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FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH.

— LUKE 9:13 —

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



JUNE 27

JUNE 28

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



PARISH INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

Emmanuel Catholic Church **which means, God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

Weekday/Weekend Associates

Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

Rev. Fr. David Carr

Deacon Anthony Cuseo

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Music

Linda Coz, Ree Joy Baldonado, Men's Choir

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Bella Simbajon & Filipino Community

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Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol



PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass
or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.
Contact Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday **8am-1:00pm**

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday **8am-1pm**

Saturday Closed

4th Sunday of the Month **10:00AM- 1:30PM**

NOTE: Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

ROSARY GROUP

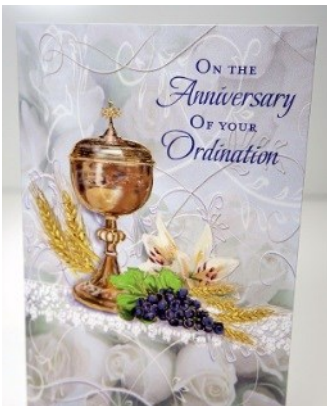
Monday—Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

SCHEDULE CHANGES?

Inquiries regarding possible adjustments (to date or time) of scheduled parish events or activities this week should be addressed to the parish office during business hours. Call us at **561.496.2480**.



**The 28th
of this month,
Fr. David Carr
celebrates his 45th,
and on the 30th,
Fr. Ding Zamora
celebrates
35 years!**

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 23

6:30A..... Adoration
1:00P..... Movie Mondays
6:00P..... Legion of Mary

Tuesday, June 24

6:30A..... Adoration
10:00A..... Faith Sharing
6:30P..... KoC Mass & Installation
7:00P..... KoC General Meeting

Wednesday, June 25

6:30A..... Adoration
4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, June 26

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... Anointing of the sick
3:00P..... Holy Hour
6:30P..... AA Meeting

Friday, June 27

6:30A..... Adoration
6:30A..... Taize
7:00P..... Young Adult Group

Saturday, June 28

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, June 29



CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 22

7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Timothy
10:30A Fr. Timothy 12:00P Fr. Zamora
6:00P Fr. Theo

Monday, June 23

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Papes

Tuesday, June 24

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Papes

Wednesday, June 25

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo

Thursday, June 26

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Timothy

Friday, June 27

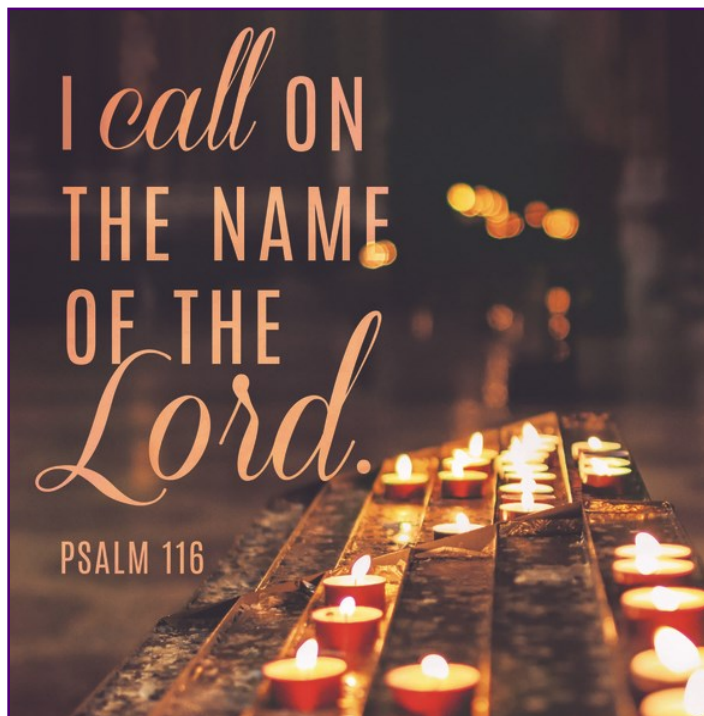
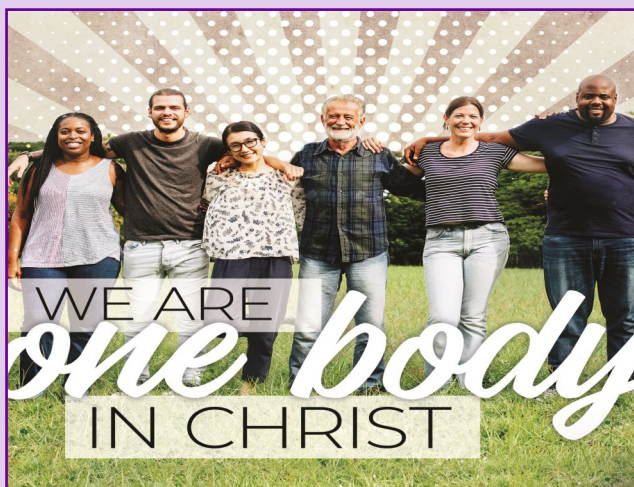
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6:00P Fr. Zamora

