

**Welcome to
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**



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Baptisms-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

Marriages-Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date*

Visits to the Sick-Please call the Parish Office

Religious Education-Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

RCIA- (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

New Parishioners-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Bereavement Support Group-No meetings scheduled at this time

***Registered parishioners only**

MASS SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ◆ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ◆ **Sunday Masses**
 - September through May 8:30 am & 10:30 am
 - June through August 9:30 am
- ◆ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ◆ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted
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- ◆ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ◆ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ◆ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ◆ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

JUNE 23, 2019—THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST/CORPUS CHRISTI



Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Mon. June 24** +Anna Clifford
8:30 am Requested by Vin & Joan Bresnahan
- Tues. June 25** +Jack O'Neill
8:30 am Requested by Steve & Elaine Delaplane
- Weds. June 26** +Fred Schoenbaechler (2 yrs)
8:30 am Requested by Marie Schoenbaechler
- Thrs. June 27** Members of the Parish
8:30 am
- Fri. June 28** +John Clifford
8:30 am Requested by Vin & Joan Bresnahan
- Sat. June 29** +Harry Young
4:30 pm Requested by Judy & Gary Gorman
- Sun. June 30** +Victor Filippi, Jr.
9:30 am Requested by Jan Filippi

Weekly Collections

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WEEKEND OF JUNE 8-9, 2019
ATTENDANCE -307
OFFERTORY-\$2,526.00
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This Week

Monday, June 24, 2019

- **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Thursday, June 27, 2019

- **St. Cyril of Alexandria**

Friday, June 28, 2019

- **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Saturday, June 29, 2019

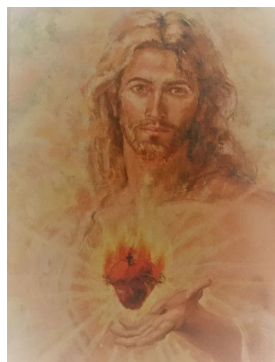
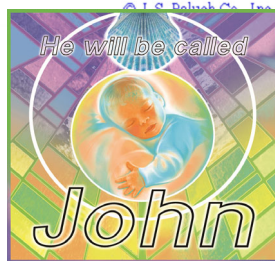
- **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm

Sunday, June 30, 2019

- **Masses at 9:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**

Monday, July 1, 2017



PARISH CALENDAR

- July 2-New Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- July 4-Independence Day
- July 5-Fr. Jacek's Birthday
- July 16-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- August 6-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- August 15-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 20-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- September 2-Labor Day
- September 3-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- September 8-Return to Regular Mass Schedule
 - Grandparents' Day
 - First Day of Religious Education



Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, James Blachowiak,

Patricia Blackwell, Rev. Jim Bok, OFM & Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, Negril; Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Mario Corso, Steve DiCristo, Larry DiOrio, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Suzie Goldberg, Carmelle Goodridge, Judy Hage, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ken & Ginny Kloiber, Eddie Knowlton, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Larry Larson, Ginny LeClaire, Margaret Lines, Anne Lintner, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, John McKinnon, Gema Moreno, Regina Mulherin, Rosario Munoz, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Herron, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, Leslie Peterson, John Pitale, Pal Polster, Shirley Porter, Joe & Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Julianne Thorstenson, Pat Tweed, Helen Vonbank, Virginia Waggle, Robert Wallace, Pink Wesorick, Lynn Wickham, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

How can I share the abundance I have with those in need? How can the Eucharist I receive nourish me spiritually?



OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS	
Parish Goal	\$ 85,000.00
Pledged	\$ 78,746.95
Total Paid	\$ 66,026.07
Balance Due	\$ 18,973.93
a/o 06/07/19	
Thank you for your generosity.	

‡**SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK**‡

June 24-The Nativity of St. John The Baptist- Feast day celebrating the birth of St. John the Baptist.

June 27-St. Cyril of Alexandria-Bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Cyril was a brilliant theologian and presided over the Third General Council at Ephesus.

June 28-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus-The devotion to the *Sacred Heart* (also known as the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*, *Sacratissimum Cor Iesu* in Latin) is one of the *most* widely practiced and well-known Roman Catholic devotions. -*Wikipedia*



Jesus made 12 promises to those who honor the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment. (*Catholicdigest.com*).

June 29-Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles-The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul or Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is a liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

NEW OLMM PRAYER & SCRIPTURE GROUP!

