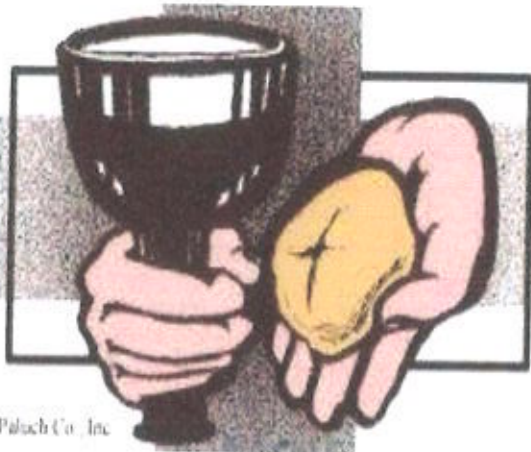


**THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

JUNE 19, 2022

[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



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THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST

Today we hear how Abram encounters Melchizedek, “king of Salem . . . and a priest of God Most High” (Genesis 14:18). Melchizedek appears nowhere else in scripture, but is nonetheless significant. Psalm 110 declares of the great King David, “You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek,” a description later given (in the letter to the Hebrews) to Christ as High Priest.

Early Christians saw in Melchizedek’s bread and wine the bread and wine of the Eucharist; Paul’s account of the Last Supper (in today’s second reading) is the oldest one in scripture. In the Gospel, Luke describes Jesus providing bread for a crowd in words similar to Paul’s, words still used by the Church: Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it. Together, these three readings reveal how Christian priesthood, Christ’s Real Presence, and the call to serve those in need are all found in the gift of the Eucharist.

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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 feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Father’s Day; Juneteenth
- Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins
- Wednesday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
- Thursday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,

so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I part of the Body of Christ in the world?

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OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Masks are encouraged.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. MASS
10:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 A.M. MASS
6:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder, Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Ray Myers, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Ovell and Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyette Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos and Paula Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda Wilson Martin

HOMEGOING CELEBRATIONS

Funeral Service for

MRS. VIRGINIA WALKER,

Mother of Margaret Sams, will held at
St. Monica Church

Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Visitation: 10:00 a.m.

Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m.

Deacon Darwin Dupree, Sr. Officiating

MR. MICHAEL MIZE

Friday, June 24, 2022,

St. Monica Church

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Officiating

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-

-ST. JOSEPH- is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse or suspect sexual abuse

1) Call the Missouri child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and

2) Contact your local Law Enforcement agency or call 911, and 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, crayon@ombudsmankc.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese or of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

DIOCESAN TRAININGS AVAILABLE

✚ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop, Tuesday, September 27, at the St. Mark Parish

✚ Reader Training Workshop, Wednesday, September 28th, at the St. Mark Parish

✚ St. Monica Parishioners:

✚ Please call our Church Office 816-471-3696, to register for these classes.

Weekly Liturgical Assignments will return in our Bulletins, next Sunday.

Team Leaders: Please make any updates available to the Church Office.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, **Sunday, September 25, 2022, at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Cathedral Masses.** Bishop James Johnston will preside at each mass honoring the Golden Wedding couples. A card and gift will be presented to each couple. The event is for the couples and their immediate family. The celebration includes those couples whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

All parishes are urged to participate in this event by sending the names, home mailing address of the jubilee couples and mass time attending to: Lorie Sage, 20 W. 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 or email the information to the Office of Divine Worship at sage@diocesekcsj.org - to be received no later than September 1, 2022.

A light reception will be held between each Masses at the Cathedral. No shuttles will be provided. Parking attendants will be directing guests to *free parking spaces* close to the cathedral, when the cathedral parking lot is full.

If a couple is physically unable to attend, but would like to be honored, please submit their names and home address, indicate their inability to attend, and they will receive a congratulatory letter, and gift in the mail.

If you should have questions regarding this celebration, please contact the Office of Divine Worship at (816) 714-2324 or sage@diocesekcsj.org .

Thank you for helping us honor our jubilarian couples!