Saturday, June 28

8:30A Fr. Theo 4:00P Fr. Timothy
5:30P Fr. Timothy

Sunday, June 29

7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Theo
10:30A Fr. Zamora 12:00P Fr. Theo
6:00P Fr. Zamora



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

June 15, 2025

First Collection	\$ 11,726.50
Second Collection	\$ 2,184.00
Online (06/14)	\$ 2,436.07
TOTAL	\$ 16,346.57

June 08, 2025

First Collection	\$ 11,854.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,534.00
Online (06/07)	\$ 2,048.06
TOTAL	\$ 15,436.06

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

June 16, 2025

Goal Amount for Emmanuel	\$185,000.00
Current	\$ 135,359.09
Remaining Balance	\$49,640.91

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 23-29, 2025 | 05

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Monday, June 23

7:30am **FATHER'S DAY NOVENA**

8:30am †Wally Warmbold by Ellen

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

†Marie Elizabeth Dunham by Sheree Gouroff

Tuesday, June 24

7:30am *Carisema Saint Jean & Family by Carisema Saint Jean

†Angela Tricerri by Viviana

8:30am †Edward Moore by Mary Moore

*Neil Kirby by Mary Moore

Wednesday, June 25

7:30am †Arthur Caraccia by Ted & Fran Souza

†Placida Santiago Ramos by M. De Boise

8:30am †Rudy & Frances Biola by Angela & Mark

*Agatha Saccio by Catherine Patti

Thursday, June 26

7:30am †James Groccia by Gary & Barbara Morris

†Adelaida, Carmen & Emerito Colon by M De Boise

8:30am †Gloria DeValladares by Daughters Gloria & Manola

†Patrick Keary by Mary & Frank Eardley

Friday, June 27

7:30am *Bradfort Graham by Soledad Robinson

†Nadarajan by Sindhu

8:30am *Elaina Mayer by Rosella DiGuido & Ida Gianettino

†Helene Ardigo by Cynthia Lee

6:00pm FOR PRIESTS

FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, June 28

8:30Am †Mary Zotos by Jan Durmer

†Ramon & Ana M. Sandoval by German & Carol Sandoval

4:00pm BOOK OF THE DEAD

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5:30pm †Andrea LoPiccolo by Gioe Family

*Angela Idone by Linda & Ed DiMarco

Sunday, June 29

7:30am *Carol & German Sandoval/W. Anniversary by -----

†Frank & Albina Sabanos by Family

9:00am *Ana Rodriguez/Birthday by Sister

†Joe Ann O'Rourke by Mielke Family

10:30am PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

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12:00pm †James (Scotty) Cassidy by Marianne Cassidy

*Gina Horecky by Lee Family

6:00pm †John Palmieri Jr. by Mother

†John & Nancy Farrell by Family

UNSCHEDULED

*Rejane Villanti by Maureen Villanti *Maya Villanti by Maureen Villanti *Dominic Villanti by Maureen Villanti

*Ana Aun by Maureen Villanti *Kelly Villanti by Maureen Villanti *Dean Rashdan by Maureen Villanti

*Maureen Villanti by Maureen Villanti *Marla Slota by Maureen Villanti †Richard Villanti by Maureen Villanti

