

June 6, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) (B)

Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Take This: Eat and Drink

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ The word Eucharist means "giving thanks."
How grateful are you for the privilege to participate in this wondrous event?



He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

HEBREWS 9:12

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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 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.

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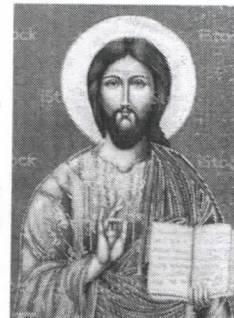
JUNE 6, 2021—SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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.



5/30: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,249.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

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

Ministries for June 13, 2021

Rosary: Raymond Tomek

Eucharistic Minister: Cynthia Prcin

Offertory: Brandon Hunt Family

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Ushers: Garrey Prcin & Glenn Goeres

Altar Servers: Camryn, Garrison, Annalee

Sanctuary Light: June 7th-13th: Albyn Simecek by Carolyn & Gary Talafuse

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 to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Colt Charanza, Baby Townes Bush, Paulette Hubnik Foster, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn Juneck Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain:

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

MARAK MASSES —June 6-13, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—6/6	10:15am	+ Johnnie Michna by Glenn & Kelly Laurence + Larry Green by Chuck & Jean Krenak + Daniel Hromcik by Joe & Sandra Vaculin
6/9—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Albert Michalka by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Mary Ann Plachy by Mike & Janice Marek + Dorothy Vaculin by Daniel Wilde
6/13 —Sunday	10:15am	+ Mary Ann Plachy by Mary Stanislaw + Doris Bruggman by Eileen Schneider + Albina Vrazel by Evelyn Marek

CYCLONE MASSES —June 6-13, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today – 6/6	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Craig Green
6/8—Tuesday	7:00am	+ Barbara Eixman by Joan Moeller
6/10—Thursday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Mallory & Barbara Miller
6/11—Friday	7:00am	+ Joe & Martha Dubcak by Jackie & Charlie Green
6/12—Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Evelyn Green by Gene & Betty Engbrock
6/13—Sunday	8:15am	+ Walter & Lucille Greener by Monica Mikeska

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Picnic Meeting after Mass. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend to make plans for our Annual Picnic in September.
- **TODAY:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **2021 HOMECOMING PICNIC RAFFLE:** If you can donate a prize or help buy a gift card, please contact Julie or Tom Motyka—254-605-0443. The prize list needs to be complete by June 13th.
- **USHER AND OFFERTORY:** We have began our regular routine for the Ushers and Offertory Gifts. Please check your lists to see when you are carrying the offertory gifts or being an usher. If you need a list, please contact Cindy Prcin or Patsy Gaines or check the website—marakchurch.org.
- **June 28-29, 2021:** Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have their 71st Annual Convention at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple. Please contact Kay Moraw or Merlene Slavik if you are interested in attending.
- **JUNE 20TH:** KJZT Jrs. will be selling Raffle tickets after Mass. Please support our Jrs.

Dear Padre,

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 worshipping 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).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Eucharist satisfies our hunger for material things and kindles our desire to serve. It raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also his hands, to be used to help feed others.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMILY, JUNE 14, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 7

Weekday

2 Cor 1:1-7

Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

JUNE 8

Weekday

2 Cor 1:18-22

Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

JUNE 9

Weekday

2 Cor 3:4-11

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

JUNE 10

Weekday

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6

Mt 5:20-26

Friday

JUNE 11

*The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus*

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

Eph 3:8-12, 14-19

Jn 19:31-37

Saturday

JUNE 12

*The Immaculate Heart of
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Cor 5:14-21

Lk 2:41-51

Sunday

JUNE 13

Eleventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

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