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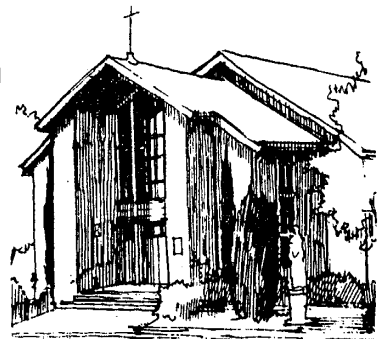
CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesday mornings after 7:00 AM Liturgy
Rosary:
Recited every weekday morning before Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM



The Most Holy Body and Blood Of
Christ

June 6, 2010

As often as you eat this bread and
drink the cup, you proclaim the death
of the Lord until he comes.

—1 Corinthians 11:26

I decided to use this column to connect last Sunday's Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity to our celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ this weekend. To do this I'm first printing a copy of the homily I preached last Sunday. As you'll see, my emphasis is on the witness to community that we receive from our belief in the Trinity.

When Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now," I'd like to think that he was referring to our celebration of the Holy Trinity today. So many philosophers and theologians have tried to figure out what it means to call God Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the concept of the Trinity. St. Augustine, a 4th century theologian, said that if you can comprehend "it," (meaning God) then "it" can't be God because God is incomprehensible. In other words, we can't know God completely, at least in this life. The great theologian, Thomas Aquinas, toward the end of his life figured out that everything he had taught or written about God was so inadequate that he ceased writing and teaching until his death.

So what do we do on Trinity Sunday? Just because we can't know everything there is to know about God doesn't mean that we can't begin to know something about God.

I'm not going to use any props, like a shamrock, to try to give you my reflections on God and Trinity. Instead, I'd like to focus my reflections about God on just one thing I feel the teaching on the Trinity says. I think that one thing we can say about God concerns the importance of community. The Holy Trinity is a community of persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And I'd like to tell you why this is so important.

In his latest book entitled "The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything" (A Spirituality for Real Life) Fr. James Martin talks about the difference between spirituality and religion. How many times have you heard someone say, "Well, I'm a spiritual person, but I'm not really religious?" Everyone seems to be "spiritual" these days, but to be religious seems not to be fashionable. Here's how this goes: being religious means being bound by all the rules and regulations of an oppressive out-of-date institution called the Church, and an institution that doesn't allow you to think for yourself. I don't believe that but many people do. Worse than that, people such as Richard Dawkins, a scientist who is part of the new atheist movement, feels that religion is one of the most despicable of social evils, responsible for all the wars and conflicts in the world.

Being spiritual, on the other hand, is taken to mean that, freed from unnecessary dogma, you can be yourself before God. The terms also means that you may have sampled many forms of religious beliefs that you have attempted to integrate into your life, and you kind of pick something from Christianity, a little something from Buddhism and Judaism, and perhaps round things out with a little New Age thought.

Now, I'm no fool when it comes to religion, and I'm certainly not a blind apologist for what ails the Church. If we haven't found out that sin exists in the Church these days, we've been on another planet. But the problem I find with just being spiritual is the lack of community. Being spiritual implies that I'm here to do this journey of life alone and on my own terms. The pitfall of this kind of thinking is selfishness and also a kind of narcissism, whose theme song is (to borrow something from Willie Nelson) "I was always on my mind."

If there is anything that this celebration of the Holy Trinity can tell us is that we're not doing this religious journey alone. Even God is a community of persons. Jesus didn't come upon this earth to do his mission alone. He chose people to be his first followers, even if they weren't the best human beings.

Community is important. Community is important because it calls us out of ourselves to be people of concern for others when we'd rather think only of ourselves. Community calls us to be oriented toward others, when this society suffers from a sense of me, me, me. Belonging to the Community of Jesus is also here to correct us when we stray and to offer us different options for our living.

The letter to the Romans tells us today: "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God." What this means to me is that Jesus and what he stands for enables you and me to stand in right relationship with God and others...if we imitate his life.

What can we see in Jesus' life? The image of Jesus' baptism gives us a start. First of all, he was God's beloved. That close relationship with the Father along with the presence of the Holy Spirit was there at the beginning of his life. As God was close to Jesus, so will God be close to us throughout our journey of life. God is not watching us "from a distance." We are never alone on this journey of life. Both God and community take on a new dimension. We are bound together through Jesus to God and to one another through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, I've mentioned the need for community to be a Christian. What's the "other" part of this idea of community? What nurtures and supports our community? That's where this weekend's celebration comes in. In our tradition the celebration of Word and Sacrament, which we call the Eucharist, is the answer. It is in the Eucharist that the Christian connects with what the song says: "God will provide for all that we need, here at this table of plenty."

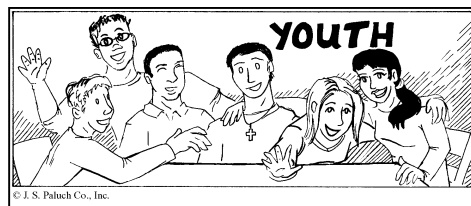
On the night before Jesus died, he left us the Eucharist to remind us that God will be found whenever two or three gather in his name. It is the Body and Blood of the Lord that becomes our food for the journey. Our reception of Communion can never be only our "personal" connection to the Lord. The Eucharist is something we celebrate as a community of faith.