†Agnes Bedner by Maureen Villanti †John Bedner by Maureen Villanti †All Souls in Purgatory by Maureen Villanti

†Bridie Boyle by Nora & Patrick Flynn *Jennifer Flynn by Nora & Patrick Flynn

†Wynne Family by Nora & Patrick Flynn

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

Dave Ruiz	Joseph	Judy Lew
Victoria Robelo	Salamone	Ernie Skelton
Ms. S.	Maria Amaro	Carlotta
Rose Borsella	Aniela Ignaczak	Josefa & Dolores
David Smeraldo	Lillian Campayno	Echavarria
Janette Cole	Terry Schwinge	Amparo Longalong
Steven Martin	Tom D'Amico	Annie Lee
Sikes	Gabriel Zamora	Eugene Langel
Gianna Pagan	Vincent Blum	Delma Langel
Mary Loveland	Ricardo Blum	William Ward
Sam Falcone	Gina Marie B. Cohen	Gaetano Sansone
Patricia Golstein	David Strompf	Alexis Thompson
Taylor Dosh	Sal Hanono	Griffin Bates
Marilyn Martino	Heather Smith	Miriam Teixeira
Gulshan Modena	Jason Smith	Kevin Marshall
Maggie Dolan	Ronald Merhige	Andrea Anastasi
Amelita Coz-Zarraga	Roshan	John & Alma Gardner
Heather Martin	Karen Jensen	Elaine Garofano
Ronald Griffiths	Cynthia Martin	Julia Lea
Margie Giaquinto	Garry Solomon	Buddendorf
Maria Fernandez	Ilda Sosa Botero	Albertina Hughes
Raphael Roman	Carlos Tobon	Kamm Trumble
James Ezeilo	Jill Forshey	Linda Beamish
Brenda Ezeilo	Gerry Santilli	Quinn Morris
Cynthia Martin	Gail Hill	Henry Morris
Francis Martin	Chrissie Budrick	Marcia Riopol
Hermoine D'Cruz	Frank Dazzo	Mumtaz Begum
Brigitte Knops	Dina Quelch	Lance Joseph
Toni Kreamer	Stewart Librizzi	Michelle Pierno
Gerry Gerhard	Thomas Land	John Wilmere
Euclides Cerutti	Agatha Saccio	Keith Johnson
Samuel Gonzales	Robert Albertson	Betty Lou Johnson
Victorio	Rafael Botero	Christine Thurman
Ray Wolff	Albert Fernandes	Connie Panepinto
Ida Giannettina	Romano Britney	Edwin Villarosa
Josette Weber	Closson Jeanette	Brian Sullivan
Ann Cavaseno	Gallegos Adriana	Dominic Canzano
Charles C. Tufano	Elejalde Oswaldo	Kyle Buenconsejo
Angela Discepolo	Cesar Monasterio	Evelyn Baroni
Anna Halford	Michael Cecere	Olga Galarza
Sal Yanello	Jahaziel Roldan	The Taffe Family
Victor Rivera	Abigail Chin-Lenn	Alexander Barone
William Lindner	Gertrudis Rivera	Joanne Liantonio
Lisa Della Femina	Martinez	John Petrich
Maria E. Quiñones	Merrill Tucker	Mary Karten
Mercado	Maggie Dazzo	
Diane Daniels	Martha Gutzman	
Carmen Jones	Noah Altherios	
Bill Hamilton	Debra Seritella	
Ralph Senese	Anthony Spirito	
Ramona	Rhea Reacher	
Ash Gaballah	Doug Rodgers	
Karen Ramey	Doris Vourinen	
Mary Ann	SrVeronique DCSO	
Lisa Payne	Danny Berciles	
Marilyn Green	Eleanor Hemmer	
	Joseph Lauria	

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION . Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY. Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen



TO ALL CONCERNED: Please help us maintain the Prayer Requests Column with timely status updates. Thank you all!

