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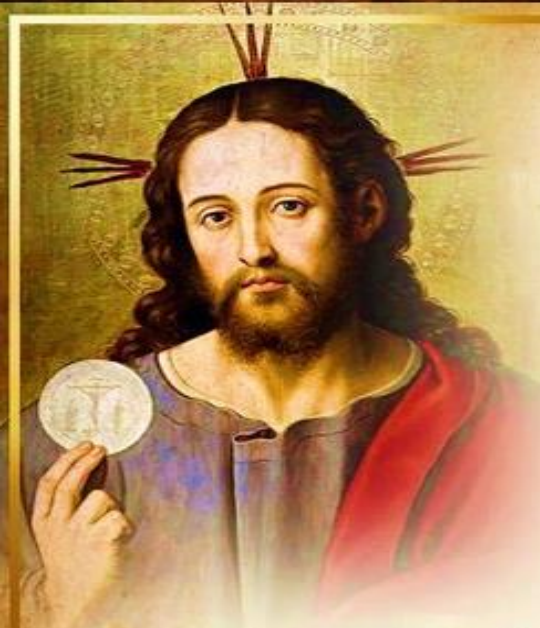
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The Gospel - Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MARK

14:12-16, 22-26



THE EUCHARIST: WHAT IS IT FOR CATHOLICS?

To a Catholic, the Eucharist is neither more nor less than Jesus Christ Himself in the flesh. He is really, truly and substantially present under the appearance of bread and wine.

Although non-Catholics often accuse Catholics of worshiping statues and the saints when we in fact do not, the fact of the matter is that we do worship (and admit to worshiping) something which looks to them to be, and they think is, a small wafer of bread. Catholics do worship the Eucharist, because the Eucharist **is God**.

"I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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Dear Padre

June 6, 2021



Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.

Fundamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshiping community forms a unified "body of Christ."

Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received. The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the General Instruction of The Roman Missal advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Mark describes for his community the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. Scripture scholars believe that the words were meant by Mark to help the early Christian community to understand the Eucharist. While they may not be the exact words spoken by Jesus, they help us understand that Jesus gave his disciples a way of remembering him through the bread and the wine—his Body and his Blood.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Much of today's Gospel focuses on the preparation for and sharing of a meal. The busy schedules that many parents and families keep today often intrude on this important daily ritual of sharing a meal, conversation, and time together. Mealtime should be a holy time, a gathering where all are welcome to share dreams, joys, and struggles of the day. Think about the ritual of sharing a meal as a family. What can you do to create time for this in your family's daily routine? How can you involve all family members in the preparation for and celebration of a daily meal together? How can you make family mealtime a holy time, a joyful time, a prayerful time, and a memorable time?



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BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:



The Last Supper was a special meal that the disciples of Jesus would never forget. Jesus' actions—the breaking of the bread, the sharing of the cup, the washing of the feet—drew the attention of the disciples. While they

did not fully understand Jesus' words—"Take it; this is my body" and "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many"—they could sense that there was something very special taking place. As a family, discuss your memories of very special meals. Who was at table with you? What did you talk about? What foods did you eat? If time allow, plan a special meal for a small group of family members or friends. Decide on a date, what foods you will serve, and what questions you might ask your special guests.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

In light of today's emphasis on preparing for and sharing a meal, move from today's session to a shared family meal. Invite all family members to take part in setting the table; preparing the food; discussing hopes, dreams, and struggles; clearing the table; and washing the dishes.

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Special Prayers
For Those In Need



FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them—John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William,

Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Bill Matthews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Bill Cook, Domingo Catolos.

MASSES - MESSE



SATURDAY JUN 5TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + David Jardine

SUNDAY JUN 6TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + John Nicol

10:00 A.M. – L'Anime Del Purgatorio

L'Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Susanna e Giani Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Angelo Lamanna

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Vito Baudo e defunt famiglia

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Antonino Lisciandro

Maria Zarcone

11:30 A.M. – Anja Helena Leptala

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Mrs. Thilagar

MONDAY JUN 7TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + John Nicol

11:00 A.M. – Anna Miceli

TUESDAY JUN 8TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Patrick & Mary Nicol

11:00 A.M. – Family of Agnes Leung

WEDNESDAY JUN 9TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Eva Porawa

11:00 A.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

THURSDAY JUN 10TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Danielle Gonzales

