

QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 18

This is the feast of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The other sacraments are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.

The Greek word for Eucharist means thanksgiving. It is an action of thanksgiving to God, God's work creation, redemption, and sanctification.

It is the breaking of bread because used this rite as part of a meal when He blessed and distributed the bread. This is my Body and this is my Blood, Jesus said. By doing so, all who eat His Body and drink His Blood will enter into communion with Him and form one body in Him. Eucharist is the sacrifice because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ and includes the Church's offering. The words Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Sacrifice of praise, spiritual sacrifice, pure and holy sacrifice are also used. Because it completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Testament.

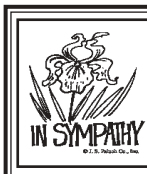
It is called holy and divine Liturgy because the Church's whole liturgy finds its center and intense expression in the celebration of the Mass. We call it Most Blessed Sacrament, because it is the sacrament of sacraments. It is called communion because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ. Holy Mass, because the Mass concludes with the sending forth of the faithful so that they may do God's will in their daily lives.

...REFLECTION. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Christ's faithful are to hold the Blessed Sacrament in the highest honor. They should take an active part in the celebration of the Mass. They should receive the sacrament with great devotion frequently and should reverence it with great adoration. (Canon Law)

The Church highly recommends public and private devotion to the Holy Eucharist outside Mass. The most common devotion is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with adoration and benediction. The incense is used as a sign of adoration and our prayers going up to heaven in sweet odor. The consecrated host is placed in a monstrance on the altar. The scriptures are read, prayers are said, hymns are sung, and some time devoted in silent prayer. Then the congregation is blessed with the Blessed Sacrament.

This devotion is a clear demonstration of our faith in the real Presence and it nourishes and strengthens our faith. We are obligated to adore Him, to give Him thanks and make reparation for sins.



June 10 - Elodia Padilla, 94
June 15 - Grayce Jablonicky, 86

May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.



CORPUS CHRISTI

The only-begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that by becoming man he might make men gods.

Moreover, he turned the whole of our nature, which he assumed, to our salvation.

For he offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation; and he shed his blood for our ransom and our cleansing, so that we might be redeemed from wretched captivity and cleansed from all sins.

Now in order that we might always keep the memory of this great act of love, he left his body as food and his blood as drink, to be received by the faithful under the appearances of bread and wine.

How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight! What could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves or kids that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God, is set before us for us to eat. What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?

No sacrament contributes more to our salvation than this; for it purges away our sins, increases our virtues, and nourishes our minds with an abundance of all the spiritual gifts.

It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead so that it may be beneficial to all, as it was instituted for the salvation of all.

Finally, no one is capable of expressing the delight of this sacrament, through which the sweetness of the Spirit is tasted at its source, and the memory is celebrated of that surpassing love which Christ showed in his passion.

And so, in order to imprint the immensity of this love more deeply in the hearts of the faithful, at the Last Supper, when the Lord had celebrated the Pasch with his disciples and was about to pass from this world to his Father, he instituted this sacrament as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It fulfilled the types of the Old Law; it was the greatest of the miracles he worked; and he left it as a unique consolation to those who were desolate at his departure. St. Thomas Aquinas

COLLECTIVE MASS REMEMBRANCES

The next Collective Mass will be Sunday, **July 2**. **All requests need to be submitted by Sunday, June 18.** Please print all requests, also include your name and a phone number. No requests will be taken over the phone. **Please Note: Requests received after the deadline date will be automatically included in the Collective Mass Remembrances for the next month.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel — This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).