

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 19, 2022

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

Gn 14:18–20

1 Cor 11:23–26 / Lk 9:11b–17



**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

Eat and Drink

Bread and wine, the basics for most Mediterranean diets, are featured in the readings for this feast. They were the gifts that were offered to God Most High by the priest-king Melchizedek, as stated in Genesis. Since these gifts represent the staples of life, such a sacrifice was offered because it symbolized the offering of life itself. Who was this mysterious man who blessed Abram when Abram usually blessed others? We have no answer.

This theme of bread and wine shifts a bit in the Gospel passage. There the meal consisted of bread and fish, traditional fare of fisher folk. Hence, this meal also symbolized life. We stand open-mouthed when we realize the multitude of people who were fed on such a sparse amount of food. How could this happen? Mystery abounds!

In the first reading the essence of life is offered to God.

In the Gospel the essence of life is offered to the people. It is in Paul's letter that we find the high point of the readings and of the feast itself. There Paul proclaims what was probably one of the earliest eucharistic formulas of the early Church. It ends with an admonition from Christ himself: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24). Here the bread and wine that was first offered to God, and then offered to the people, is the very Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. This remembrance of his death is really a celebration of life. The mystery here is incomprehensible.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *In what ways is your life dependent on food from God?*
- * *Spend a few minutes reflecting on the mystery of the Eucharist.*



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We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS...

MINISTRIES

JUNE 18/19th - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Cannonier EM: Peter Marsh
10:00AM Lector: Emma Leitch EM: Pat Robinson
Collection: The Almeidas

JUNE 25/26th - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Alberta Cannonier
10:00AM Lector: LaVerne Lau EM: Madelena Almeida
Collection: LaVerne Lau, Pat Robinson

MASS INTENTIONS

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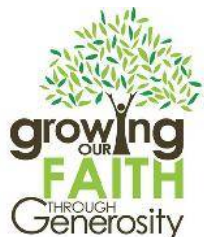
5:00PM Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++
Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++
10:00AM For the Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

JUNE 25/26th - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker ++
10:00AM For the Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at
St. Theresa's - 7:30AM Mon.—Fri. | St Anthony's - 8:00AM Tues.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S & ST. ANTHONY'S
Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website
and their Facebook Page



STEWARDSHIP

Collection: \$194.00

B: \$2300/week or \$9200/month in the collection is needed to break even each month.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

are welcomed. Consider making a weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction.

When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction."

ST. MICHAEL'S uses your regular collection contributions to support the day-to-day operations of our Parish.

Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.

Online donations can be made to St. Michael's Church's
BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

WORD FROM Pope Francis



This is the path of ecumenism. Not only the path of doctrine, that comes last....But let us start to walk together. With good will, we can do this. We must do this. Nowadays ecumenism means moving forward together, praying for one another. Let the theologians continue to talk to each other, to study together.

IN-FLIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2, 2016

The Bishop's Corner



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Father's Day is a holiday honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries in Europe, it has been celebrated on the 19th of March as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910.

Though a Father's Day service was held in 1908 in West Virginia to honor the fathers killed in the Monongah Mine Disaster, it is Sonora Smart Dodd who is credited as the founder of the official American national holiday. Smart held her father in great esteem. While hearing a church sermon about the newly recognized Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Sonora felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition as well. She approached the Spokane Ministerial Alliance and suggested her own father's birthday, of 5th of June as the day of honour for fathers. The Alliance chose the third Sunday in June instead.

The first Father's Day was celebrated on 19th of June 1910, in Spokane, Washington. Although observance of the holiday faded in the 1920s, over time, the idea of Father's Day became popular and embraced across the nation. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

The day is held on various dates across the world, and different regions maintain their own traditions of honouring fatherhood. This holiday complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents' Day.

Happy Father's Day! And a blessed week to all!

+ Wes Jurewicz
Bishop Wes





SUNDAY READINGS – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (SOLEMNITY)

COLLECT

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Genesis 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words:

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
the creator of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who delivered your foes into your hand.”
Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 110:1-4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.” **(R)**

The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion:
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.” **(R)**

“Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you.” **(R)**

The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: “You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.” **(R)**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Sequence (Laud, O Zion, shorter version)

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
See the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be. **Amen. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever. Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, “Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” He said to them, “Give them some food yourselves.” They replied, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.” Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.” They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



When did the feast of Corpus Christi begin?

Having recognized in 1264 the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, on input of Aquinas, the pontiff, then living in Orvieto, established the feast of Corpus Christi as a Solemnity and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church.

What is Corpus Christi in the Catholic Church?

Feast of Corpus Christi, also called Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, festival of the Roman Catholic Church in honour of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

EACH TUESDAY

RCIA at 10:30am takes place in the sacristy.

Please email Fr. Joe at stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com if you are interested in attending any of these classes.

All are welcome. Masks are required.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.
Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.
May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.
Amen.



Dear Padre,

My priest talks about the need for Catholics to “deepen our conversion.” I’m already Catholic. What else is there to convert to?

Often, we think of conversion as something that happens only when someone joins the Catholic Church. But the word conversion has several meanings. As used by priests, it means to enter more deeply into a life of faith. As Catholics, we are called to continual conversion through everyday gestures of following Christ (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1435).

I have a non-Catholic friend who inscribed the date she accepted Christ on her Bible. I could write “January 8, 1962” on my Bible because that’s the date of my baptism, the day I was saved. At baptism I received the grace to convert daily after I became old enough to do so on my own.

But my conversion isn’t something that happened once in the past. It wasn’t the last sacrament I received. It was the first sacrament I received as

I began my faith journey. We deepen our faith and continue our conversion as we live the sacramental life of the Church. “Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church” (CCC 1428).

This is seen clearly through the sacraments of the Eucharist and penance.

The Eucharist is something Catholics participate in weekly, and most Catholics take part in the sacrament of penance at least once a year. Why? Because we want to deepen our conversion.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: Open each Tuesday and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. **Thank you for your continued patronage.**

12:10PM MASS at the Cathedral. This mass is celebrated by Bishop Wes on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Join Us!

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. If you want to join, contact Franz Wohlmuth at Fgwohlmuth@logic.bm. Franz will send you the link to join.



Pilgrimage to Holy Land

Jerusalem and Galilee

From July 11 departure to July 21 return

10th June, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

I am planning to make a Pilgrimage to Israel which will take place from Monday, July 11 to Thursday, July 21 (see Itinerary attached) with a small group of pilgrims from Bermuda. The suggested cost per person is about \$5,000 and I am looking for donations to help cover this expense.

This was unexpected in light of the fact that in May I found out that this trip is now open for adults as a part of the Neo-Catechumenal Way.

The majority of the group (about 20,000 expected) would consist of teens & young adults. The rest would be older adults which will have their own bus, itinerary, etc. but at some point the whole group would come together to celebrate the land where Jesus originated that has changed the world forever.

When I return, I will use this experience as part of my ongoing PowerPoint Mass slides since I will take many pictures. My personal faith journey will be enriched since this will be my first time in this part of the world and my constant love for Israel will become more real. As a Judeo-Catholic Christian, this experience would help complete this journey since I do have very fond memories of my pilgrimage to Rome years ago from Bermuda.

Thanks in advance for your support, for our safety, health, prayers and financial assistance to make this trip a reality, enjoyable and will give me a much needed break and canonical retreat type experience which I have not had since 2019 due to the pandemic.

Fr. Joe
Fr. Joe, Pastor

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