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*He broke it and said,  
"This is My body, which  
is for you; do this in  
remembrance of Me..."*  
1 Cor. 11:23

*"When he was at table with them, he took  
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and  
gave it to them. And their eyes were  
opened and they recognized him..."*  
Luke 24:30-31

## JUNE 6 2021, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### REGULAR MASS TIMES

Saturday .....5:00 PM  
1st Saturdays.....6:10 PM, Spanish  
Sunday.....8:30 AM, 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday (Spanish) (Chapel) .....5:30 PM  
Thursday, Friday (Chapel) .....8:30 AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday .....9AM - 3PM

### PARISH DIRECTORY

**Deacon** Chuck Butler.....256-420-2296  
**Deacon** Dennis Kobs.....256-232-1426  
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### OFFICE STAFF

**Secretary** Paola Lagunas.....256-232-4191x3  
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Patricia Kobs.....256-232-4191

### Announcement Highlights

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*I call ON  
THE NAME  
OF THE  
Lord.*

PSALM 116



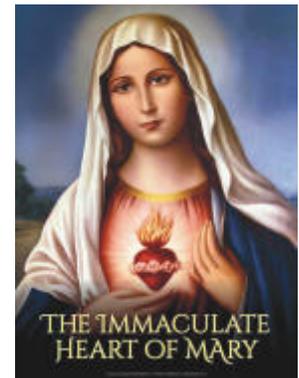
## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:24

## MASS INFORMATION

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5****Vigil Mass 5:00pm; 6:10pm - For Marcos and Jose Nava (Spanish)***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, JUNE 6 • The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ****Holy Mass 8:30am; 10:30am***Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am Mass***TUESDAY, JUNE 8***Rosary – 5:00pm Mass—5:30pm***WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**

No Spanish Mass

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***FRIDAY, JUNE 11***Rosary – 8:00am Mass—8:30am***SATURDAY, JUNE 12****Vigil Mass 5:00pm***Rosary 30 minutes before Mass***SUNDAY, JUNE 13 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Holy Mass 8:30am; 10:30am***Rosary 30 minutes before 8:30am Mass*

## READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 • The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19 • St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37 • The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51 • The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Next Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-3 • 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SACRAMENTS

- ◆ Anointing of the sick: Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.
- ◆ Baptism: Call the office for information.
- ◆ Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4:00pm—4:30pm in the Chapel Sacristy
- ◆ Weddings: You must meet with the parish priest a minimum of 6 months in advance. Please meet with the parish priest before you set your wedding date.
- ◆ Funeral Planning: Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office as early as possible and we will assist.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

*For all our parishioners, friends and family who are ill*, we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our Military, for Peace, for our country and for our Pope!

Lois Ware Glasper  
Kenny Carwile

Matthew Gardner  
Kristine White

Please call or email the office to request a loved one's name be put on the prayer list. Each month, the prayer list will be reviewed. Please let the office know if the person needs continuous prayers.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Bob and Claudette Khym.....51 yrs...Jun 6  
Robert and Patricia Turay.....47 yrs...Jun 8  
Rodrigo and Andrea De La Garza.....15 yrs...Jun 10  
Tom and Angie Krueger.....43 yrs...Jun 10  
Tony and Judy Beaver.....33 yrs...Jun 11

**Congratulations and welcome to the following adults who entered into full communion of the church this year through RCIA!**

**Reyna Bustos  
Robert Hunter  
Melissa Gonzalez  
Jessica Schneider**



There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

**BBQ pork is back! The Knights of Columbus are offering pulled pork for \$8 per pound. To order, please sign up in the back of the church and pre-pay by June 16th. Pick up at the hall is from 9am to 11am on June 26th.**



St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

**Help Wanted!**

Position vacancies for ushers, lectors, and eucharistic ministers.

Call the church office at 256-232-4191 or email [stpaulathensmins@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulathensmins@gmail.com).