8:30 A.M. – + Joyce Dodds

FRIDAY JUN 11TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Patrick & Mary Nicol

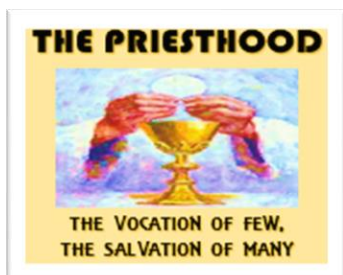
7:00 P.M. – + Doreen Burlton

SATURDAY JUN 12TH – SABATO

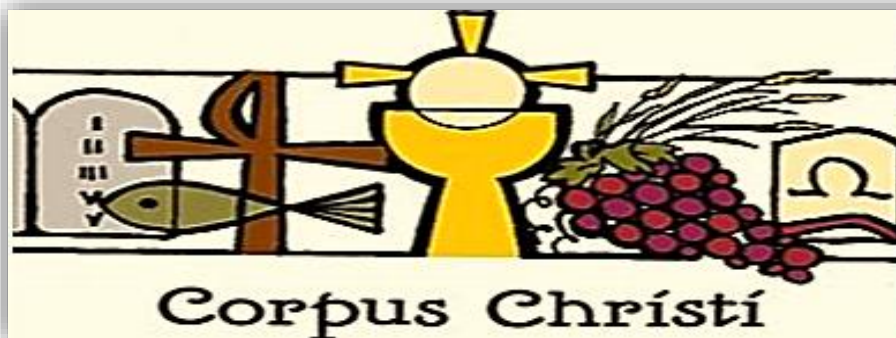
8:30 A.M. – Camilus & Xavier Johnpulle

10:00 A.M. – + Deceased Members De Souza Family

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VOCATION REFLECTION: Receiving Eucharist is a real sign of unity in our Church. God nourishes us with the “Bread from Heaven” if we have ordained priests to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations**, Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416-968-0997 Email vocations@archtoronto.org Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>



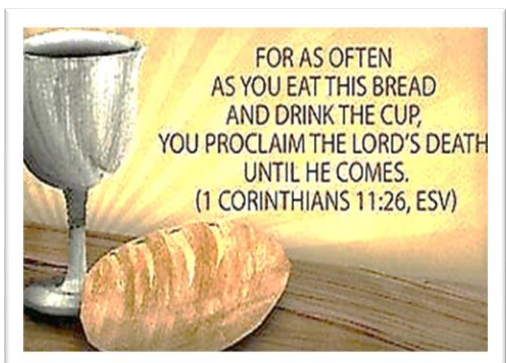
You Are What You Eat: We celebrate today the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is the center of the Mass and of our entire Catholic faith. St. Padre Pio said that “it would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.” Let us spend some time reflecting on the Eucharist so that we can echo St. Padre Pio and come to a greater understanding of the beauty of the Mass.



Let us first contemplate what took place 2000 years ago on Good Friday. Jesus’ death on the cross is what won for us our salvation. It was the event that defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that “the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.” If we are able to understand just how extraordinary Jesus’ crucifixion was, so too, each and every Mass opens us up to abundant grace and healing.

Moreover, the Mass allows us to receive the very body of Jesus and in doing so, become who we consume. We become another Christ in this world. As stewards, our goal is to imitate Jesus as closely as possible so that we can more fully share of our time and talents with our parish community. Therefore, let us run to

Mass as often as we can for Jesus is waiting for us on the altar, waiting to transform us into better stewards for His Kingdom.



Summary: Jesus’ death on the cross is what defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that “the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.” Therefore, we as stewards should run to Mass as often as we can because Jesus is waiting to pour out the same love, mercy and grace that he showed on the cross.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper.

On September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal decree which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by.

This year, due to the pandemic a procession outside the church will not take place.



FEAST OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI – THURSDAY AFTER THE TRINITY SUNDAY

THANK YOU: I want to express appreciation for your generous and faithful support over the past year and more recently my request to assist with the purchasing of extra food for the seminarians living at the parish during the next few months.

It is the giving of people like you that we are reminded of the unique privilege of being involved in this ministry. We believe God is a miracle-working God, and the same Christ who took money out of the mouth of a fish could also fill our offering every Sunday if He chose to!

