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

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

I came across a little book not too long ago that offered a selection of "B and Bs" ("Bed and Breakfast" residences) where travelers could stay in a certain state. The promise of a good "B and B" is a clean place, a good night's sleep, and a good meal to begin the day. In short, rest and sustenance.

Is it too irreverent to propose that today's feast is a reminder that we believers have available the "B and B" of all "B and Bs" in the Eucharist? This sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ offers an ongoing opportunity for rest and sustenance with the Lord.

Today's scriptures all deal with offering sustenance, beginning with Melchizedek presenting Abraham a little bread and wine along with a blessing. Then there is Paul reminding the fractious Corinthians how eating the bread and wine sustains them as they proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Finally, Jesus provides rest and sustenance for his disciples, along with five thousand others who show up.

My late stepfather worked off a truck, checking gas meters and doing repairs for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. He used to stop in a church and have his lunch there. He said it provided him a chance to talk to the Lord and rest for a few moments in the Lord's presence. It sustained him over the years. Again, rest and sustenance.

God's ongoing hospitality in the Eucharist has continued over generations to offer rest and sustenance. What could be better than having the Lord coming to dwell within us, giving us the nourishment necessary to sustain us on our journey? —James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

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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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22; Mt 7:1-5 Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Tuesday:	Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday:	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:	Gn 18:1-15; Ps Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17 Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Sunday:	Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday, June 21st -
5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales & Carlos Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez

Sunday, June 22nd - *IHM
***8:00AM –** +Margarito, Carlotta y Ray Gomez
9:30AM – HF +Kris Torrez
***11:00AM –** For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, June 24th 9:00AM - HF
For the well-being of Tanis Moreno's family

Wednesday, June 25th 6:00PM–IHM
In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Anabel & Gilberto Aguayo

Thursday, June 26th 9:00AM - HF
In thanksgiving for Thelma Mendez's birthday

Friday, June 27th 9:00AM - HF
+Eugenia Guerrero, Isidro y Richard Ramirez

Saturday, June 28th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Jovita & Benjie Olguin, Jennifer & Roger Gomez; +Daniel Grimaldo; In thanksgiving for Fabiola Acevedo's birthday

Sunday, June 29th - IHM
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero; +Sara Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarette
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of June to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

►**BABY DONATIONS to include:**
Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.
You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de junio para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

►**DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**
Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada, preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.
Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION for the Feast of Corpus Christi is this Sunday, June 22nd. We begin @6pm from Holy Family, stopping for scripture and prayer at different locations, ending at Immaculate Heart with a meal.

MASS CHANGES begin Sunday, June 22nd

- Spanish Mass at **8AM**
- Mass at Holy Family at **9:30AM** and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Same schedule for the other weekend Masses.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC?-Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, June 23rd, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend.

¡ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzará a finales de abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. La primera clase será miercoles 30 de abril, 2025, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr. Note mas informacion en la entrada de la iglesia.

NOTE: YOUTH GROUP – meets Wednesday, June 25th, from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Holy Family

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet next Sunday, June 29th at Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

June 14/15, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$4004.00
LOOSE PLATE……1238.75
BUILDING FUND……963.00
TOTAL COLLECTION……..$6205.75

Thank you for your generosity

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 28 - Jamaica July 5 - Youth Group

►"JAMAICA 2025" -- September 28th
Get your RAFFLE TICKETS after Mass!

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

Know Someone Wanting to Grow in their Faith in Spanish?

Continuing every Wednesday at the Immaculate Heart Hall at 7pm there will be adult catechism classes in Spanish for anyone interested.

¡Atención!

¿¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe??

¿Desea profundizar su comprensión de las Sagradas Escrituras?
¿Está interesado en comprender mejor las enseñanzas y la historia de la Iglesia?
¿Se ha preguntado sobre los orígenes de los sacramentos, los santos, u otras devociones?

Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso sobre el antiguo testamento esta a punto de terminar y comenzará el curso sobre el nuevo testamento.
El curso se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases.

Las clases son cada:
Miercoles a las 7:00 p. m.
en el Salon de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W Alabama Ave.
El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr.

Si asiste a Misa y Adoración los miércoles y desea participar en las clases, puede permanecer en adoración hasta que comience la clase. La adoración no tiene que durar una hora completa para ser válida; la adoración es el tiempo largo o corto que hayamos pasado en amor con nuestro Señor en la Eucaristía.

Si ya se bautizó pero nunca recibió la Primera Comunión ni la Confirmación, **completar este curso también le permitirá recibir dichos sacramentos**, siempre que no tenga problemas matrimoniales que resolver primero. De ser así, hable con el Padre Josh para resolverlos; él estará encantado de ayudarle.