**If you are homebound and would like Communion distributed to you, please contact the office by calling or emailing.**



**If you are a lector and want a lector workbook, please sign up in the vestibule of the Church. It is less cost when ordered early.**



**Parish Activities and Ministries**

Religious Education  
(K—12)  
Ann Margaret Chapman,  
Director, 256-337-6730

Bereavement Ministry  
Deacon Chuck Butler,  
256-420-2296

RCIA / Catholic INQUIRY CLASS  
Michael and Pam McCue,  
256-233-0831  
Wed 6:30pm Church Hall

Decorating Committee  
Beth Whitt

Adult Faith Formation  
Deacon Dennis Kobs  
(256) 232-1426

Food Pantry Collection Basket  
in Vestibule

Knights of Columbus  
www.kofc-athensalabama.org  
Brad Thomason, Grand Knight;  
256-759-1320

The FOOD PANTRY  
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Mac & Cheese, Spam,  
Cereal, Cool Aid, Shampoo

*Thank you for your support!*

St. Paul Catholic Women  
Pam McCue,  
mccue50@gmail.com,  
256-233-0831

Altar Server Ministry  
Lori Wilson,  
tolife5433@aol.com

THE DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP

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Prison Ministry  
Deacon Chuck Butler,  
256-420-2296

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that we are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others? The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us. In receiving this transforming presence of Christ, we can truly effect change in the lives of those we meet. We can show them God's unconditional, ever-present love and the beauty that can come from loving others. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go.



Eventos e Información Hispana

HORARIO DE MISAS

Sábado - 5:00 pm

Primer sábado del mes - 6:10 pm (Español)

Domingo - 8:30 am y 10:30 am

Martes y Miercoles (Español) - 5:30 pm

Jueves y Viernes - 8:30 am

SI NECESITA UNA MISA PARA ALGUIEN, POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA UN MES ANTES DE LA FECHA DESEADA .

**¡Regresa el BBQ de puerco! Los Caballeros de Colón están ofreciendo BBQ de puerco desmenuzado por \$8 la libra. Para ordenar, regístrese en el vestibulo de la iglesia y pague antes del 16 de junio. La entrega es en salón parroquial de 9 am a 11 am el 26 de junio.**



Todavía necesitamos ujieres, lectores y ministros de la Eucaristía, especialmente para la Misa de las 10:30 am. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina.

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO**

Hablar del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo es hablar de la Eucaristía. Al recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo nos unimos al mismo Cristo y a su vida de entrega generosa. La Eucaristía nos une en la unidad de la Iglesia porque, todos recibimos el mismo pan. Dice el Concilio Vaticano II: “La unidad de los fieles que constituyen un solo cuerpo en Cristo, está representada y se realiza por el sacramento del pan eucarístico” (Lumen Gentium 3). Y el Santo Papa San Juan Pablo II dijo: “Una espiritualidad verdaderamente eucarística es siempre una espiritualidad de la comunión” (Novo Milenio Ineunte 43). Toda la comunidad de creyentes reunida en la Asamblea Litúrgica comulga el mismo Pan.

“Durante la comida Jesús tomó pan, y después de pronunciar la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio diciendo. “Tomen, esto es mi cuerpo. Tomó luego una copa, y después de dar gracias, se la entregó; y todos bebieron de ella” (Marcos 14:22-23). Al recibir la Santa Comunión, estamos llamados a convertirnos en pan para los demás. Somos otro Cristo para el que sufre. Por esa razón, la Eucaristía forma a la Iglesia y la hace santa. Cada vez que recibimos la Santa Eucaristía, debemos de abrirnos a servir a los hermanos y hermanas, especialmente los que sufren y los necesitados. Después de comulgar, no podemos seguir siendo iguales. El Beato Carlo Acutis, llamado el ciber apóstol de la Eucaristía, decía convencido: “La Eucaristía es mi autopista hacia el cielo”. Vivir en Jesús, para Jesús. ¡Es decir, ser Eucaristía!



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