

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD,
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."



CORPUS CHRISTI

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 14, 2020

Before he gave his body and blood on the cross for the salvation of the whole world, Jesus gave his body and blood to his disciples in the form of bread and wine, instructing them to continue this practice in memory of him. Like the LORD providing water and manna in the desert, Jesus provides food and drink to sustain us, taking it one step further by transforming it to his own Body and Blood. As we receive the Eucharist today, let us realize the sustenance we are given. May the Eucharist we share today strengthen and enliven us as we bring Jesus with us to the world.



Cycle A -- Reflections on the Readings

The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; Psalm 147;
1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

Theme: Holy Eucharist, food for the soul

The readings of today are invitations to reassess our eucharistic beliefs. Do we celebrate life, or do we put up with it? Do we appropriate the self-giving of Jesus or do we focus only on self?

There is always a spiritual thirst within us. Sometimes we may not be completely conscious about it. But this thirst, if it is not satisfied properly, manifests itself in many unhealthy ways. It may show itself in the restlessness we have; in spite of possessing all that we desire, we may still feel we lack something. Or there may be an emptiness in life; life may seem to be meaningless.

Beloved, there is one solution for all these problems: **focus on Jesus in Eucharist.** Let Jesus be the primary focus of our life, our restlessness and emptiness, our meaninglessness and despondency shall disappear like the morning mist. One of the unique and glorious ways Jesus manifest Himself is through the Eucharist.

In our second reading, St. Paul writes to the divided Corinthians who were making a scandal of the Eucharist. To eat the bread and drink the wine are genuine participation in the body and blood of Christ. Eucharist and pagan ritual are contradictory.

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus left His Whole Self

St. John Chrysostom said, “Jesus gave you all, and left nothing for Himself.” In the Holy Eucharist Jesus poured out His whole self, His whole love into it.

St. Thomas Aquinas called the Eucharist “the sacrament of love, the pledge of love.” It is the sacrament of love because love was the only motive, which induce Jesus Christ to give us His whole self in the Eucharist.

The challenge of the Eucharist

In John 6:51-58, the Lord goes ahead to further confound the already shocked Jewish listeners by speaking of the eating of his flesh and drinking of his blood in the most graphic language that for the outraged Jewish listeners borders on cannibalism. He says: “I am the living bread which come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.” This was too much for the Jews to take, yet when seen in the context of the last supper, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the truth of Jesus’ claim in John 6:51-58 becomes clear.

Jesus the son of God had become the new lamb of sacrifice. And just as in Exodus 12:1-28 the blood of the paschal lamb saved the Jews from the destroyer in Egypt, so shall the blood of Jesus save all those who believed. Just as in Exodus 24:1-8 the blood of bullocks was used to ratify the old covenant on mount Sinai, so has the blood of Jesus been used to seal the new covenant in Christ’s blood. And every time we celebrate this mystery, we make present the saving body and blood of Jesus, and all who eat the body and drink the blood, all who partake fully in this sacrificial meal, have the assurance of full life here on earth, and the promise of eternal salvation.

My dear brother and sister let Jesus be the primary focus in your life. In the Holy Eucharist, He has poured Himself out completely. Let us adore and get united with Him in the Eucharist.



Motivation for the week

**THE BUS STOP DOESN'T MATTER;
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
DRIVER DOES**

A boy stood on a sidewalk waiting for a bus. A man walking by spotted the boy and gave him some gentle advice. "Son," he said, "if you're waiting for the bus you need to move to the street corner. That is where the bus stops for passengers."

"It's OK," said the boy. "I'll just wait right here, and the bus will stop for me." The man repeated his advice, but the boy never moved. Just then, the bus appeared.

Amazingly, the bus pulled over to where the boy stood, and he hopped in. The man on the sidewalk stood speechless. The boy turned around in the doorway and said, "Mister, I knew the bus would stop here, because the bus driver is my dad!"

When you've got a relationship with the bus driver, you don't need a bus stop. If you've given your heart to the King of Kings, you're in a royal family of unspeakable proportions.

Today I would like to remind you that when you know the Driver of your life you can take the bus of life anywhere. He will stop and pick you up where people think it is not possible.

Whether some are thinking that you are not in the right frame of mind, or the right position or the right career to succeed but this will change when the success giver is your father and friend.

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Whether you are unemployed, broke, single, or married, or childless or divorced, or widowed. What matters is that you know Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we can think or even imagine.

However, the BIG question is: "Is the Driver your Father?" "Are you still His child? You can only get that privilege if He is your Father.

He can bypass protocols because you are His child. He has done it before. He can do it AGAIN and AGAIN. And guess what? It does not matter what anybody feels or thinks.

Enjoy the ride with your Father.

God knows the best, He does the best, He gives the best because He's the best. May He make you achieve the best in everything you do in life now and forever in Jesus mighty name.

God loves YOU



The feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with its special liturgies, hymns, and processions, occurs 10 days after Pentecost and is observed on the Liturgical Calendar in the United States the following Sunday, June 18th this year.

This special feast day reminds us of something sadly forgotten by many Catholics, and denied by Protestants and evangelicals: That the host (the wafer of unleavened bread) and the wine we receive in communion at Mass, once consecrated by a priest, become really and truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist under the appearance (also called the accidents) of bread and wine!

Family updates—

If you have had a change in address, email, or phone number in the past year, would you please contact Cheryl via text, email, or phone to get your records updated.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary's will offer Mass times of 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday evenings through June.

Our Sunday mass will be held at 8:30 a.m.. With these mass offerings, we hope that you are aware that we are carrying out the rules for social distancing, and the wearing of mask—Please know that we are being as careful as possible with respect to this pandemic.

We want to Thank the first group of volunteers that helped with removal of the destroyed household goods caused by fire at the Green's home.

We are looking for a second group of volunteers this week.

Thank everyone for their help!

Tim Whelan, Ethan Roberts, Ryan Dewhirst, Rich Dewhirst, Seth Carlock, Ryan Roberts, Vince Hilton, Ruthie Paper, Dan Goodman, Annie Whelan and Marty Paper.



ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



6-1—Colby McGinley

6-1—Levi Hirner

6-5—Lori Goodman

6-14—Margaret Roberts

6-14—Nicole Zavadil

6-15—Susan Hilton

ADA update
Our goal this year
is \$19,824.

To date, we have
received
\$14,475.00
with 36 families
contributing

We want to Thank
those of you who
have continued to
tithe during this
pandemic!!

Thank You!!!



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
James Dowling
LeRoy Herscheid
Noah Howe
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Robert & Nancy Dalton
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Angie Witter-Childers
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
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