BECOMING WHAT WE RECEIVE

Today, as we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are invited to reflect on the profound mystery encapsulated in this sacred gift. This celebration does more than honor a ritual; it calls us to recognize and embrace the presence of Jesus in our midst and the transformative power of the Eucharist in our lives. Let us first recall the story of Melchizedek from Genesis 14:18-20. He is depicted as a priest of God Most High, who brings bread and wine to Abram and blesses him, foreshadowing the ultimate priesthood of Christ. Just as Melchizedek offered hospitality and nourishment, so too does Christ offer Himself to us in the Eucharist—a true offering of Himself, sustaining us with divine grace. Melchizedek's actions remind us that, as we gather around this holy table, we are participating in a lineage of faith that nourishes the soul and unites us in a covenant relationship with God.

Psalm 110:1-4 also echoes this theme, proclaiming the royal priesthood of Christ. It highlights His eternal kingship and the peace He brings. "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." In this verse, we find assurance that Christ, our eternal High Priest, intercedes for us. He invites us to receive His Body and Blood, offering us reconciliation, peace, and the strength to carry out His mission in the world. This

call to sacrificial love is at the heart of the Eucharist.

As we turn to 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, St. Paul recounts the Last Supper, where Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is for you." These words transcend time, connecting us to that sacred moment and reminding us that in receiving the Eucharist, we are partakers of His sacrifice. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim His death and resurrection, being drawn deeper into the mystery of our faith, which is nourished by His love.

Finally, let us reflect on the feeding of the five thousand in Luke 9:11-17. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, blessed them, broke them, and distributed them. This miracle demonstrates not only His power but His deep compassion for our needs. In the Eucharist, Jesus continually feeds us, encouraging us to share this gift with others. He calls us, like the disciples, to be instruments of His love in the world—a world that hungers for hope, connection, and peace. As we partake in the Body and Blood of Christ, let us remember that we are called to become what we receive: a reflection of Christ's love. May this Eucharistic feast empower us to share our blessings, to serve one another, and to live as true disciples of Jesus in our communities. Amen.

Saint of the Week - Saint John the Baptist

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Let the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of

salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

Reflection. John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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A Heartfelt Thank You to Our VBS Volunteers!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all the incredible volunteers who made this year's *VBS Scuba* a huge success! Your time, energy, and dedication brought every station to life—from Sticky Scripture and Bible Adventures to Imagination Station and Games.

Each area required careful planning and teamwork, and because of your amazing efforts, everything ran smoothly. Most importantly, the children had an unforgettable experience learning about God's love in a fun, engaging way.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ. We couldn't have done it without you—and we're already looking forward to what God has in store for next year's VBS!



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab
and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
7:15-20

Thursday:

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

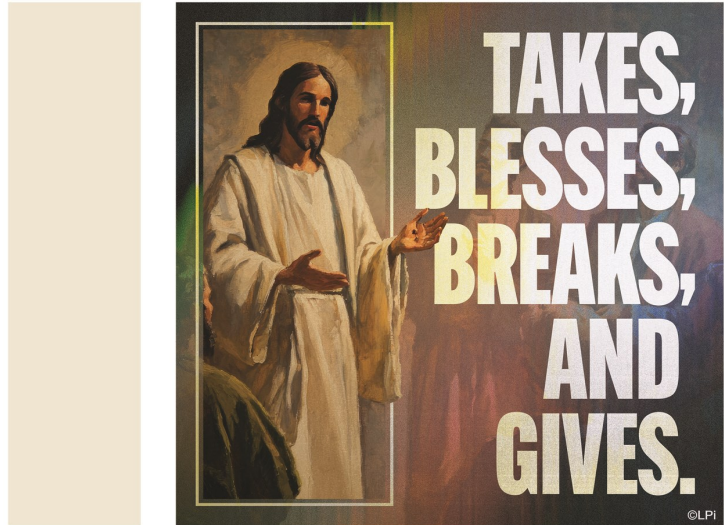
Next Sunday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

He **takes**: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He **blesses**: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He **breaks**: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He **gives**: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"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." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,
and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food
for such a large crowd of people. But we must
remember that it doesn't matter what the size of
our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he
will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



Devotions, Explained!

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.
Amen.



CCD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2025-2026

Spots are filling up fast, so we encourage you to sign up today. We're excited to welcome all our kids back next year as they continue growing in their faith.

To register, simply scan the QR code below or pick up a paper form at the parish office.

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