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**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25



# PARISH LIFE



Monday 8:00am	6-7-21 <b>Connie Clifford</b> rq by The Kauffmann Family
Tuesday 8:00am	6-8-21 <b>Elizabeth O'Hare</b> rq by Loving Family
Wednesday 8:00am	6-9-21 <b>Tyesha Watson</b> rq by Pat Shoenfelder
Thursday 8:00am	6-10-21 <b>Millie Hartney</b> rq by Aunt Janet, Uncle Michael Susan & Michael
Friday 8:00am	6-11-21 <b>Marge Cosgrove</b> rq by Friends from the Daily Mass
Saturday 5:00pm	6-12-21 <b>Michael Suckow</b> rq by Loving Family <b>Joseph Walsh</b> rq by Sue & John Elliott
Sunday 9:00am	6-13-21 <b>Barbara Puglisi</b> rq by Keith & Jeanie Smith
10:30am	<b>Eileen Walters</b> rq by Loving Family
6:00pm	<b>Parishioners of St. Ann</b>

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021

<b>SUN 6/6</b>	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
<b>MON 6/7</b>	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
<b>TUES 6/8</b>	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
<b>WED 6/9</b>	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
<b>THR 6/10</b>	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
<b>FRI 6/11</b>	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
<b>SAT 6/12</b>	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51
<b>SUN 6/13</b>	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021

Sunday:	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Wednesday:	St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.



*The Most  
Sacred Heart  
of Jesus*



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his." (Ex 24:8)



## PSALM:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116)  
Or Alleluia.



## SECOND READING:

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (Heb 9:14)



## GOSPEL:

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

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## 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.

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.

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.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### *We Can Prepare the Upper Room*

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

Why are some saints honored as "patron saints"?

##### Answer:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.



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- Mk 14:23-25

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

Moses and the ancient Israelites ratified the covenant God established with them at Mount Sinai with the blood of a sacrificed animal. The sacrificed animal affirmed Israel's commitment: "We will do everything the Lord has told us." Why do you think Israel tied sacrificed blood to their verbal commitment?

#### Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews teaches us that the sacrificed blood of Christ sanctifies us and offers us eternal redemption. How do you see this connected to ancient Israel's practice of sacrificing animals for their blood?

#### Gospel:

Mark's account of the institution of the Eucharist is linked to the Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread when a Passover lamb was sacrificed. What do you think Mark is teaching us in making this connection?

I call ON  
THE NAME  
OF THE  
Lord.

PSALM 116

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



# LITURGICAL LIFE



**"PRAISE AND  
BLESS MY LORD,  
AND GIVE HIM  
THANKS AND SERVE  
HIM WITH GREAT  
HUMILITY."**

**—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."*

**- Mk 14:22-24**

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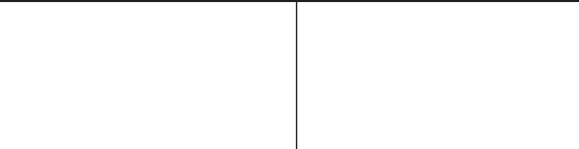

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