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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity (C)

Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15

Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Calvin and Hobbes comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:15 AM
St. John of the Cross

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM ~ English
6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM
Thurs. (Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM ~

Adoration ~

Thurs. (Sp.) - 6:30 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for Confession or **Anointing of the Sick.**

Parish Office Hours

St. John of the Cross

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship & Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.-June 15 9:15 AM The Most Holy Trinity Father's Day	† Jerry Cross by His Loving Family † Eliza Robles (Heavenly Birthday) by Palmira Cardona † Raymundo Villanueva by Anita Bazan People of the Parish
Sun.-June 8 9:15 AM The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	† Raymundo Villanueva by Anita Bazan Special intention for Father Jim Craig by Schneider Family For Vocations by Evans Family People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST

May He bless all who are in need of His strength, especially:

Ana Culpepper, Henry Garrett, Kenton Heider, Paula Heider, Gerald Lindsey, Melba Malik, Cheryl Marshall, Kyle Metz, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez, Yolanda Ramirez, Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:
Grace Hill, Theresa Laurienti, and Laura Perez

Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Preston Holliday,

Christopher, Randall Lauer II Alayah Moore, Audrey Winstead

Army: J. W. Craig, Madeleena Delaney,

Celine De Los Santos,

Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid,

Fernando Ramos III, Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Dominique Cardenas and Cory Elyasevich



Please pray for our
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service

1. Go to www.st-johnog.org
2. hover mouse on ABOUT tab
3. click on 'Active Military Prayer Request'

Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	06/01/2025	CURRENT WEEK	06/08/2025
Collection	\$724.00	Collection	\$313.00
Building Fund	\$256.00	Summer Electric Fund	\$178.00

There will be a second collection for our **Vacation Bible School Program**. We rely on the generosity of our parishioners to offer this week long program to our youth who have fun while growing in faith.



Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: JULY 1

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building

Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY

MEETS TUESDAYS @ 9AM

Case de Lucy Helping Hands Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Casa de Lucy had 60 quilts blessed this past weekend. Forty-three of them will be delivered to Driscoll Children's hospital.



Works of Mercy

Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:

St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, June 28**, at 9AM

St. John of the Cross on **Tuesday, July 1**, at 9AM



The next bread and pastries distribution will occur

at **SJoC** on June 25 at 9AM and

at **SFoA** on **Saturday, July 12**.



Vacation Bible School



Ages kinder thru fifth grade are invited to join us on a Northern excursion filled with fun and faith.

VBS 2025

July 14-18

5:30PM-8:00PM

Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the parish office to learn how you can help!



A Note from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend of June 14th and 15th, the Diocese of Corpus Christi will be blessed with ordaining three new priests for service in the diocese. By the time this letter is available for reading they will have been ordained and their new assignments will have been announced. In case you are thinking, none of them are being assigned to Orange Grove. The Sacrament of Holy Orders has changed little from the time of the first century. And like the Sacrament of Marriage, it is surrounded by many symbols, rituals, and traditions. And like a wedding, certain actions and certain persons then take on special significance that I want to share with you in this letter.



In all of the Sacraments, the candidate is dressed in white. The first time it is their white baptismal gown, later it is the white First Communion or Confirmation dress (or suit), and most known is the white wedding dress. For an ordination the white baptismal gown is the white Alb that is worn at Masses by the Priests, Deacons, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers. After the introduction rites, several prayers, and Litany of the Saints, the candidates kneel before the bishop, who imposes his hands on the head of each man. In the Ordination of Priests, every priest present also imposes his hands on the candidates. This is an ancient, traditional gesture of invoking the Holy Spirit, and it is a central act of the ordination rite. The communal laying on of hands by all of the Priests in the Ordination of Priests takes on a deep meaning and points to the men being ordained into the presbyteral college of the Church and is in keeping with an ancient practice of the Church. Following the Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination, these new priests are vested for the first time in the stole and chasuble as Priests of the Church. It is here that a quiet important gesture of the ordination often occurs and few persons realize it. The priests who actually do the vesting of the newly ordained are personally selected by the candidate to take on this singular honor – it would be closest to the selection of the Best Man or Maid of Honor at a wedding. These two persons are often the closest friends and strongest supporters for the Bride, the Groom, or the Priest as they enter into this new chapter of their lives. The Best Man or the Maid of Honor is the last person to check and be sure that the Groom and Bride are completely and properly dressed and ready to enter the church for the wedding, so too is the vesting priests' honor. This Saturday, Deacon Luis Lozano, Jr. (by then Fr. Luis) has asked me to help vest him in his priestly garments. It is an exciting honor and a humbling experience to be asked to be a vesting priest. Once vested, the vesting priests is often the very first to give the new priest a hug and a welcome into the Priestly Fraternity, even before the Bishop and all of the attending priests give the newly ordained the Sign of Welcome into the Presbyterate. It has been my greatest honor to have been the vesting priest for over six priests and five deacons. And if you attend the ordination, you will probably see me crying tears of joy at that very moment.

On the following Sunday, at the new priest's First Mass, there are two special duties of honor for a priest in assisting the new Priest in their first Eucharistic Liturgy – the Master of Ceremonies and Preaching the First Mass. The Master of Ceremonies stands next to the (very nervous) Priest and helps to guide him through the actions and prayers in this First Mass of Thanksgiving. You might see him whispering directions to the new priest – stand here, look over there, read this prayer, etc. – as the First Liturgy has so many items to remember and to perform in a proper sequence of actions that often overwhelm the newly ordained. And with all that he has to celebrate in this First Mass, while still experiencing his “ordination / honeymoon” joy, giving a great and inspiring homily on top of that is often just too much. So, the new priest often asks a Priest friend to preach at the First Mass. Like the Master of Ceremonies, to preach the First Mass is a great and special honor. So, this weekend, you will be having Fr. Richard Gutierrez celebrating the 9:15 AM Mass at St. Francis in Lagarto and the 11:00 AM Mass at St. John's in Orange Grove, as I have also been asked to preach Fr. Lozano's First Mass at St. Gertude's Church in Kingsville. Please say a prayer that I can offer a suitable homily and to not cry during it as that would be so embarrassing.

As I do these two special duties for Fr. Lozano, I recall the day of my ordination and the ordinations of all those I have vested or preached their First Mass, and I find myself renewing and recommitting myself to my own Priestly Ordination Promises. And I lovingly remember and envision my Mom's and Dad's faces on that Day of my Ordination, and I am once again filled with hope, happiness, and love for the forty-two years of being a Priest. Pray for me.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Patrick

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17