

Dear Padre,

What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ. The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ’s threefold mission: the prophetic mission of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ. The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. “The Eucharist’s particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass,” wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*, 41. Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty. Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: *Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community?* If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Barnabas, Apostle	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Weekday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1-6 Mt 5:1-12	1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16	1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	1 Kgs 19:19-21 Mt 5:33-37	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets.... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!

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All You Can Eat

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The “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

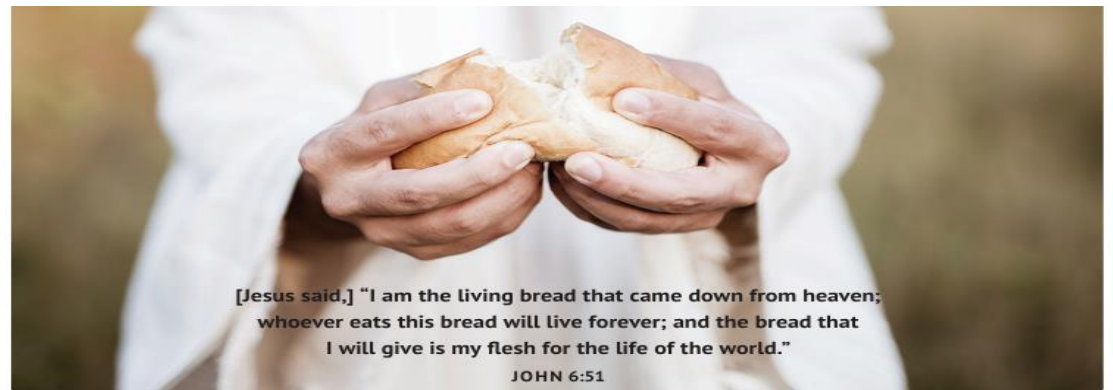
Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What does my “Amen” mean when I receive the Eucharist?



[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Sunday (A) June 7, 2026

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.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of June 1, 2026**

Mon.	June	08	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	June	09	7:00 AM	SJ	Charlene Walz †
Wed.	June	10	5:30 PM	SA	LeeAnne Tabeishi
Thurs.	June	11	5:30 PM	SB	All Souls
Fri.	June	12	7:00 AM	SJ	All Souls
Sun.	June	14	8:00 AM	SJ	Karen Brosius
Sun.	June	14	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	June	14	11:00 AM	SB	Nora Whipple †



Allen Meredith June 13th
Karen Brosius June 14th



Mr. & Mrs. Todd Walz June 8th
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Walz June 13th

Ministry Schedule

Date: June 14	St John’s	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	<u>Sunday 8:00 Am</u>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Jason & Jenny J.	Julie B.	Donnie & Molly P.
Lector	Kristy O.	Evan B.	Bartley B.
Server	Gregory W. & Garrett A.		Breckn D. & Ruby K.
EMHC	Steve & Cindy F.	Evan B. & Gary M.	Rhonda P. & Dylan P.
	Music: Robin G.		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Verla B.

St. John’s

Our Gifts to God & Church
May 31, 2026
Total Collection: **\$1696.00**

Pancakes, Prayer, & Play

**Join us for Mass Sunday
June 28th at 8 AM.
Afterward, we are
gathering at the Stapleton
Park Pavillion for a
pancakes feed and
fellowship while the kids
enjoy the park and
slash pad!
Grilling will be available for
lunch: please bring meat for
your family, while salads,
chips & all other supplies
will be provided.**



St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church
May 31, 2026,
Total Collection: **\$814.00**

**Thrift Store
Open June 19th 9AM to 4PM**

Quotes for Today

**Saint Anthony of Padua
(1195-1231) June 13**

“Although obedience and poverty seem to confine and restrict our freedom, nevertheless, poverty makes us rich, and obedience makes us free. Whoever follows Jesus along the straight and narrow path will not be hampered by attachments to riches and to his own will.”

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church
May 31, 2026
Total Collection: **\$1201.00**

Church Bell Renovation
We are planning to sandblast and paint the tower and refurbish the bell; it will cost around \$3000.00.

If you are willing to contribute to this, please contact Father or a council member. Or you can put your donation in the collection basket and mark it for “Bell”

Fr Richard Dee Du, of the Missionaries of Faith will be celebrating the masses on the 21st of June to appeal for the needs of their congregation. Please welcome Fr Richard with generosity of heart. Every penny will be used for the mission. A second collection will be taken after communion for the mission. Thank you