

Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church

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Most Holy Trinity Sunday - June 11, 2017

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday – 4:30 PM (anticipated Mass)
Sunday –9:00 AM

Confessions

Weekdays Tuesday to Saturday – 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM
Saturday - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Always available upon request.

Please pray for our sick and shut in parishioners.

May Our Lord sustain, comfort and heal them through their faith.

Mimi LaBossiere, Ann Vinet, Don Appel, Lew and Dolores Hampton, Marilyn McKay, Galdino Berti, Yunha Kim, Gerard Born, George Stock, Jerzy and Irena Klimczek, Rita Rocan, Theresa Witjes, Dolores Azevedo, Amanda Paller.

Last Sunday Offering

\$ General
\$ Building and Maintenance
\$ Average Weekly Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

Project Advance: Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance 2017. ***To date, we have received 17 gifts (22.7% of the parishioners) totaling \$9,120. (60.8% of the Parish Goal).*** Remember that funds received over our Diocesan goal (\$5,000.) will be returned to the Parish. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity. Our sharing reflects our caring. Thank you.

Happy Father's Day! God, bless all the fathers in our parish of Our Lady of Good Hope. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Strengthen them by Your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rose Prince Annual Pilgrimage – July 7th, 8th and 9th

For more information, please see the poster at the back of the Church

Hope

“For whatever was written in former days were written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

Sadly, there are many people who live in the world without any hope. They live in great fear and depression as they think about what is ahead. There are others who live in the world with some hope. They try and remain positive, hoping things will change, and that the future will be better than the present.

For those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ, there abides within their hearts a true and certain hope. The Bible calls this the “blessed hope.” This hope is not wishful thinking, but a firm assurance that the best is yet to be.

This hope is based upon the promises in God’s Word, the faithfulness of God’s character, and the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope keeps us moving forward in our faith with joyful expectation for the good things God has ahead. The Word of God assures us that Jesus Christ is coming again for His people and that He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, will establish His kingdom upon the earth.

Reflection on Today’s Gospel – John 6:51-52

Today’s Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, is the Feast on which we pay special homage to the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The mystery of the Holy Eucharist is one that faith enables us to accept on the Word of God, who is all-powerful. This Solemnity is an opportunity to renew and deepen our faith.

In our Gospel today, Jesus Christ Himself tells us, the Bible records it very clearly, and the Church teaches it: “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat My Flesh and drink My Blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for My Flesh is true food and My Blood is true drink.” Jesus institutes the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the sacrificial meal we partake of at each Mass when we receive Holy Communion. These words of Jesus should be taken literally.

At the Last Supper, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives His first priests, the Apostles, the *authority* to change ordinary bread and wine into His Own Body and Blood when He says, “Do this in memory of me.” The words of Jesus are clear that the Holy Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ under the *appearance* of bread and wine.

The words of Jesus, “eat My Flesh and drink My Blood to have life,” are not easy to understand. They are words that we believe and accept for the reason that Jesus Himself said them and, therefore, they are part of our Catholic Doctrine of Faith. In the Gospel Peter does not claim to understand how he is to eat Jesus’ Body or drink His Blood, but he knows beyond any doubt that Jesus has the words of everlasting life.

Today, where do we receive the Real Presence of Christ? It is here in the Sacrifice of the Mass where we receive the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood. It is here we recognize our Lord is with us. It is here in the Mass where we offer ourselves to God, and God gives Himself to us. When the priest says the words of Consecration over the bread and wine, by the power of the Holy Spirit acting through Jesus, the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Let’s keep our eyes and our hearts open as we witness the Eucharistic miracle take place on the altar of our own Church.

It is Christ Himself, living, glorious, truly and really present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Every single bit of bread and every last drop of wine have been completely changed. No trace of bread and wine remains except in mere appearance. Though the appearance of bread and wine remains so that we will be able to receive Holy Communion, they have both truly become Christ.

In receiving the Holy Eucharist, we know that Jesus is *really present with us, but how present are we to Him?* As we approach the altar to partake of the Holy Eucharist, are we fully aware of what we are doing and *Whom* we are about to receive? The Holy Eucharist is *alive!* The *Host* that we receive is not simply a wafer! It’s not bread! *It is Jesus Himself* who is *alive* and fully *present* in the Holy Eucharist that we are about to partake.

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest spiritual gift we can ever have on this earth. It comes from the very Body and Blood of Christ Himself. Let us always keep close to the Mass and to the Holy Eucharist, wherever we are, so that we will always remain close to Christ. The Holy Eucharist is the *source and summit* of our Catholic life.