

April 26, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter

God's Justice is his Mercy

Pope Francis



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. John S. Boudreaux, Associate Pastor
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Mrs. Joan T. McMullen, School Principal
Mrs. Diane M. Stoyka, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, R.C.I.A. Coordinator
Mrs. Colleen DeVoe, Youth Ministry Co-Director
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Mr. C. Russell Kirkpatrick, Gym Manager

TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) or information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K-12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, SACS-accredited for Grades 3K through 8. Child Care for 6-week-old infants to 2-year olds, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call the school office, 342-5474, ext. 1 for information.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHILDREN'S FIRST EUCHARIST

Practice: Sat., May 2, at 10 a.m. in the church for one hour.
1st Eucharist Mass: Sun., May 3, at 1 p.m. Children meet at 12:30 p.m. in designated classroom.
Info: Diane Stoyka, 342-5474, ext. 7, or dianestoyka@yahoo.com.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 23, at the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Forms are in the vestibule for couples who, during this year of 2015, have or will have been married for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 51, 52, 53, etc. years. Those who wish to participate must complete the form. Their names will be included in the program. They will be called to the altar area for the renewal of their wedding vows. All visitors, friends & parishioners are invited to join the anniversary couples at the reception in the banquet hall.

Forms due by Monday, May 18.

PARISH ELECTIONS

FOR SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nomination Deadline: Monday, May 4.
Elections: May 9-10. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule.

VBS 2015 — June 15-19

Expedition Everest

Looking for adult volunteers (18 and up) to be station leaders: Drama, Arts and crafts, Cinema, Games, Snack, Sing and dance and nursery. Please email dianestoyka@yahoo.com.

Can you donate items or volunteer to help with this year's VBS?

Please stop by the VBS table in the atrium for a list of needed items and registration forms.

Donate materials and supplies on the list.

Register as a volunteer: Middle & High School students & adults.

For further information please contact Corpus Christi's Parish Catechetical Leader, Diane Stoyka at dianestoyka@yahoo.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

Openings available

For registration & info, please call 342-5474, ext. 1, or visit www.CorpusChristiParish.com/School.

8th Grade Bake Sale Today

after the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses to raise funds for their class gift.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes: 10:05-10:55 a.m. Sunday School participants at 9 a.m. Mass are dismissed with the final blessing
Info: at dianestoyka@yahoo.com or 342-5474, ext. 7.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 12 noon

Please send bulletin announcements to Bulletin@CorpusChristiParish.com

Cash Bash 2015

Saturday, May 2. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi Community Center

Tickets are \$100 each. Only 300 tickets will be sold.
Each ticket admits two people and includes dinner and a chance to win up to \$10,000.

Silent Auction, Live Auction, Casino-style Games
Beverages, Music and Fun!

Tickets can be purchased from any Booster Club or KOC member.
Sponsored by Corpus Christi's Booster Club & Knights of Columbus.

Please support the advertisers on the back of the bulletin

Their ads enable us to have our bulletins printed at no cost to the parish. Ads are purchased through Diocesan Publications. For info contact them at 1-800-292-9111 or www.diocesan.com.

Partners in Education – Recognition

Students & teacher recognized at the April 20th School Mass for outstanding performance in the prior month, and the businesses that recognized them:

Cooper Netto, 1st Grade — Mobile Memorial Gardens
Mark Jones, 3rd Grade — Knights of Columbus
Andrew Pham, 8th Grade — Rehm Animal Clinic
Allison Dennis, Teacher — Professional Estimating Services

To join the Partners in Education group, call School Principal Joan McMullen, 342-5474, ext. 1, or Richard March, 401-0466.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room

Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Room 6

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Damian Bell, 639-2522 or 367-4486 or Damian@rockbwm.com.

Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@gmail.com

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Room 3 (2nd Floor of the Community Center)

All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations put in the designated places in the vestibule are distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.
"In-Need" Drop Box next to the food pantry box in the vestibule. Fill out a card, and deposit it in the locked drop box. Your info will be held in strict confidence and a member of our society will contact you.

