

## June 6<sup>th</sup> - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, June 5**

9:00am

**Sunday, June 6**

8:00am † *Nancy Kern*

10:00am † *Luke & Malachi*

*Brennan*

12:00pm

**Monday, June 7**

9:00am † *Herbert Smith*

**Tuesday, June 8**

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

**Wednesday, June 9**

9:00am *Joyce M. Tomas (bday)*

**Thursday, June 10**

9:00am † *Albert & Michael*

*Gragnani*

**Friday, June 11**

9:00am *Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**Saturday, June 12**

9:00am *Father's Day Novena (1)*

### The Parish Office is open

The Parish office is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today's Second Collection is for the **Reserve Fund** of St. John the Evangelist. This account was established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish of St. John. Thank you for your continued generous support.



### The Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen

### From the Desk of the Pastor ....

The solemn celebration of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, but the context of the three holy days of the Triduum focuses us on the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to return to a full and leisurely reflection on the Holy Eucharist. The actions of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving, that constitute every celebration of the Eucharist are patterned on the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper. Today we celebrate his Real Saving Presence with us as 'the living bread, come down from heaven.'

Frank's hymn **Panis Angelicus**, not only moves us to sing but also to realize the sublime understanding that the '**bread of angels**' is truly the bread given to humans, to us. Jesus gives himself as bread, as Body and Blood, to sustain us, finally and wholly, on this earth.

Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ not only keeps us alive in Him; it keeps us connected together. The Bread we break and the Cup we share are our participation in His Life. St. Paul reminds us that as the bread is one, we, though many, are also one with Christ and with one another. This communion and union must manifest itself in our daily lives, when we participate in the Holy Eucharist. St. Luke in the Gospel today offers to assist us to recognize, discern, discover the rich and profound understanding of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves in Tabgha and reflects on this awesome mystery and eternal gift of love of Jesus for you and me.

### PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sunday masses are celebrated at 8am & 10am in English and 12noon en espanol**

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church

### Father's Day Novena

The Father's Day novena will start on June 12<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Weekday masses are said privately but all intentions for fathers living, and deceased will be prayed for.

Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of **Corpus Christi**. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there; 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

Today's feast of Corpus Christi is like a continuation of Christmas, another celebration of the Incarnation of Divine Love, the unending eagerness of the divine to enter into our world, our lives, our hearts. In the Eucharistic sacrament which we celebrate today, the simplest human food transforms, and transforms those who eat it, into the Body of the Christ. The Eucharist gives us the gift it signifies, the risen Jesus alive again in our midst. Toward the end of his physical lifetime, Jesus sat at table with his companions, yearning for a way to continue his presence with them. In the words we know well, repeated at every Eucharistic celebration, he broke bread ... took the cup ... and said: ...

As he spoke, we can imagine that Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and then looked slowly around at each one present. Perhaps he gestured around the circle as he held the broken bread, as if to say, "You, my friends with whom I break this bread, you who are bound together as a community of disciples, you are my body." And when he took up the cup of wine, perhaps he looked slowly around once more, as if to say, "You in this circle, you are my life's blood, who will be poured out for the life of the world." Jesus finished, saying, "do this in memory of me. Re-member me: come together around tables such as this and make me present again." Jesus sent his followers to do as he had done: to heal and teach and forgive, to feed the hungry, and to wash one another's feet. He empowered them, telling them that they would do deeds more wonderful than he himself had done. Today's feast of Corpus Christi makes it clear, however, that Jesus didn't send his followers as mere emissaries, witnesses or deputies with specific tasks. He sent them, he sends us as sacramental extensions of himself: I am the vine and you are the branches. Jesus' followers down through the ages, even including all of us, are baptized into his death and life so that we can be his body and blood, sources of grace in our world. These days are difficult and challenging; we seldom have a priest to raise the bread and cup for consecration. Yet we faithfully come together, to remember Jesus, to offer ourselves again to be the sacrament of Jesus' presence in our day, in this particular day; to be his Body and Blood for one another and for a hungry world. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast, "**Corpus Christi**."