

When is the feast of Corpus Christi celebrated?

By Philip Kosloski



The feast of Corpus Christi, a holy day of obligation in many places, is celebrated either on the Thursday or Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

In the Church's calendar there are several holy days of obligation, on which the faithful are invited to attend Mass to celebrate a specific aspect of the Catholic faith.

The feast of Corpus Christi ,also known as the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, has been for many centuries a holy day of obligation.

Initially this feast was celebrated on the **Thursday after Trinity Sunday**, in accord with the requests of **Juliana of Liege**, a 13th-century religious woman who promoted this devotion.

The purpose behind this feast was to place more emphasis on the **mystery of the Holy Eucharist** and how Jesus is present under the appearances of bread and wine.

St. John Paul II explains in a homily the symbolism of celebrating the feast on a Thursday.

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we return to that "Thursday" which we call "Holy," on which the Redeemer celebrated his last Passover with the disciples: it was the Last Supper, fulfilling the Jewish Passover supper and inaugurating the Eucharistic rite.

For this reason, for centuries the Church has chosen Thursday for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, feast of adoration, contemplation and exaltation. On the feast the People of God draw close to the **most pre**cious treasure left by Christ, the Sacrament of his own Presence, and they praise, celebrate and carry it in procession through the streets of our cities. It eventually became a holy day of obligation, which meant Catholics had to stop their work week to attend Mass.

In the 20th century this became increasingly difficult in countries where there did not exist a dominant Catholic culture, and the demands of work prevented most people from attending the celebration.

As a result, the feast was moved in many places to the **Sunday following Trinity Sunday** to make it possible for more of the faithful to participate in the Mass of Corpus Christi.

Regardless of when it is celebrated, the feast honors the great gift of the Eucharist and how Jesus is still present in our midst.

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Amen.

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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June 19

The Solemnity of the Most Disciple Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | Lk 9:11b-17

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today begins the National Eucharistic Revival, a grassroots effort launched by the U.S. bishops to reignite "devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist." What better day to begin than on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, when we as Catholics reflect on the source and summit of our faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself ... (catechism, 1324) Our readings today remind us that the Eucharist is more than a powerful symbol; as Catholics, we believe we receive Christ himself - body, blood, soul, and divinity - in the form of the consecrated bread and wine. As Pope Francis said in a homily on this solemnity in 2019: "If we receive it into our hearts, this bread will release in us the power of love. We will feel blessed and loved, and we will want to bless and love in turn." That is what the early disciples did, whether feeding the 5,000 or nurturing the early Church. The Eucharistic Revival gives each of us an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist and share it with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

On today's solemnity, also known as the feast of Corpus Christi, some parishes have a eucharistic procession. This is when a consecrated host - that is, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity - is placed within a monstrance, which is then lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession beginning at one holy place and ending at another. Some parishes or religious communities may extend hours for eucharistic adoration. Both of these are excellent opportunities to spend time with Jesus and reflect on Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist. What should be our response to this gift? As Pope Francis has said, it is a call "to go out and bring Jesus to others." Just as Jesus challenged the disciples when they didn't think they had enough bread and fish to serve the 5,000, we may feel we "don't have enough" to give. Nourished by the Eucharist, however, and by our devotion to the real presence of God in that Eucharist, we have all we need to go out and witness to the love of Jesus. Go forth and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

ACTION Spend time in eucharistic adoration this week, even for a few minutes. Share what the experience was like with others or invite a friend to join you.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time 4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, June 19, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. John Clay Glover (Dec) Mass for Parishioners Nick Calandra (Dec)

Monday, June 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Amanda Gaudette (Liv)

Tuesday, June 21, Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious8:00 a.m.Bessie Adams (Dec)

Wednesday, June 22, Memorial of Saint John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr and Saint Thomas More, Martyr 8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

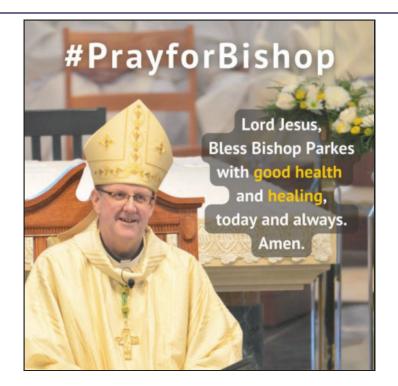
Thursday, June 23, Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 8:00 a.m. Robert Joyner (Liv)

Friday, June 24, Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus8:00 a.m.Fr. William Cosgrove (Dec)

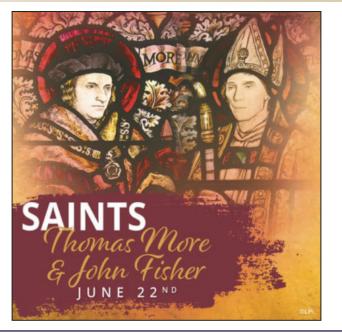
Saturday, June 25, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary8:00 a.m.Lyliane Corvington (Dec)4:00 a.m.Lyliane (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec) Sunday, June 26, The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Philip Roach (Dec) Mass for Parishioners Marlene Romani (Dec)



Pray for Someone New Everyday



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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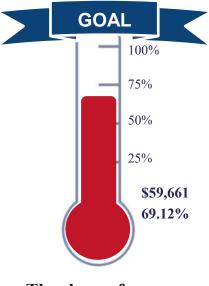


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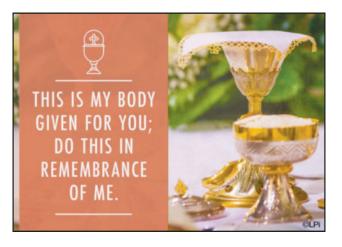
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

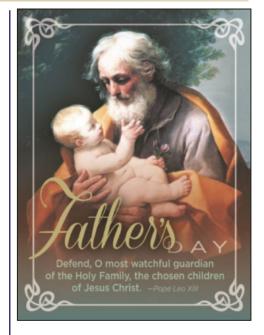
Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.

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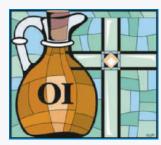
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