Yet, His method has always been to use people like you and me to follow the example the Father set over 2000 years ago as He gave His only begotten Son. Then, Jesus walked in submission and obedience to the Cross and gave His very life for you and me to experience the freedom we now enjoy.

He desires that we experience the joy that comes along with giving. When we do it in the right spirit, there is absolutely something joyful about it!

While we know our ultimate reward is in heaven, I believe it is of great value to express my appreciation on behalf of the parish.

May God continue to bless you during these challenging times. *Fr. Roy*



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DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART: The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart by Holy Mother Church. Heart of Jesus, Symbol of Love. The Church, governed and taught by the Holy Spirit, has approved and recommended devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In our age of religious indifference, when fervor and charity have grown cold, Jesus exhibits to the world His Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's infinite love - the symbol of His own generous self-sacrificing love for men. Jesus shows His Divine Heart as a furnace whose burning rays of love are able to reanimate faith and rekindle love in hearts grown cold and ungrateful.

But why His Heart? Because in every language, in every age, the heart is regarded as the natural symbol of love and affection. What more natural and expressive symbol is there, then, of the excessive love of Jesus than His Sacred Heart? The direct and material object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the real, physical Heart of Jesus - the Heart of flesh, the living and loving Heart of our Blessed Lord; the Heart that beat in His Divine breast at the moment of the Incarnation; the Heart that loved us during the life of Jesus on earth, that poured forth its blood to the last drop on Mount Calvary; the beatified Heart now glorious in Heaven and still dwelling among us in the Blessed Sacrament; the Heart ever united to the Person of the Divine Word, to whom is due supreme homage and adoration.

We the Christians are the true Israel which springs from Christ, for we are carved out of His heart as from a rock. – St. Justin Martyr (d. 165)

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. – Matthew 11:29

There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return. – Pope Leo XIII

The Two Elements of Devotion to the Sacred Heart: Consecration & Reparation

We consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart by acknowledging Him as Creator and Redeemer and as having full rights over us as King of Kings, by repenting, and by resolving to serve Him.

We make reparation for the indifference and ingratitude with which He is treated and for leaving Him abandoned by humanity.

He promised that, in response to those who consecrate themselves and make reparations to His Sacred Heart:

1. He will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. He will establish peace in their homes.
3. He will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. He will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. He will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in His Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. He will bless every place in which an image of His Heart is exposed and honored.
10. He will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in His Heart.
12. In the excessive mercy of His Heart, His all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in His disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. His divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



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BUNDLE UP SUNDAY - "Bundle Up June 19-20 for Saint Vincent de Paul
The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothes, shoes, linens to support neighbors in need the weekend of June 19-20. The truck will be open all day Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for your support".

SHARELIFE- LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING THE DEAF COMMUNITY:

ShareLife funded agencies have been working on the front line of the Covid-19 pandemic. One of them, Silent Voice, has been continuing to offer programs in ASL (American Sign Language) to the Deaf community.

"You are indeed agents of change, enabling Silent Voice to provide entirely accessible programming, in ASL, that open the world to vulnerable Deaf adults, youth, children, and their families." — Kelly MacKenzie, Silent Voice

We have all been affected in many ways by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many communities, as we know, have been severely impacted.

Did you know that, at most, only 40 per cent of families with a signing Deaf family member use sign language in their homes? That has left Deaf people at home during the pandemic particularly isolated. As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not leave those in the Deaf community behind.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$13,591.53 toward our goal of \$42, 500. Our next collection for ShareLife will be on the weekend of June 20. Thank you for your generosity!



Sunday, June 20 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



Online Registration

ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: Children born in 2017, are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten at St. Lawrence Martyr School in September 2021. The Elementary Student Online Application for Registration (S.O.A.R.) for enrolment September 2021 is now available. Due to current COVID-19 conditions all applications (including the upload of required documents) must be completed online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. If you have any questions regarding registration, please leave a message on the school phone at 416 393 5264.

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For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.

Worship Through Giving
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

Please call the parish office (416-759-9359) for the way of giving that is right for you.

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

Alternately to donate to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on-line, please [click here Archdiocese of Toronto](#) and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PARISHIONER:

Please [click here](#).