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: 2nd Tues., May 12, 7 p.m., at the Parish House.
Contact: Grand Knight, Cosmo Comiskey, 508-0547.

High School Youth and 8th Graders!

Next Sunday, May 3, is our last high school youth gathering of the school year. All high school students AND all 8th graders are invited to join us for a cook-out at the Parish House beginning at 6:30pm. We will welcome the 8th graders to High School Youth Ministry, enjoy some picnic games, and conclude at 8 p.m. *Come join us!*

The Women's Club

Ice Cream Social for the Children at St. Mary's Home
Monday, May 11. *All women are invited to help.*

To carpool/caravan, meet at the Corpus Christi Church plaza at 6 p.m. SHARP, or meet at St. Mary's Home, 4350 Moffett Rd. at 6:30 p.m. For info call Brittany Comiskey, 508-0526, or visit our website: <http://CorpusChristiParish.com/WomensClub/>

Sunday Morning Bible Study

8:45 - 10:45 a.m. in school conference room
 Info: Ken Crowley, 423-6921

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7 p.m. meeting in the Parish House
 (except on 2nd Tuesday of the month, meet in the school library)
 Info: Dave Burchette at 367-6660.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Room
 Info: Judi Ankiewicz, 344-0321 or leave a message at parish office

Symbolon — Available anytime online

and at the Thursday Women's Study Group
 Thursdays at 9:00-10:45 a.m. in the Adult Ed. Room

SYMBOLON — a video series produced by Augustine Institute, a graduate school in the Archdiocese of Denver, presenting the Catholic Faith. The Thursday Women's Bible Study has made this series available for free online for all Corpus Christi parishioners. Access it at <https://symboloncatholic.org/index.php/register/40351a>; register by entering your name and password. Flyers in vestibule.

Info: Joanne Donaghey at 251-554-6753 or joannekd@aol.com or Penny Claiborne at 904-868-0063 or claiborneps@gmail.com or visit www.symboloncatholic.org and www.lighthousecatholicmedia.com.

AA — Alanon — OA — CODA

AA: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Cougar Den.
Alanon: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.
OA: Sat., 9 a.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.
CODA: Tues., 6:45 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Hearing Assistance Available in Vestibule

Two types of receivers: one fits in the ear and one is simply worn around the neck of a person who wears a hearing aid.

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall
\$9.00 for Adults • \$4.00 for Children (Age 12 & under)

April 29: Lemon Chicken, Breaded Fish w/Crawfish Cream Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli Spears, Squash Casserole, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Oreo Delight. Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee. **Kids:** Chicken Tenders & Fries.

Must RSVP no later than TUESDAY EVENING
 Return an RSVP Card, or call 342-1852 or email
WedNightDinner@CorpusChristiParish.com

 **Breakfast**

Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 9:30 a.m.
 In the Banquet Hall

ALSO: Fresh Hot Beignets on Tuesdays!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Georgia Anne Wingard

(daughter of Brandon Lamar Wingard & Katharine Frances Oberkirch Wingard)

Welcome, New Parishioners

Paige Adams and her son, Andre + Tabatha Corich and her son, Hank + Ross & Betty Diamond + Chris & Lacy Fetters and their daughter, Carolyne + Latrica Irvin and her daughters, Destiny and Kay Kay + Cory & Meg McGee and their son, Everett + Ashlie Phillips + Joey Welborn and his sons, Jacob and Ryan

Flowers

The flowers before the altar this weekend
 have been placed in memory of
Carol Carpenter
 on the 2nd anniversary of her death
 Given by her family.

First Friday Adoration 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the chapel.

Please sign up for one of the hours at the table in the vestibule.

Our Church Bulletins are Online.

Please note the instructive insert pages in our Sunday bulletins. More than 3 years' worth of previous bulletins are available for viewing and/or printing at www.CorpusChristiParish.com: (click the "Sunday Bulletin" tab on the left side of the Church home page.

