

June 22, 2025

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

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Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday -7:00am

Thursday -7:00am

Friday – 7:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass - 5:00pm

Sunday Mass – 9:30am

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact Fr. Ed at (225)571-8233

CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and By appointment

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THIS SACRED MEAL

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Lord Jesus who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them strength in the body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that when they are restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord hear our Prayers. Rose Senegal, James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Betty Jolivette, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivette, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Lindon, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Lovenia Rochon, Ros Cook, Reta Norman, Pricilla Pierre, Sonja Blount, Rhonda Duhon, Janet Pabum, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, Rose Broussard, Michael Jolivette, Mary Keel, Ann McDaniel, Thomas Simon, Mary Simon, Betty Paul, Maudry Bellard, Jeanette C. Williams, Bernadette Cole, Gloria Jean Wilridge, Donna Duhon, Mervin Dugas, Kabre' Broussard, William Board, IV, Ida Rubin, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan. Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.

BIBLE STUDY: On Wednesdays at 5:00pm, in the Convent.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).

Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).

Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Gospel — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn. 12:1-9;Ps.33; 12-13,18-19, 20 and 22

Mt.7:1-5

Tuesday: :ls 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];

Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11;

Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn.18:1-15, Ps. Luke1:46-55;Mt.8:5-17

Sunday: Vigil-Acts3:1-10;Ps 19;Gal.1;11-20;Jn21: 15-19 Day Acts 12:1-11;Ps.34; 2Tim4:6-8

17-18: Matt.16-13-19

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an "anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

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MASS INTENTIONS- June 21st - June 27th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

Mary Mouton Jackson req. by Connie Cook

Sun. 9:30 A.M People of the Parish

Brittany Harmon reg. by Sylvester Julian

Claby & Angelena Carmouche,

req. by Greta

Mae Bell Harrison-Carter by Marguerite Corrine Jolivette (Birthday) req. by Betty

The Sonnier Family

Monday NO MASS

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Andrew J. Fitzpatrick, SSJ

Mary Mouton Jackson reg. by Connie

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Michael F. Crilley, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Judge Denald A. Beslin & Claire Beslin

req. by Orida Edwards

Fr. 7:00AM Fr. Matthias J. Connolly, SSJ

Joseph & Betty Broussard by the Children

<u>June 15, 2025</u> – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$1,726.00; Fahters Day: \$241.00; **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: June 22nd, Don Charles, June 25th, Sylvester Julian, June 26th, Tim Mayfield, June 27th, Desiree Cole, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: O Jesus, how eager I am to hear thy word. (Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ- Corpus Christi.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: Continuing Education ONLY, PLEASE go online and complete your certification, emails have been already sent out by the Diocese of Lafayette.

THE EUCHARIST

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection.

-St. Irenaeus



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 22, 2025

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:26

Thank You for Joining Us in the Upper Room.

We thank everyone who joined us for the Pentecost Retreat: "Come, Holy Spirit." Together, we entered the Upper Room—ready to be renewed.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we journeyed through the three pillars of Pentecost:

- Prayer that awakens
- Sacrifice that purifies
- Mission that overflows s

In unity, we reflected, journaled, and opened our hearts. We didn't just attend, we encountered GOD. And now, like the first disciples, we are sent forth with power and purpose.

Thank you for your prayers, presence, and participation. May the fire that fell at Pentecost continue to burn in you and through you.

LADIES AUXILIARY INITIATION/JUNIOR DAUGHTERS

INITIATION: Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 @ 6:30pm, in the Convent. Please contact Grandlady Elaine Sias (337) 281-2438 or Area Deputy, DeBorah Smith (337)212-9435, for more information.

JUNETEENTH CELBRATION: Thanks to all who were in attendance for the Juneteenth Celebration at the Bunche Library/Bernard Bertrand House, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Court #75. Many thanks for the helping hands, monetary & food donations.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025: July 21-July 25, 2025; Time 5:30pm to 8:10pm: Please see the Church Bulletin Boards for more information.



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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy, Rayne 100 years of Faith, Family and Friends. We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. -(1924-2024). "ROOTED IN FAITH"