



Celebrating A New Year

Although the term “New Year” usually refers to celebrations on January 1, the celebration to which I am referring is the opening of Saint Monica’s Eucharistic Revival that will begin on June 11, 2023, the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast has been celebrated since 1264 when Pope Urban IV, then living in Orvieto, recognized the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. Pope Urban IV then asked Thomas Aquinas to create a special liturgy and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church as a ‘solemn feast’. It is a feast focused totally on the joy of the Eucharist as the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Family of Saint Monica Parish gathers with millions of other Catholics in our Diocese and around the world in that joy!

Our celebration of the Eucharist will begin after the 10:45 am Mass on Sunday, June 11th with a procession from the back of the church to the Credit Union, then ‘south’ along the parking lot toward the front entrance of the church where we will enter through the doors under the “gaze” of the Saint Monica statue and the twelve symbols of the Apostles who welcome both “Jesus” and “Family”!

As has been done in the past, Jesus, present in both body and blood, will be transported in a jeweled monstrance at the front of our procession and our Clergy will lead us. More importantly, YOU are the ‘family’ Jesus will lead into His and our house! Your presence at the Mass and in the Procession is the best gift you can offer to Jesus – and God in return gives us the Spirit that sustains our life. June 11th will also include the Divine Mercy service with both the Chaplet and Benediction.

We are asking that members of the Parish groups and parishioners please sign up for this celebration. There will be sign-up sheets in the server’s sacristy for groups.

Our focus throughout this Eucharist Revival year is to deepen our understanding, appreciation, and celebration of the greatest gift of God’s love for us! Various activities will be planned to help us understand, appreciate, and celebrate the Eucharist – and in these activities, YOU will be asked to provide us with what you want.

As Jesus told His Apostles, “I am in the Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you”. Let this be truly demonstrated for all of us on June 11th, after the 10:45 am Mass!

In His Name,
Father John Mullee, Father Ted Marszal, Deacon Stan Drozell, Sister Helene