

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Gospel Reflection: This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today’s Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.....Loyola Press



SACRED HEART OF JESUS: This year, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place on Friday June 16. We are encouraged to offer a special focus on the Sacred Heart in the month of June. A great way to begin is to read again, Cardinal Collins’ Pastoral Letter from 2021, “Heart Speaks to Heart”, a deep reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The theme of the Sacred Heart, however, is pertinent throughout the year. We will publish more articles and resources on the Sacred Heart in the next few bulletins, so stay tuned! May our devotion to the Sacred Heart help us, day by day, to see, love, and follow Jesus.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 13th

For + JEAN DEMPSEY

Requested by Linda & Nard

Wednesday, June 14th

For + ROSE MCGEE

Requested by The McGee Family

Thursday, June 15th

For IN THANKSGIVING FOR VERONICA &

CLAUDE BAILEY

Requested by The Family

Friday, June 16th

For INTENTIONS OF NOTRE DAME CLASS OF 73

Requested by Notre Dame Class of 73



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of

Mary Fraser

Please Pray For The Sick

Carrie Smith, Marianne Loranger, David Hibberd, Christine Curran, Jacob McLean, Carl D’Sousa, Joan Tierney, Diane Meldrum, Jack Lees, Carmel Richard



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In The News

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY: His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, June 21st, at 7 pm at the Native Peoples' Mission, St. Ann's Church, 120 First Avenue, Toronto, in observance of National Indigenous Peoples Day. The day honours and celebrates the culture and heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. Following Mass, a reception will be held in the parish hall. All are Welcome!



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FREE WEBINAR!!! ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE: Join us on Saturday, June 17, at 9 am and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The estate planning team from the Archdiocese of Toronto and Catholic Cemeteries will share: - How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will - How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected - About Powers of Attorney - Estate Trustee selection - Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors - Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral To register:

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· Follow this link: <https://qrco.de/june17>

or · Email development@archtoronto.org

Include: 'Estate Planning Seminar' in the subject line and provide the names of attendees in the body of the message.



ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM: June 14, 2023 @ 7 pm. Register at: <https://nbb0623.eventbrite.ca>. New Beginnings ministers to those who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or bereavement. For more information please contact: Arcangelo Limanni, MRE alimanni@cfstoronto.com, 647. 215.3978

Little Levity:

Fr. Dunstan & Fr. Pierre were on vacation passing through Transylvania driving one night when a vampire flies out of the night and lands on their windshield. Mon Dieu! What shall we do?" exclaims Fr. Pierre. "I'll turn on the windshield wipers, maybe that'll break his grip." says Fr. Dunstan. "It's not working, what shall we do now? Yell's Fr. Pierre, even more frightened. Fr. Dunstan has a sudden flash of insight. "Show him your cross!" So Fr. Pierre sticks his head out the window and yells, "Get off my car, you foul little vampire, before I smack you with my ruler!"

Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa

Parish News



Join us for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday June 16th at the 8:15 am Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!: Join us on the weekend of June 24 and 25th, for a reception after all Masses to thank Fr. Dunstan for his ministry during his short 6 months here at St. John's and to wish him well in his new position as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish and Our Lady of the Lake Mission in Keswick and Sutton, Ontario. We hope to see you there.



ST. JOHN CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The St. John Children's Liturgy program will be wrapping up for the summer on Sunday, June 18. Following Mass that day, the children from the program will have a special treat for parishioners outside after Mass, so be sure to stop by and say hello. Thank you to everyone at St John for your prayers and support of the Children's Liturgy program. We will resume the program in September. Have a wonderful summer.



FATHER'S DAY INTENTIONS:

What a better way to celebrate our Fathers than by having a Mass said for them. We invite you to submit your names and we will dedicate the

Mass on the weekend of June 18 at the 9 am and 11 am for these intentions. Please email the office by Wednesday June 14th, with the first and last name of your loved one. The names will be posted by the Sacred Heart. If you wish to make a donation, special Father's Day envelopes are available in the vestibule.



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