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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm Mass
Sunday - 8:00am & 10:30am Mass
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri - 8am Mass
Tuesday - 6:30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays – 8:30am-10pm
(ends with Benediction)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office, 503-631-2882.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.

Funerals: Call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Call Fr. Paschal at least 6 months in advance of the planned date.

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God is good! All the time! All the time, God is good.

Dear friends in Christ, last Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the wondrous mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is pivotal in our lives and faith. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and the Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (CCC 261). We reflected on the great lesson of the Trinity, which centered on unity and love, and we prayed to be continuously inspired by the Most Holy Trinity to love, knowing that God is love and that love is the heart of the message of Christ. When we love sincerely, we are in union with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the body & blood of Christ {Corpus et Sanguis Christi}. This Solemnity is very important because the Eucharist is the heart, soul, and center of the life of the Church. Everything hinges on the Eucharist, and blessings come from it. The Second Vatican Council states that "the Holy Eucharist is the center and culmination of the Christian life." (Lumen Gentium, 11) This Solemnity calls on us, followers of Christ, to reflect on the importance of the Eucharist in our lives.

The genesis of this Solemnity is linked to a miracle. In 1263, a German priest named Peter Prague was making a pilgrimage to Rome. During his journey, he stopped in the little Italian town of Bolsena to celebrate mass. Peter Prague has been entertaining doubts about Jesus being present in the Eucharist. Just after the words of consecration, something unique happened, the host began to bleed, and blood dropped onto his hand and the corporal on the altar. So confused about the incident, he went directly to Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV was then staying. He confessed his sins for doubting the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Pope sent a delegation to Bolsena that investigated the incident, and they could find no natural explanation. Pope Urban had the blood-stained host and corporal put on display in the Cathedral of Orvieto. The corporal is still there today, being revered by the faithful. The Pope was so touched and impressed that he inaugurated a new feast in the Church called Corpus Christi in 1264. He turned to a Dominican friar, Thomas Aquinas, to compose an office for the feast, which is, a series of prayers and hymns. And he responded with the most poetic, beautiful, and powerful hymns: Panis Angelicum, Tantum ergo, Adorate Devote, O Salutaris Hostia, etc., used today in Eucharistic adoration.

Today's gospel concludes the rich discourse on the Bread of life by Jesus Christ as recorded by John the evangelist (chapter 6). In this chapter, Jesus gave the whole explanation of the doctrine of the Eucharist. He used one of the 'I am statements' to drive home the powerful message of the Eucharist. He proclaimed, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6: 51).

This proclamation is one of the most shocking passages in the New Testament because those who heard it were taken aback and flabbergasted to hear such statements. Jesus' teaching funneled to, for anyone to have eternal life, they must eat his flesh and drink his blood. Hearing this life-saving truth from the Bread of life, some of them became agitated, quarreled, and gave up on him.

One of the things I find exciting and extraordinary is that Jesus did not recant his statement or reframe it when he noticed that most of his audience had left. But what did Jesus do after that? He reiterated and reinforced what he said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (John 6:53) What we eat and drink every day in the mass is the body and blood of Christ.

We should not doubt that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. We should not join the league of those who left him in the gospel or be the disciple of Peter Prague and many others. Some Catholics have left the Church because they struggle with the doctrine of Real Presence (Christ in the Eucharist). However, the teaching has remained the same. Jesus is authentic and genuinely present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is a banquet, with Christ offering himself as nourishment and giving us his Spirit. It is a foretaste of the fullness of joy promised by Christ and an opportunity to experience eternal life while still on earth. There are lots of Eucharistic miracles from the last supper to date. Today's unique and essential feast offers God's children a solemn opportunity to browse, download, read, and meditate deeply on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Continued page 7

This week at SPB and Upcoming Parish/Archdiocesan Events

Sunday, 6/11/2023 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00am Mass: All Parishioners
10:30am Mass: +Leta Tlusty (Don & Loretta Payne)

Monday, 6/12/2023

10:30am: Rosary
11:00am Funeral Mass: +Alfred Wetzel
(Becky Wooten)

Tuesday, 6/13/2023 Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua

6:30pm Mass: +Sharon Horn (Becky Wooten)

Wednesday, 6/14/2023

10:30am: Rosary
11:00am Funeral Mass: Chuck Tlusty
(Mary & Sherrie)