Around the Archdiocese: Mobile Deanery ACCW,

Spring Qrtly Mtg., April 29, 9 a.m., at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 1260 Elmira St. Mass & Lunch after mtg. Lunch: \$12. We welcome all Catholic ladies. Reservations: Beth Cain, 232-8862 or bethrcain@bellsouth.net; or Margie Bunch, 661-6827 or mbunch0719@yahoo.com. **Pub Theology**, 2nd Tuesdays, MugShots Grill & Bar, 6 & 7 pm food/fellowship & speaker/discussion. **St. Rose of Lima Monthly Bingo**, 3rd Sundays, April through Nov. Bingo at 6:30 p.m. **1965 GRADS** -- McGill, Toolen & COM 50th Class Reunion! June 13. Interested? Contact Bobbie or Tommy Lightcap at 251-344-8622 or lightcapb@bellsouth.net; or Nookie Perez Counts @251-786-4733.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY: for tithing offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: for Corpus Christi Building Fund.

APRIL 19TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$1,289.90

APRIL 19TH TITHING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$27,731.32

Thank You and God Bless You

God bless all who tithe and contribute to support God's work here, and those who make a special bequest in their will for Corpus Christi. For information on donations of stock or to transfer shares of stock to Corpus Christi Church, contact your stockbroker, or call Selena Hemphill at Morgan Stanley at 470-1084 or 800-624-7814.

To receive Offering Envelopes: Please contact the parish office at 342-1852 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

To set up Online Giving: Please go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to tithing or building fund or school annual fund or other special collections. **For assistance**, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or the parish office, 342-1852.

1st Quarter Reports of Contributions

Year-to-date Reports of Contributions through March 30 are being emailed to parishioners with email addresses on file in the parish office. If you are not able to receive the report by email, just notify the parish office 342-8152 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com to have it sent to you by U.S. mail or have it available for pick-up at the parish office. You can always receive a report of your contributions any time by mail, email, fax. Also: You can always receive a detailed report, which will show each individual amount given, with the date, check number or "EFT" or "Cash" or "Stock."

1st Quarter Year-To-Date Financial Report March 31, 2015

Income

Regular Collections	\$	338,901.23
Miscellaneous		20.88
Building Fund Collections		23,794.15
TOTAL INCOME	\$	362,716.26

Expenses

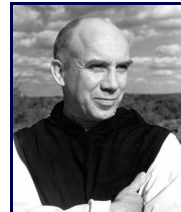
Buildings & Grounds	\$	50,911.93
Priests Residence		4,339.79
Personnel Expenses		46,751.25
Parish Administration		14,531.24
Education Ministry		53,760.92
Charitable Ministry		1,389.00
Archdiocesan Expenses		69,390.19
Debt Service		115,097.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	356,172.21

Receipts over Expenses \$ 6,544.05

The Lord is my Shepherd.



My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.



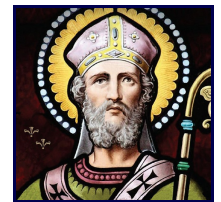
I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am

following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton, 1915-1968

O merciful God,

fill our hearts with the grace of your Holy Spirit: with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. Teach us to love those



who hate us; to pray for those who spitefully use us; that we may be children of your love, our Father, you who make the sun to rise on the evil and the good. And sends rain on the just and on the unjust. In adversity grant us grace to be patient; in prosperity keep us humble; may we guard the door of our lips; may we lightly esteem the pleasures of this world, and thirst after heavenly things.

St. Anselm, c. 1033-1109

I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.

St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226

Our treasure is
in the LORD





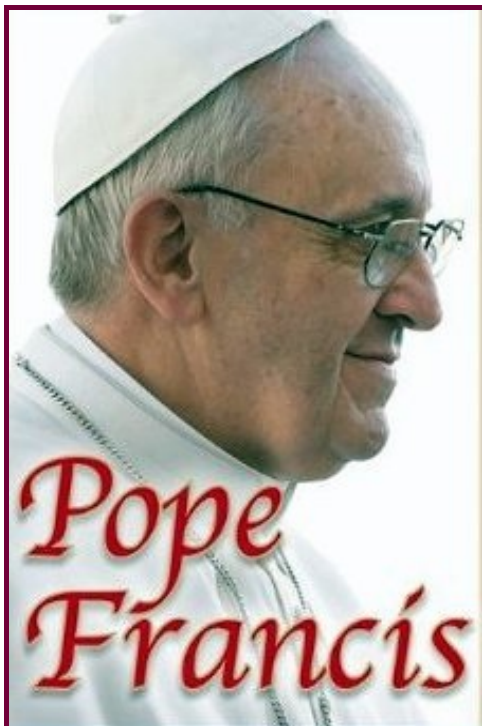
Pope Francis: “This is our God: he is a dad to us.”

