

The Miracle of the Eucharist

One of the most interesting representations of the Last Supper is this depiction from the Master of Fossa. Typically this scene is illustrated much like da Vinci's *The Last Supper*—the Twelve Apostles sitting on one side of the table. In this rare interpretation, Jesus directly distributes the host to his apostles, reminding us how we receive Communion today. This rendering could be a nod to the feast of Corpus Christi, solemnly approved some thirty years earlier by Pope Clement V in 1311 in response to a eucharistic miracle in an Umbrian town.

A German priest struggling with his belief in the eucharistic presence of Jesus was celebrating Mass in Orvieto en route to Rome. After the consecration, the host turned to flesh and began to bleed. He wrapped up the Eucharist and brought it to the bishop in a nearby town. After studying the blood and the eyewitnesses, a miracle was declared.

Hundreds of documented eucharistic miracles help confirm our faith in the Eucharist. Should you question the belief that Christ's body and blood are really present in the Eucharist, perhaps reading about these miracles would help.

This scene of the Last Supper is placed directly beneath the painting of the crucifixion, in this way reminding us that the Mass and Eucharist make present to us today the power of Jesus' death. By celebrating the Eucharist, we unite ourselves with that Jesus and those events of his passion, death, and resurrection. For this reason, many Catholics silently repeat before receiving Communion, "My Lord and my God."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How is my faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist?

Should I look for ways to make my faith in his presence grow, perhaps by going to adoration this week?



Piece: *Stories of the Passion*
(detail of the Last Supper),
circa 1340

Artist: Master of Fossa
Location: Vatican Museums

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26

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Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

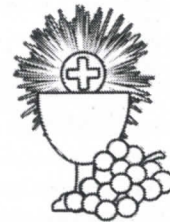
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

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

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of "me." 1 Corinthians 11

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: A king and high priest comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes. By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His Body and Blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant." Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20-7:3). By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist. Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30). The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus. It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread, in commanding them on the night He was handed over: "Do this in remembrance of Me." Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile. And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for June 30

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Offertory: Arvell & Liz Jungmann

Ushers: Glenn Laurence & Tom Motyka

Altar Servers: Pat Higgins, Kate Higgins, Claire Kopriva

Sanctuary Light: June 24th—30th —John & Eleanor Motyka by Tom & Julia Motyka

Eucharistic Minister: Albert Michalka

Lector: Lynne Hornung



Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and the following: Steve Simecek, Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga(Cousin of Ethel Marak), Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), Albina Vrazel, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful!

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—June 23-30, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 6/23	10:15am	+ August & Mary Hubnik by Arvell & Liz Jungmann
6/26- Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Daniel Hromcik by Joyce Vaculin + Dorothy Vaculin by Laddie & Edith Vaculin
6/30—Sunday	10:15am	+ Larry Green by Kenny & Michelle Kostroun and Glenn & Kelly Laurence

CYCLONE MASSES— June 23-30, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 6/23	8:15am	+ Randolph Green by Family
6/25– Tuesday	7:00am	+ The Benefactors of Raphael's Refuge
6/27— Thursday	7:00am	+ Royella Roessler by Monica Mikeska
6/28—Friday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Donald & Delores Zipperlin
6/29– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Clarence Bartek by Helen & Melvin Ranly
6/30— Sunday	8:15am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Charles & Cindy Moeller

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION.

- **JUNE 30:** Second Collection for Peter's Pence : The Peter's Pence Collection is to support the most disadvantaged—victims of war, oppression, natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** It's time to turn in your bottles for the baby bottle campaign. Place your bottles in the cry room as soon as possible. Thank you to all those that participated in this fundraiser for the Place Of Hope Pregnancy Center in Rockdale.
- **CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please mark on your calendar that Lifetouch Company will be taking family portraits to provide a new church directory for our Parish. The dates are October 14-15-16 & 17. A sign in sheet of dates and times will be provided when the time gets closer.
- **RAFFLE:** If anyone would like to donate money or a gift for the Picnic Raffle, please contact Tom or Julia Motyka.
- **FOURTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Saturday, September 7, 8:30am-4:00pm St. William Parish, Round Rock. Program includes guest speakers (in English & Spanish), Mass, vendors, reconciliation, and more. Registration is \$55.00. Bring your friends and register today while space is still available. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference.

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 24

*Nativity of St. John
the Baptist*

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday

JUNE 25

Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5-18

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

JUNE 26

Weekday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

JUNE 27

Weekday

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16
or Gn 16:6b-12, 15-16

Mt 7:21-29

Friday

JUNE 28

*Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus*

Ez 34:11-16

Rom 5:5b-11

Lk 15:3-7

Saturday

JUNE 29

*Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles*

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Sunday

JUNE 30

*Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21

Gal 5:1, 13-18

Lk 9:51-62

Dear Padre,

What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

Many regard Mass as merely a Sunday obligation; others, as part of their personal energy-sustaining ritual. Such individualistic views lack an appreciation of the Eucharist's deeper meaning. The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ.

The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ's threefold mission: the prophetic mission of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ.

The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. "The Eucharist's particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass," wrote St. John Paul II (On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church [*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*], 41). Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty.

Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community? If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives.

—Fr. Amado L. Picardal, CSsR, SThD
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A Word from Pope Francis

The Eucharist demands that we be members of the one body of the Church. Those who approach the Body and Blood of Christ may not wound that same Body by creating scandalous distinctions and divisions among its members....The celebration of the Eucharist thus becomes a constant summons for everyone to examine himself or herself.

—On Love in the Family (Amoris Laetitia), March 19, 2016



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