The new Adult Prayer Group led by Doug Elliot will begin meeting in the "Little Church" on Tuesday, July 2nd at 6 pm, and on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. This is an opportunity to deepen our faith by strengthening our prayer life and exploring the scriptures as well as discussing other issues of faith. Each session should last about 1 1/4 hours. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Beverly Henderson, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, John "Jack" O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Richard Peterson, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Jean Turner, Muriel Urrico, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski
"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]



2019 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Matlacha Hookers are sponsoring their annual School Supply Drive to benefit the students of Pine Island Elementary School. Requested items are:

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| Backpacks (no wheels) | Pencil Boxes |
| Scissors (blunt & sharp) | #2 Pencils(Ticonderoga/Dixon) |
| Erasers(large/pink/rectangle) | Whiteboard Markers |
| Ziplock Baggies | Pens (red/black/blue) |
| Elmer's Glue | Loose leaf paper(wide) |
| Glue sticks | Crayola Colored Pencils |
| Marbled Composition Books | Crayola Crayons |
| Spiral notebooks | Crayola Washable Markers |
| Paper towels | Handi-Wipes/Lysol |
| FUN STICKERS | Disinfectants |
| 3x5 index cards | Yellow Highlighters |
| Kleenex w/lotion | Pocket folders |
| | Whiteboard erasers |

In celebration of Corpus Christi, we will have information regarding Adoration in the next few publications of our bulletin. Please review the information and consider attending Adoration on Friday, July 5th from 9am—noon.
What's the history of adoration of the blessed sacrament?

By Victoria M. Tufano

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not something new. It is a centuries-old practice rooted in an essential teaching of Catholic Christianity: Jesus Christ is truly and completely present in the Eucharist. Like many practices of our faith, however, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament developed gradually.

In the earliest years of Christianity, consecrated bread would be brought home from the celebration of the Eucharist to be given to those not able to be present at the liturgy because of illness. It was also to be consumed by the faithful during the week to keep them connected to the Eucharist and the community they celebrated with.

In about the fourth century monasteries began to reserve the Eucharist, and by the 11th century, reservation—still mainly for the sick and dying—was a regular feature of churches. While reverence was certainly given to Christ present in the sacrament, it was not yet customary to pray before the reserved sacrament.

In the 11th century the French monk Berengar of Tours began to teach that the bread and wine in the celebration of the Eucharist could not change physically into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Pope Gregory VII demanded a retraction from Berengar saying that the body and blood of Christ were truly present in the Eucharist. This resulted in a refining of the church's teaching on the real presence. In response, eucharistic devotion burst forth throughout Europe: processions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and other prayers focused on the reserved sacrament became part of Catholic life.

Around the same time, elevations of the bread and the wine were added to the eucharistic prayer at Mass. For some, the moment of seeing the consecrated host overshadowed the rest of the liturgy. Times of extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament outside the Mass grew out of this action, and eventually a blessing with the exposed Eucharist, or benediction, developed.

The feast of Corpus Christi developed in the 13th and 14th centuries. Processions became traditional on this day, and other devotions, including adoration, gained popularity. Eucharistic Congresses, held since the late 19th century (most recently in Canada in 2008), continue to promote this devotion.

Since the Second Vatican Council, a great deal of attention has focused on the reform of the liturgy and a deepening of eucharistic theology and piety, but the practice of adoration remained in many places. Like the practice of the earliest Christians, adoration can keep us connected to the community's celebration of the Eucharist.

This article appeared in the March 2011 issue of U.S. Catholic magazine (Vo. 76, No. 3, page 46).

Victoria M. Tufano, pastoral associate and director of liturgy at Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park, Illinois.

Coming Next Week: Why should I go to Adoration?

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father,
Amen. Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society

“He who receives Communion is made holy and Divinized in soul and body in the same way that water, set over a fire, becomes boiling... Communion works like yeast that has been mixed into dough so that it leavens the whole mass; ...Just as by melting two candles together you get one piece of wax, so, I think, one who receives the Flesh and Blood of Jesus is fused together with Him by this Communion, and the soul finds that he is in Christ and Christ is in him.” —St. Cyril of Alexandria



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**PETER'S PENCE
SECOND COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF JUNE 29-30**

May, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Participation in the Peter's Pence Collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection help our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need.

Yes, the Peter's Pence Collection unites us with the Holy Father in his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world. Pope Francis, being Pastor of the Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection unite with the power of Christ to give support to those in need.