“St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, writes: ‘You received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father!’ It is precisely the Holy Spirit that we have received in Baptism that teaches us, that urges us to say to God: ‘Father’, or better ‘Abba’, which means ‘dad’. This is our God: he is a dad to us.”

“The Holy Spirit creates in us this new condition of being children of God and this is the greatest

gift we receive from Jesus’ Paschal Mystery. God treats us as children, understands us, forgives us, embraces us, loves us, even when we make mistakes.”

“Only by living as children of God, without being discouraged by our missteps or by our sins, feeling loved by him will our lives be new, inspired by serenity and joy. God is our strength! God is our hope!”



“What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God!”

“God’s love for us is so great, so deep. It is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

Brothers and Sisters, let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God!

God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence. They do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive.

God’s patience has to call forth in us the courage to return to him, however many mistakes and sins there may be in our life. We hear many offers from the world around us, but let us take up God’s offer instead: his is a caress of love — even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart.”

“Let’s say this prayer: **Lord, I believe in your love. And we open our hearts so that this love comes to us, fills us and pushes us to love others.**”

“Let us make an act of faith today: **Lord, I believe. I believe in your love. I believe that your love has saved me. I believe that your love has given me that dignity that I did not have. I believe that your love gives me hope.**”

Are Catholics Required To Believe in Private Revelations?

No. Even for those apparitions and messages which are approved by the Church, it is not necessary for Catholics to believe anything new that was said, or even that the apparitions actually happened.

A number of apparitions (including Guadalupe in 1531, LaSalette in 1846, Lourdes in 1858, Fatima in 1917, Cracow [Divine Mercy] in 1931) have been approved by the Church. However, even when apparitions have been officially approved by the Church, they are still considered “private revelation.” In other words, they aren’t a necessary component of the Catholic faith.

This reserved, cautious approach by the Church is founded on the belief, and the fact, that God was absolutely and perfectly revealed to the apostles by Jesus, and that this revelation contains what we need for salvation. There can be no addition to the revelation given by Jesus. The words and example of the Lord provided everything.

Public revelation was completed through Jesus. It is found in sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #65-66, 78). These form the deposit of faith, the sum of truths necessary for our salvation.

On May 13, 1982, at Fatima, Pope John Paul II said, “The Church has always taught and continues to proclaim that God’s Revelation was brought to completion in Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of that Revelation, and that ‘no new Revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord’” (Vatican II, *Dei Verbum*, #4).

Again, the Gospel, the Mass and sacraments and the official teachings of the Church are all that we need. Apart from them, no one is obliged to accept or follow anything in private revelation.

When the Church approves particular apparitions, all it says is that there is nothing contrary in them to Catholic faith or morals, and that following the suggestions in these messages may be helpful in our efforts toward holiness. If it enhances one’s spiritual life and one’s love of God and neighbor, that is good.

Pope Benedict XIV warned that even private revelations given to a canonized saint are subject to errors. The messenger could have heard something incorrectly, or forgotten to record something. St. Catherine Laboure, who originated the “miraculous medal” from one of her visions, when confronted with the error of certain of her predictions, pointed out that she got some facts of the revelation wrong.

Can Infants Receive Communion?

Our new Catholic neighbors have several children. Their mother told me that all of their children received their First Communion when they were baptized as infants, before they came to this country. How is this possible?

In the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, infants do in fact receive all three of the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. They receive the Eucharist under the form of a small drop of the consecrated wine.

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, in that order, is the original order of the sacraments of Christian initiation, and administering them together was the original practice of the early Church: Baptism and Confirmation immediately preceded sharing in the Eucharist.