Thursday, 6/15/2023

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Alfred Wetzel (Josh & Mary Pattyn)
7:00pm: Faith Sharing via Zoom

8:30am-10:00pm:
Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, 6/16/2023 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:40am: Morning Prayer/Church
8:00am Mass: +Ella Mae Urban (Becky Wooten)

Saturday, 6/17/2023 Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00-5:00pm: Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm Mass: All Parishioners

Sunday, 6/18/2023

8:00am Mass: +Mary Lou Silvander
(Becky Wooten)
10:30am Mass: Fr. Paschal

June 18th: Father's Day Breakfast

June 25th: Fr. Paschal's Farewell Party after 10:30 Mass



Our condolences go out to Loretta Payne and family on the loss of her father, Chuck Tlusty who passed into God's loving arms on Sunday, June 4th. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, June 14th at 11:00am with Rosary at 10:30. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time.

Congratulations to Grace Pattyn, Brody and Addison Hubel on receiving your First Communion on Sunday, June 11th. May your love for Jesus continue to grow, and may God bless each one of you.

Father's Day Breakfast after both Masses on Sunday, June 18th. Fathers eat for free, Adults \$10, Kids \$5 and families \$20. If you can help with this event, please contact Loretta Payne 503-632-4370. Thank you.
Drop your Father's Day cards for Fr. Paschal in the baskets by the doors of the Church.

Save the Date for **Fr. Paschal's Farewell Party**, June 25, 2023 after the 10:30 Mass. See the flyer insert for more information.

Fr. Paschal's new assignment: Holy Redeemer, North Bend/Administrator: Holy Name, Coquille (p)/St. Anne-St. Michael, Myrtle Point (m).

The family of Mary Lou Silvander want to offer their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who attended her funeral with an extra special thanks going to Fr. Paschal, Fr. Maxy, Mary, Sherrie, Debbie, Mary Ann, Karen, Dan, Greg, Janeene and the Altar Society for their very generous donations of time that made this day very special for us. With Love from the Searls, Hodel and Setera families.

Finance Corner

Registered Household 222	WEEK OF 6/04/2023 Actual	Budget
Donors 58	\$5,684 (online: \$1,235)	\$4,530
Fiscal Year	\$240,114	\$236,454

Next Weeks Assignments

Ushers

6/17~5:30pm: Tom Muldoon
6/18~8:00am: Pat Keavney
6/18~10:30am: Kevin Horace

Lector/Commentator

Heather Hannam
Kristine Bible
Jerry Siler

Extraordinary

Becky Wooten
John Buxman
Janet Tankersley

June Church Cleaners: Gail & Abby Williams (971-277-0954)

June Altar Linens: Pam Erickson (503-459-8285)



6/18 9:00am: Father's Day Breakfast
11:30am: Father's Day Breakfast





[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51

Food for the Day

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as the darkest of nights brings out stars we might never notice otherwise, so is it that when we find ourselves lost in the dark of life's deserts, the slightest kindnesses can bring us to a brief oasis in a day otherwise oppressive. Most often such moments come as gifts, unearned—even undeserved. Yet they are blessings to us.

Psychologists tell us that if we find ourselves down in the dumps and depressed, we can find hope by naming three things that happened that day that were pure gifts—a phone call from a friend, a compliment, a free cup of coffee, a good bill of health from the doctor. Remembering them at the end of the day and giving thanks for them may not solve the issues that burden us, but they can put them in perspective, reminding us that life is a mix of both the good as well as the not so good.

Moses urged the people to recall all that God had done for them—bringing them out of Egypt, guiding them through the desert, leading them to water, and feeding them with manna. Amid their grumbling, their remembering offered them hope and the courage to go on.

Thus, what psychologists suggest is what God has been doing for us for thousands of years—that God feeds us daily in large and small ways, all without our deserving it but out of his great generosity. Remember, then, how God has fed you. ●

Reflect

Tonight, will you think about your day and give thanks for three ways you were blessed?

Dear Padre,

I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
Weekday	<i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<i>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>
2 Cor 1:1-7 Mt 5:1-12	2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 5:17-19	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	2 Cor 5:14-21 Lk 2:41-51	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives.

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The Eucharistic assembly

32. The Eucharist is not only a particularly intense expression of the reality of the Church's life, but also in a sense its "fountain-head". The Eucharist feeds and forms the Church: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Because of this vital link with the sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the mystery of the Church is savored, proclaimed, and lived supremely in the Eucharist.