Won't you join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world. You can participate through your donation, prayers, and outreach to spread the message of the love of Christ. The Peter's Pence collection in the Diocese of Venice is scheduled for the weekend of June 29 and 30, 2019. Please be generous in your support and help sustain others who are less fortunate. Thank you for your kindness!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers! May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE NARTHEX**

HAGAN ESTO EN MEMORIA MÍA



23 de junio de 2019 • El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo

Estamos familiarizados con las indicaciones que Jesús dio a sus discípulos en la Última Cena. ¿Pero qué es exactamente aquello que tenemos que hacer en memoria de Jesús? Una respuesta se enfoca en la "narrativa institucional" que se encuentra en las Oraciones Eucarísticas: vamos a consagrar el pan y el vino, cambiándolos, por el poder del Espíritu Santo, en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Esto es verdad; pero pensemos acerca de lo que se requiere en realidad hacerlo, como la Iglesia lo ha hecho por casi dos mil años.

- Debemos recordar a Jesús, recordar a *Jesús*, la Palabra de Dios en forma humana. Para hacer esto, necesitamos esa otra palabra de Dios, dada en una forma diferente: las palabras en las Escrituras.
- Necesitamos reunirnos para hacer esto. La Última Cena es una comida comunitaria con Jesús. En su carta a los corintios, Pablo describe acciones hechas dentro de un grupo, acciones que empiezan con esa comida comunitaria con Jesús. Nos reunimos como los discípulos de hoy y continua esa actividad de grupo en nuestras asambleas.
- Necesitamos encontrar una forma para reunirnos con algún grado de orden. Necesitamos ser líderes. Necesitamos predicadores para que proclamen la Palabra, necesitamos quien presida para repetir las acciones de Jesús, personas que estén "ordenadas", hayan recibido el Sacramento del Orden, para que prediquen y consagren el pan y el vino.

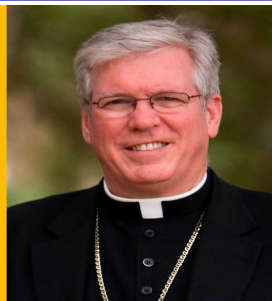
LA IGLESIA, LA EUCARISTÍA Y QUIENES TIENEN NECESIDAD

Hay un dicho que dice: "la Iglesia hace la Eucaristía y la Eucaristía hace la Iglesia". En la celebración Eucarística encontramos a Cristo verdaderamente presente en el pan y vino consagrados. También lo encontramos en la asamblea, las Escrituras y al que preside-predica, todo lo que hacemos para "hacer esto", y al hacer "esto", nos hacemos el Cuerpo de Cristo. Nuestra conmemoración Eucarística de Jesús es una memoria sacramental viva que también nos transforma. Recibimos la Comunión para vivir en comunión con Cristo y con los demás, para hacernos "la presencia real" de Cristo en el mundo. Hacemos lo que los discípulos hicieron, damos de comer a los más necesitados con el amor y la compasión con que Cristo nos alimenta.

Lecturas de hoy: Gen 14:18-20; Sal 110 (109):1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lc 9:11b-17

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V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: pastoralhispana@diocesofvenice.org.



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Religious Freedom
Week 2019 runs
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-Sat. June 29, pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. to learn more and for additional resources please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

JUNE 23, 2019 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

[A]s often as you eat
this bread and drink
the cup, you proclaim
the death of the Lord
until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26

[A]s a menudo
cuando comes este
pan y bebes la copa,
proclamas la
muerte del Señor
hasta que él venga.

— 1 Corintios 11:26

THIS SACRED MEAL

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).

Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).

Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Gospel — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

WedS: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11;
Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an " anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE EUCHARIST

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection. —St. Irenaeus

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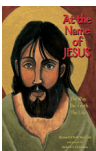
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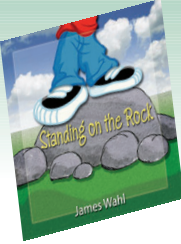
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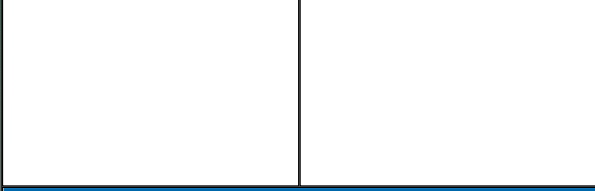
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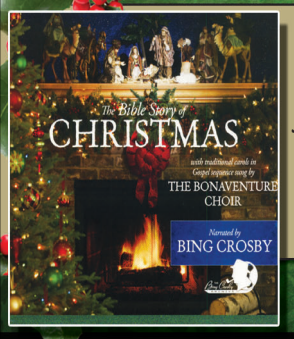
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