Around the 1200’s the predominant Western Rite of the Church (the Latin rite) began to separate the three sacraments of Christian initiation, but the Eastern rites of the Church continued the original order and practice of the sacraments of initiation.

After the 2nd Vatican Council, the original order and practice was restored in the Latin rite whenever the sacraments of initiation are being administered to adults, but not for infants.

Shorter RCIA

Q. My husband is in his 80s, and he is in poor health. He has never been baptized, but has always come to Mass with me and he knows Catholicism fairly well. He now thinks he would like to be baptized. However, my parish friends tell me that he will have to go through a year-long process of catechesis and wait until next Easter. Is there an easier way to get him baptized than this?

A. Your friends are misinformed. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which includes Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, is flexible enough, with pastoral discretion, to cover any situation, including your husband’s. Those who are elderly or in poor health do not need to go through a whole year of preparation. The documentation of the RCIA states that in certain circumstances the candidate may receive the Sacraments of Initiation immediately.

Are Catholics Obligated to Attend Mass Every Sunday?

Yes. The current code of Canon (Church) Law reads: “On Sunday and other holy days of obligation the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass...”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.” It goes on to say, “For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” (#2181).

At the same time, there can be serious reasons that excuse a person from observing the law. Manuals of theology published before the present Code of Canon Law (1982) spoke of *moderately* grave reasons that would excuse. Besides illness, also listed as examples of moderately grave reasons were: distance from the church, police duty, the grave displeasure of a spouse or parents, the demand of an employer, fire and flood emergencies, care of the ill, and being on a journey.

At least one of these manuals offered that, “One may miss Mass for the sake of a pleasure trip once or twice if he has no other opportunity during the year or if it is the last opportunity he will ever have for a certain excursion.”

Good common sense and the avoidance of legalism in this matter helps a lot! Catholics who faithfully attend Sunday Mass throughout the year can certainly use their own good, prayerful judgment as to whether or not they are excused from the Sunday (or Holy Day) obligation under special circumstances.

Cf. **St. Anthony Messenger**, *Ask the Wise Man*

Since the Eucharist is the very heart of Sunday,

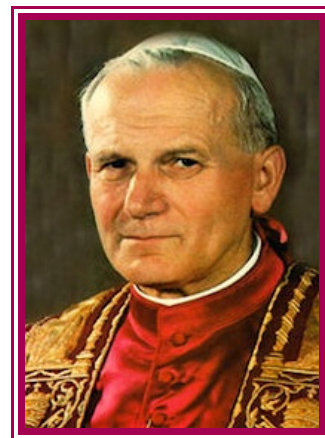
it is clear why, from the earliest centuries, the Pastors of the Church have not ceased to remind the faithful of the need to take part in the liturgical assembly.

A 3rd century text known as the *Didascalia* urges: “Leave everything on the Lord’s Day and run diligently to your assembly, because it is your praise of God. Otherwise, what excuse will they make to God, those who do not come together on the Lord’s Day to hear the word of life and feed on the nourishment which lasts forever?”

We should never forget the genuine heroism of priests and faithful who have fulfilled this obligation even when faced with danger and the denial of religious freedom, as can be documented from the first centuries of Christianity up to our own time.

St. Justin (100-165) proudly described the Christian practice of Sunday assembly when, during the persecution of Diocletian, their assemblies were banned with greatest severity but many were courageous enough to defy the imperial decree and accepted death rather than miss the Sunday Eucharist. This was the case of martyrs in Abitina, Africa who told their accusers: “Without fear of any kind, we have celebrated the Lord’s Supper, because it cannot be missed; that is our law.” One of the martyrs said: “Yes, I went to the assembly, and I celebrated the Lord’s Supper with my brothers and sisters, because I am a Christian.”

Even if in the earliest times it was not judged necessary to legislate the Sunday obligation, the Church since then has not ceased to confirm this obligation, which rises from the inner need felt so strongly by the Christians of the first centuries. The present Code of Canon Law says that “on Sunday and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to attend Mass.” This legislation has normally been understood as entailing a grave obligation: this is the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and it is easy to understand why if we keep in mind how vital Sunday is for the Christian life.



St. John Paul II