



Food for the Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As the story is told, two men were talking about why they go or do not go to church every weekend. One argued why he no longer comes to Mass: "I went every Sunday for almost thirty years and I can't remember a single sermon from all those years that I sat in a pew." The other thought about that and then replied, "You know, my wife and I have been married for more than twenty-five years. Just about every day during those years my wife and I sat down and shared a meal at least twice a day. Now I can't say that I remember more than one or two of those meals, but if we hadn't sat down to share those meals every day, I don't think we would still be married today."

Surely there are many reasons why Catholics come

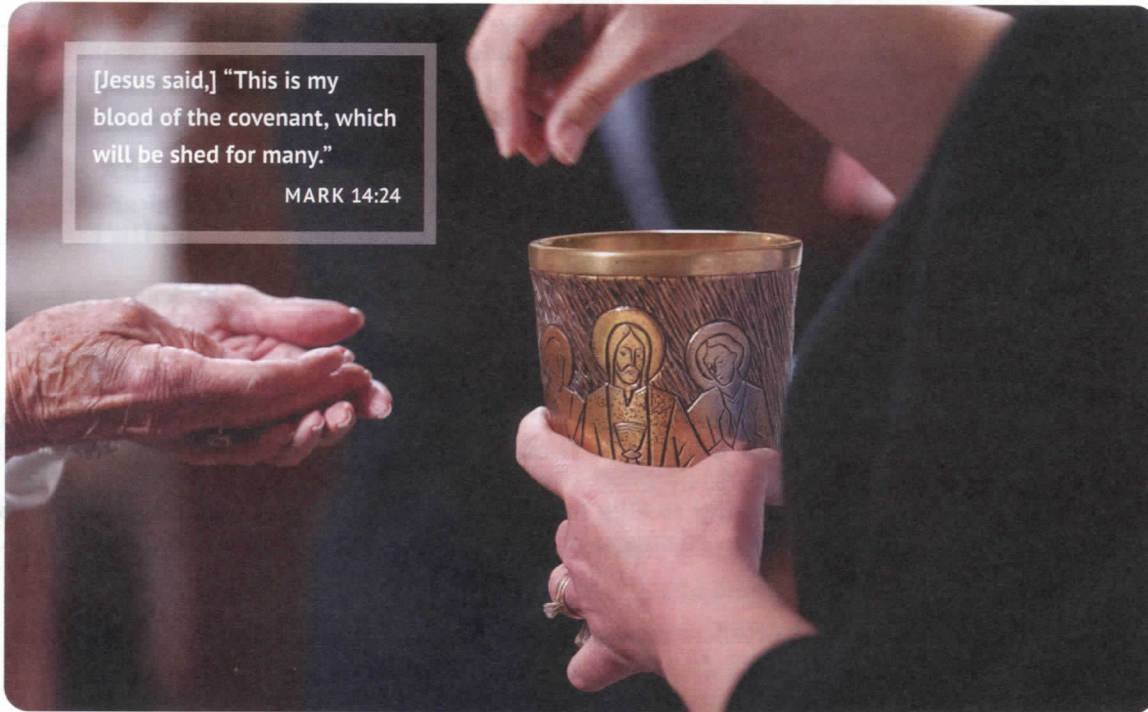
to the Eucharist each weekend. Some come for the homily, some for receiving holy Communion, others for the singing, and still others to be part of a faith community. For most, it is probably some of each. Yet behind all of it, though most might not think of saying so, is a commitment to be people of faith, to believe in the Lord Jesus, and to live as his disciples. It is the same commitment the Hebrews made in the desert in Exodus 24:3: "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Indeed, how long would we be believers and disciples of Jesus without being fed at his table? ●

Reflect

Why do you come to Mass each week?

[Jesus said,] "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."

MARK 14:24



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

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

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule 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 2, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus. In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations. Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood. The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room (see [Hebrews 10:1](#)).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualizes," makes real what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship. God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist. What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

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

MINISTRIES FOR JUNE 9, 2024



Rosary: Volunteer Needed
Lector: Henry Hilscher
Ushers: Mike Marek & James Marek

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin
Offertory: Brad Vaculin Family
Servers: Pat, Kate, Garrison & Annalee

Sanctuary Light: June 3rd-9th: In Memory of August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Barbara Vansa McNeill, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, Joseph Ribar, Kay & Ed Moraw and Paulette Foster and those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—June 2-9 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—6/2	10:15am	+ Rosalie Kostroun by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Stanley Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik + Frankie Joe Hubnik by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Jennifer Pelzel by Rebecca Barton
6/5—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Clem Tomek by Laddie & Emily Dohnalik + Reba Winkler by Randy & Mary Faust
6/9—Sunday	10:15am	+ Joe & Stefina Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Frank & Helen Hubnik by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Clem Tomek by Ronald & Irene Kaulfus + Jerry Sipula by Leroy & Kathy Vansa

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- TODAY: Picnic Planning Meeting for All Parishioners after Mass.
- TODAY: Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- PICNIC RAFFLE: We would like to thank everyone who has donated a prize for the raffle this year. We are continuing to take donations for the raffle until June 16th. Contact Kelly Laurence (254-931-5992) or Julie Motyka (254-772-0394) if you would like to donate.
- QUILTS FOR PICNIC: Please notice the quilts hanging from the choir loft. They are for our annual picnic—auction and raffle.
- RAFFLE TICKETS FOR KJZT JRS. CAMP: The KJZT Jrs. will be selling raffle tickets after Mass for the next three Sundays to go to camp. Please support the Jrs. They leave for camp on Sunday, June 23rd after Mass.

5-26: Sunday Offering: \$1,084.00 Children's Offering: \$7.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Padre,

Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?

By only taking the host you are participating fully. And if you only drink from the chalice, you also are participating fully. Christ is always fully present in each form.

Many times, it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation. There are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially a person who is very ill, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier.

In the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, we are invited to receive both. The *Eucharisticum Mysterium* (32) says it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a feast that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the kingdom of God is established in its fullness. In John 6, Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully by taking the host. Both forms are always present, because the priest must always receive both. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Pt 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12	June 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17	June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27	June 6 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34	June 7 <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37	June 8 <i>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Tm 4:1-8 Lk 2:41-51	June 9 <i>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gn 3:9-15 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ... we receive his love within us, not to hold it back selfishly, but rather to share it with others. This logic is inscribed in the Eucharist: we receive his love within us and we share it with others. This is the eucharistic logic.

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