

# Our Lady Help of Christians

## CHAPEL CHIMES

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**“God bless you and your families”**

*(by Father Tom Brown)*



Dear Friends,

I hope you have a happy and safe vacation with your families during school recess. Remember us when you attend Sunday mass in another church... and we will remember you. I hope to have a vacation too but the time depends on my brother Bernard's health as he will have a hip replacement in the Canadian Arctic in June. I hope to see him in Rochester if he can travel... or the Arctic if he is confined.

Did you ever think of how blessed we are to be living in Brazil? We have no flu epidemic, the economy is reacting better than most; we have freedom of speech and religion.

In July we Oblates will have a Retreat and Reunion to elect a new Superior to replace Fr. Mike Pipolo, O.M.I. There should be a goodly number of Oblates who live from the Amazon coming to São Paulo (70 of us). Sadly we recently lost a former Brazilian American missionary, Fr. Larry Rosenbaugh, O.M.I. who was killed by assault while driving his car in Guatemala. R.I.P.

Our Parish finances are still unstable due to a smaller congregation. Thanks for your additional help in collections and donations. June and July will be weak when you are on vacation. Pray for us.

God bless you and your families,

Father Tom, O.M.I.



### May Key Events

- Last Mothers & Others Mass on Friday, June 5 at 08:15 am.
- Futebol Solidário on Sunday, June 7, from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm.
- Parish Council Meeting on Sunday, June 14 at 09:00 am before mass.
- Corpus Christi Mass on Thursday, June 17 at 06:30 pm.
- Share Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at 07:45 pm.

### Mass Schedules

- Monday & Wednesday at 7:15 am
  - Friday at 8:15am 'Mothers and Others'
  - Saturdays at 6:30pm
  - Sundays at 10:30am
  - Last Sunday of month 10:30am and 6:30pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Half-hour prior to each and every Mass; and by appointment.

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## CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi is a festival that has been celebrated by many Christians, particularly the Catholic Church, in honor of the Eucharist since 1246. The name "Corpus Christi" is a Latin phrase that refers to the body of Christ. It is a moveable feast that is celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or on the Sunday after Holy Trinity in some countries such as the United States. This event commemorates the Last Supper on the day before Jesus' crucifixion, as described in the Bible. Corpus Christi is primarily celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church but it is also included in the calendar of some Anglican churches.

The feast was introduced from Belgium to England at some stage between 1318 and 1325, according to various sources. In England before the Reformation, there was a famous procession in London on the day. A group of clergymen would move down the street chanting the paternoster, or the Lord's Prayer. Over the years, they perfected their timing so that just as they reached a certain corner, they sang "Amen". Although the feast of Corpus Christi is no longer observed as a public holiday in England, there was a time when the city guilds were involved in processions on this day and often performed what was known as "Corpus Christi" plays.

### Symbols

Symbols that portray the event may include: an image of a host (consecrated bread) and chalice to depict the Holy Eucharist; an altar; and a ciborium, which is a chalice-like container used to store consecrated hosts of the sacrament of Eucharist, or the Holy Communion.