God is always saving, but we don't usually pay attention until we pour water over a baby and invoke God's saving grace. God is always healing, but we are clueless until we anoint a sick person and call on God's soothing balm. God is always forgiving, but we are rarely aware until we hear the priest speak God's forgiveness.

God is always and everywhere, but especially when the community gathers to partake of the spiritual food and drink which the Lord himself gives us. In order to notice God all over, we must celebrate God here. In order to experience God all the time, we must experience God now.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Mark your Calendars: Church of the Assumption is the assigned parish for volunteers to work at the **St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room** in Oakland the two days of **June 26 & June 27**. If you would like to volunteer, please call our **HELP-LINE** and leave us a message. Adults and teenagers from the Church of the Assumption are welcome. Members of our conference are planning to attend on **Sunday June 27**. Come join us. Please continue to help us help those in need by referring others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079**.



Youth Group will meet on June 7, 2010 at 7:30p.m.

Birthright

Birthright is a non-profit, non political, interdenominational emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright volunteers are dedicated to helping any women distressed with her pregnancy. All services are free and confidential. If you desire to volunteer your time and talent to assist these life saving efforts, contact Birthright at 800-550-4900. Birthright San Lorenzo 1048 Grant Ave San Lorenzo 94580.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School sets sail this August Vacation Bible School will launch a High Sea Adventure August 2-6. Pre-schoolers through High Schoolers are invited to come aboard for an adventure of a lifetime. Look for registration fliers in the back of the church. As always we are looking for adult volunteers to help deliver the adventure to the children. Any help is welcome, but we are looking for help in the areas of drama, crafts and decorating. There will be a planning meeting for adult volunteers after the 9a.m. Mass in the Youth Center. For more information please contact Siobhan or Brian Cushing at cushingclan@aol.com.



On Sunday June 12/13, we will have Rev. Msgr. George Tomichuk. P.A. from the Missionary Cop. Each year in all Catholic Churches around the United States, a missionary is invited to speak about Missionary work of the Church. Fr. Tomachek is from the **Diocese of Calbayog In the Philippines**. He will be asking for your financial support to carry on the Gospel of Jesus Christ to help all those in great need. Please be generous.

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School News

Our PTG officers for the 2010/2011 school year have been chosen. After a year of strategic planning the Parent Teacher Group has been restructured into five committees: **Parent Education, Fundraising, Teacher Support, Hospitality and Service to the School Community**. Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve on these committees. We still need more helpers. Please look out for more information at the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year on ways you can get involved. The officers for next year's PTG are as follows: **President: Jacqui Diaz, Vice President: Lisa Cook, Treasurer: Lisa Oberempt, and Secretary: Susan McCue.**

The last day of school is Thursday, June 10th. The day will begin with a Mass at 8:15 A.M. Students will then go to their classrooms for report cards. We will have our annual moving up ceremony at 9:45 A.M. and students will be released to their parents at 10:00 A.M. **There will be NO Extended Care that day.**

We welcome in our community

Giada Marie Boccasile

Maya Elma

Emily Marie Gonsalves

Weekly Offering

Goal.....7300.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

June 6—June 13

Sun	6	
Mon	YC	Haven 7:30 p.m.
Tue	CR	Parish Council 7:30 p.m. K Graduation
	H	Reception
Wed	Ch	Adult Choir Practice 7:30p.m.
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		
Sun		

THE GYM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ALL WEEK

**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST
Weekly Mass Intentions**

May 29 — June 6

Saturday	5:00	Betty Rezente +
Sunday	7:30	Lilas Vonnegut +
	9:00	Corazon David +
	10:30	Fernando Cardoso Sr. +
	12:00	Romulo Reynosa +
Monday	9:00	Bernice Robino +
Tuesday	7:00	Agnes Seeberger +
Wednesday	7:00	Rodolfo Cavazos (L)
Thursday	7:00	Eva August +
Friday	7:00	Fr. Kenny Scott O.F.M. +
Saturday	8:00	Salvador Yalung +
	5:00	John & Ellen Scannell +
Sunday	7:30	Laura Moniz +
	9:00	Cheri Gove +
	10:30	William Pico +
	12:00	David Rogers +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Altar Server Coord. Harry Clyde.....	352-1537
Head Communion Ministers:	
Joe and Mina Riccio	352-3506
Head Usher: Al Weinberger.....	895-9900
Head Greeter: Gloria Calegari	357-0943
Ministry Scheduler: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Susan Hupp.....	352-1537
Teen Confirmation:	
Deacon Harry Clyde.....	352-1537
St. Vincent de Paul	
Joe Riccio.....	352-6079
Pastoral Council:	
Tomas Pineda.....	638-0497
School Board:	
Ben Barr.....	938-4241
Liturgy Committee	
Loretta Fernandes.....	352-1537
Finance Committee:	
Pat Durgin.....	632-4032
All Saints Skilled Nursing	
Merlie Macasieb.....	895-5162
Bishop's Appeal:.....	352-1537
Tuesdays with Larry:	
Larry Graves	352-4777
Rosary Makers:	
Irene Haines	483-7975
Widows:	
Helen Meyer.....	351-4665
CYO:	
Don Ratto	614-2773
Communion to the Homebound:	
Mary Croak	352-1537
Communion to Kindred Hospital:	
Al Frates.....	351-2852
Prayer Chain:	
JoMarie Stavosky.....	483-3366
Knit/Crochet Group	
Mary Croak.....	357-7562
Linens:	
Anita De Marais.....	357-9172

Assumption Parish Mission Statement

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.