
Prolonging the Feast



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks be to God we were able to be back in the church for the feast of Corpus Christi. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean the church between Masses!

Corpus Christi used to be one of the octaves in the Church's calendar. An octave is the eight-day celebration of a particular feast, most notably Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Mother Church celebrates an octave so as to have her children linger over and savor the teaching contained in the feast. It's basically stretching out the feast to increase the celebration.

Although there is no longer an octave of Corpus Christi (or Pentecost, unfortunately), there's nothing to stop us from prolonging its graces. We can still savor its lingering effects. As we move towards the feast of the Sacred Heart, let's continue deepening our devotion to th Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For it is there most of all that we will encounter His Sacred Heart and the love it pours out upon us.

Here is a good prayer to bridge the two feasts:

*May the Heart of Jesus
in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved
with grateful affection
at every moment,
in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.
Amen.*

Updates...

- Here's the [link](#) for sign-up/registration form for next Sunday's Masses.
- **Livestreaming.** Even though we are back in the church for Masses, we will still livestream all of our liturgies from the parish website. Just click the livestream link (and make sure you unmute it as well).
- **Wednesday Adoration.** Please note that there will be no adoration Wednesday afternoon due to the funeral for long time parishioner Nancy Cook. Please pray for the happy repose of her soul
- **Food Distribution.** Our first Friday food distributions have continued through the pandemic on a drive-thru basis. The number of families requesting food has increased and our supplies are diminished. Please consider donating one-two pound bags of rice or beans, boxes of cereal, canned meat (chicken or tuna), pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, hearty soups, canned ravioli or chili. (No glass, please.) Your donations can be placed in the baskets in the vestibule of the church. Our next three food distribution dates will be July 10 (on account of 4th of July weekend), August 7 and September 4. We appreciate your support as we work to help feed those in need.
- **What's Growing on Behind the House of Ministries?** Our Creation Care Ministry has begun a vegetable garden directly behind the House of Ministries, 913 Park Avenue. The group is busy planting vegetables and herbs which will supplement our parish's monthly food distribution program. A big thanks to the volunteers for this new project! For more information, contact Zoey Maraist at zoeydimaruo@gmail.com
- **Rectory Ramblings:** Tonight at 8pm a conversation with Fr. Joseph Vu, to learn about his journey to the priesthood, beginning with his dramatic escape from Vietnam!

Through the intercession of our Lady and Saint James, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Scalia

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