This ecclesial dimension intrinsic to the Eucharist is realized in every Eucharistic celebration. But it is expressed most especially on the day when the whole community comes together to commemorate the Lord's Resurrection. Significantly, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life".

33. At Sunday Mass, Christians relive with particular intensity the experience of the Apostles on the evening of Easter when the Risen Lord appeared to them as they were gathered together (cf. Jn 20:19). In a sense, the People of God of all times were present in that small nucleus of disciples, the first fruits of the Church. Through their testimony, every generation of believers hears the greeting of Christ, rich with the messianic gift of peace, won by his blood and offered with his Spirit: "Peace be with you!" Christ's return among them "a week later" (Jn 20:26) can be seen as a radical prefiguring of the Christian community's practice of coming together every seven days, on "the Lord's Day" or Sunday, in order to profess faith in his Resurrection and to receive the blessing which he had promised: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn 20:29). This close connection between the appearance of the Risen Lord and the Eucharist is suggested in the Gospel of Luke in the story of the two disciples of Emmaus, whom Christ approached and led to understand the Scriptures and then sat with them at table. They recognized him when he "took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them" (24:30). The gestures of Jesus in this account are his gestures at the Last Supper, with the clear allusion to the "breaking of bread", as the Eucharist was called by the first generation of Christians.

(POPE ST. JOHN PAUL 11, Apostolic letter on Dies Domini, July 30, 1998).

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

"Eucharistic Adoration is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration. Receiving the Eucharist means adoring him whom we receive. ... The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself. Indeed, only in adoration can a profound and genuine reception mature."

– Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

(1 Tim 2:4).

CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE DEATH IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

"Jesus handed over according to the definite plan of God"

Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains to the Jews of Jerusalem in his first sermon on Pentecost:

"This Jesus (was) delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God." This Biblical language does not mean that those who handed him over were merely passive players in a scenario written in advance by God. CCC 599

To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of "predestination", he includes in it each person's free response to his grace: "In this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place." For the sake of accomplishing his plan of salvation, God permitted the acts that flowed from their blindness.

"He died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures" CCC 600

The Scriptures had foretold this divine plan of salvation through the putting to death of "the righteous one, my Servant" as a mystery of universal redemption, that is, as the ransom that would free men from the slavery of sin. Citing a confession of faith that he himself had "received", St. Paul professes that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." In particular Jesus' redemptive death fulfils Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Servant. Indeed Jesus himself explained the meaning of his life and death in the light of God's suffering Servant. After his Resurrection he gave this interpretation of the Scriptures to the disciples at Emmaus, and then to the apostles. CCC 601

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During the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus becomes present in the real sense when the Bread and wine are consecrated to become his body and blood. St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote: "Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his body and blood; faith assures you of this, though your sense suggests otherwise." And in one of his beautiful compositions of Eucharistic songs, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Faith will tell us Christ is present when our human senses fail."

Dear friends in Christ, the council fathers of the Vatican and Council of Trent echoed in their teachings that Jesus is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist. St. Thomas Aquinas said that in the other sacraments, the power of Christ is operative, but in the Eucharist Ipse Christus- Christ himself is present. In his contribution, Pope John Paul II, in his last encyclical, *Ecclesia Dei Eucharistia*, said, "the Church is from the Eucharist, the Eucharist makes the Church. It is the lifeblood of the mystical body of Christ."

So, let us firmly stand with the teaching of Christ and the Church; let us hear the wonderful and mysterious words of Jesus. Let us resist all attempts to soften them, explain them away, and make them easier to swallow. Let us affirm with all our hearts this doctrine of real presence.

Furthermore, let us make time from our schedule to adore Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. St. Pope John Paul II encouraged us to do so when he said: "Let us take time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults which our Savior must endure in many parts of the world. Let us deepen through adoration our personal and communal contemplation, drawing upon aids to prayer inspired by the word of God and the experience of so many mystics, old and new."

Finally, may we celebrate this great Solemnity with faith and resolve by the grace of God to accord the Holy Eucharist every respect and dignity it deserves. As God's children, who are longing for eternal life, let us commit to strive to approach and to receive the body of Christ most appropriately. Remember, the closer we are to God, the better for us.

Blessings, Your servant in Christ, Fr. Paschal Ezurike

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