

Our Lady Help of Christians

CHAPEL CHIMES

May / June / July—2010
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Dear Friends,

Hello there! Would you believe the end of the school year with all its activities is almost here? First and very important is the First Communion classes for the School and the Parish. I want to thank all the teachers who prepared their children for the May Ceremony and they have already all gone to Confession. Secondly, we have all the four graduations here at School approaching. Although, the Kindergarten does not have a graduation, it is still a celebration of progression up the educational ladder. It will mean that the children of Kindergarten are going to move into the “big school” and deserve our attention. There is also the 6th grade graduation as they move into High School. We hope they will be good examples – we always say that they are the “filet mignon” of the Primary School. Soon we will also have the graduation of the 9th grade of the Brazilian Program, another education landmark.

Of course, graduation for the 12th grade Seniors is always a much anticipated event here at Chapel School. We wish them Success, Peace and Health as they move into colleges here in São Paulo and around the world.



Graduation time is always a good opportunity to thank Teachers and Staff for their many hours of patience and love for these graduating students. We hope that the graduates will come back to visit us once in a while and tell of their new adventures in the real world.

This year I have decided to remain during the vacation time here at the School. My brother is not in physical condition to travel down to Rochester and the long trip to the Arctic seems impractical this year for me. However, I am happily anticipating the visit of my friend Bob Timmerman at the end of May or beginning of June.

I sincerely hope you will have a good vacation – you deserve it.

My daily prayers for you and your family.
Father Tom O.M.I.



Mass Schedule:

Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. in the Chapel (except from June 17 through August 4, 2010)



Key Events

May:

- Sunday, 16 – 9:00 a.m. - Parish Council Meeting in Campus Ministry Center
- Friday 21 - 8:15 a.m. – Mothers & Others Mass
- Saturday, 22 – 12 to 4 p.m. – Chapel School
Festa Junina
- Sunday, 23 – 10:30 a.m. – First Communion Parish children during Mass
- Sunday 23 – 4 p.m. – IV Bingo for Share at Espaço Contemporâneo , Av. Morumbi, 8076
- Wednesday 26 – 9 a.m. – 6th Grade Graduation Mass in Auditorium
- Thursday 27 – 10 a.m. – Baccalaureate Mass & Luncheon
- Friday 28 – 8 p.m. – Senior Graduation
- Saturday 29 – 8 p.m. – Brazilian Program Graduation

June:

- Wednesday, 2 - 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. Prayer Service – grades 1-3 / 9-10 a.m. Mass grades 4 – 6 / 11:30 – 12:35 a.m. Mass grades 7 - 10
- Thursday, 3 – 6:30 p.m. – Corpus Christi Mass
- Wednesday, 9 – 8 a.m. – PTA Meeting
- Wednesday, 9 – 7:45 p.m. – Share Council Meeting in Campus Ministry Center
- Friday, 11 – 8:15 a.m. – Mothers & Others Mass
- Saturday, 12 – 10:30 a.m. – Mass for Notre Dame Club do Brasil, followed by brunch
- Sunday, 13 – 9 a.m. - Parish Council Meeting in Campus Ministry Center
- Tuesday 15 – 8:30 a.m. – Promotion Day 6th Grade Prayer Service
- Wednesday 16 – 8:30 a.m. – Kindergarten end-of-year Ceremony
- Thursday, 17 – Last school day

August 5 – First school day

Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist, paralleling Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) commemorating Our Lord's institution of the Eucharist.

Corpus Christi was introduced in the late 13th century to encourage the faithful give special honor to the institution of the Holy Eucharist to the Blessed Sacrament. The official title of this Solemnity was changed in 1970 to The Body and Blood of Christ (Latin: *Sollemnitatis Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Christi*); and it is still on the Roman Missal's official Calendar for the universal Church on Thursday after Trinity Sunday; however, where it is not a day of obligation (as in the United States) it is usually celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

Corpus Christi became a mandatory feast in the Roman Church in 1312. But nearly a century earlier, Saint Juliana of Mont Cornillon, promoted a feast to honor the Blessed Sacrament. From early age Juliana, who became an Augustinian nun in Liège, France, in 1206, had a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and longed for a special feast in its honor. She had a vision of the Church under the appearance of the full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity. She made known her ideas to the Bishop of Liège, Robert de Thorete, to the Dominican Hugh who later became cardinal legate in the Netherlands, and to Jacques Panaléon, at the time Archdeacon of Liège and who later became Pope Urban IV. Bishop Robert de Thorete ordered that the feast be celebrated in his diocese. Pope Urban IV later published the Bull *Transiturus* (September 8, 1264), in which, after having extolled the love of Our Savior as expressed in the Holy Eucharist, ordered the annual celebration of *Corpus Christi* on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

More than four decades later, Pope Clement V published a new decree which embodied Urban IV's decree and ordered the adoption of the feast at the General Council of Vienna (1311). Pope John XXII, successor of Clement V, urged this observance.

The processions on *Corpus Christi* to honor the Holy Eucharist were not mentioned in the decrees, but had become a principal feature of the feast's celebration by the faithful and became a tradition throughout Europe. These processions were endowed with indulgences by Popes Martin V and Eugene IV.

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