bread and Wine is not confined to a particular moment. When the Eucharist is celebrated the death and Resurrection of Christ are proclaimed and made real for us. But the gift of Christ's personal presence remains with us until the Eucharistic bread and wine are reverently consumed.

We believe that the Holy Spirit, sent down by God upon the gifts of bread and wine, brings about a change. Once they have been consecrated we call them the Body and Blood of Christ, we treat them with great care and respect, and the Eucharistic bread especially is kept safely. We call this "Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament".

THE TABERNACLE

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle on the High Altar. The Body of Christ is kept in the tabernacle, a safe that is usually covered by a veil. We call it the tabernacle because it was the Old Testament word for the place where God was believed to make himself present in a special way. In some churches a wall-safe called an “aumbry” may be used. A white light burns at the place of reservation as a sign of the perpetual presence of the Body of Christ. You will find the Blessed Sacrament in many Anglican Churches and in most Roman Catholic Churches and Orthodox Churches.

A practical reason for reserving the Blessed Sacrament is that it is always available in emergencies for the sick and dying. At Mass it is sometimes convenient to use some of the reserved hosts for Holy Communion, or to reserve what is left over rather than consuming many hosts.

But more importantly, the Blessed Sacrament is a focal point of prayer. You will see people making a genuflection as a sign of reverence for Christ’s presence, and then kneeling for a while to pray.

Praying before the Blessed Sacrament can help us to become more aware of the presence of Jesus in our world. It can help us to continue our personal meeting with Jesus at the Eucharist into our everyday life and is a useful way of concentrating when prayer is distracted or difficult.

If you visit the Blessed Sacrament make a genuflection and spend some time there yourself. You can offer a short prayer such as “Lord Jesus help me to feel you are near” or use the prayer on the following page.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

When there is to be a time of shared prayer in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament is often exposed. The Host is placed in a “monstrance”, the name of which comes from the Latin word for “to show”. There is often rays coming from a window in the centre of the monstrance where we can see the Eucharistic bread. Whether it is ornate or simple, the monstrance is there to help us to focus on the presence of Jesus himself. It opens up a window for us to gaze into heaven. We can be filled with the warmth that we feel in the company of Christ and lit up by his radiance.

Exposition often takes the form of a short service called “Benediction” which means “blessing”. The monstrance is placed on the altar and Christ’s Eucharistic presence is revered. A hymn is sung and a scripture read or prayers said. Incense may be used to honour the Blessed Sacrament. After another hymn the priest makes the sign of the cross over the people with the monstrance. This is a holy moment when we can be sure of the blessing of Jesus. We can thank God for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, but above all we thank God for revealing himself to us, and coming among us in Jesus.

CLOSE TO JESUS

If you can go to a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved to spend a few minutes praying close to Jesus, it will help you make more space for God in your life and to believe that Christ is always near. This prayer sums it up, and you may like to use it:

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*



**WE CAN MEET JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND KNOW THAT HE IS ALWAYS WITH US**

THE SOCIETY OF MARY

*The society meeting dates
for the next few months are:*



Saturday, June 13th

Saturday, July 11th

Saturday, August 8th

The meetings consist of:

11:00am Recitation of the Rosary

11:30am Mass

12noon Potluck Lunch

Praying for our Military

Please keep in your prayers
the following members of our Parish
and their families

Deployed

Robert White
Jonathan Gray

At Home

Fr Bill Cantrell
Ian Kelley
Mark Llewellyn
Nua Moa
Mike Wilson
Amy Garrett
Chuck Garrett
Warren Klam

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