

JUNE 14, 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Jesus, our bread of life, abides with us as we journey through the desert of our life.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This is a time to celebrate – in a particularly focused way – what we celebrate and believe every time we gather at Christ’s altar for Mass. That is, we profess the Real Presence of the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of, and under the appearance of, bread and wine in the Eucharist.

Today we see a parallel between the people of Israel in their flight from Egypt and wandering in the desert to Jesus’ feeding of us in his body and blood. At the end of their 40-year journey, Moses reminds the people of the faithfulness God showed them in providing what they needed, and he instructs them not to forget God who has guided them, sated their thirst, and fed their hunger.

The story of the people of Israel in the desert is our story. We, too, face unknown physical and spiritual dangers as we journey through our lives. Just as the manna kept the people of Israel alive through their journey, so, too, does the Eucharist keep our souls alive in the desert of our earthly life.

But the parallel with the manna in the desert is only partial. Our “manna,” the Eucharist, is so much more than “food for the journey.” Jesus tells us in the Gospel that if we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will remain in him and he in us, and that he will lead us to eternal life. The Eucharist we receive on Sunday carries us throughout the week, as Jesus remains in us. He is a steady presence, sharing in the good times and in the struggles of our lives.

Today, let us sincerely pray for the grace to be ever grateful to God for His Greatest Gift of The Holy Eucharist and grow daily in a great love and devotion to The Holy Eucharist.

**Because the loaf of bread is one,
we, though many, are one body.**

1 Corinthians 10:17



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	June 13
9:30—11AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass
Sunday	June 14
8:00 AM	Mass: Sidney Bridges (RIP)
9:30 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: 2020 Graduates
Monday	June 15
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burns (RIP)
Wednesday	June 17
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Vincent & Yolanda Gabriele (RIP)
Friday	June 19
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS	
5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Marie Linda Iannuccilli (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Domenic Aloise & Alfred DeDominicis (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Prayer for Blessing of Graduates

May our Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, guide and protect you always and grant you comfort each day of your life! Amen.

Please offer your prayer for these young people from our parish:

2020 High School Graduates

Angelina Colasante
Emily Cotta
Luke Dunn
Korie Lasher
Torianna Matteau
Amanda Paulhus
Kathleen Sederback
Zoie Steinkamp

2020 College Graduates

Amelia Botelho (Assumption College)
Tracey Cook (Unity College)
Laura Fusco (Providence College)

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish continue to meet its financial obligations through the summer months, and to give us a strong start to the new fiscal year which begins July 1, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory through the summer months.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution while you are away, before or after your vacation. Or, consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online. Details below:

Support St. Paul's

Set up a reoccurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at stpaulsfoster.org, and click the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you!

Second Collection - June 13/14

This weekend's second collection is in support of CCA, which focuses on ways to bring the gospel message to our society: on the Internet, podcasts, in social media, on television for news and sharing of the faith.



Prayer to Overcome Racism

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.

Most of us are used to looking at images of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin that have a European "look" knowing that Jesus, Mary, and the first disciples were not European. Every culture creates Christian art that reflects their own experience of life, thus affirming that the God is the Father of all peoples. It is good to "look at" how our brothers and sisters envision God's love for them. The above image of the Nativity is from the Benedictine Abbey of Keur Moussa in Senegal. The abbey church frescos, of which the above image is part, was designed and painted in 1963 by the monk Dom Georges Saget. See more at abbaye-keur-moussa.org.

Reopening Guidelines

We are reopening church for public worship based on guidelines from the Diocese, developed in collaboration with public health officials. For details, visit stpaulsfoster.org.

Stay home if need be

The elderly and those with weakened health conditions are encouraged to stay home. If you are ill or are just not feeling well, you must stay home.

Livestreamed Mass

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at facebook.com/foster.catholic

Limited inside seating

Seating at each Mass will be limited to 43 people, which is 25% of our fire code capacity.

Listen from your car

We will broadcast the Mass on 107.90 FM on car radios. Those who participate from the outside will be brought Communion if they choose to receive.

Wear a face mask

A face mask helps limit the potential spread of infection and provides fellow parishioners with a sign of assurance, we care for each other.

Maintain social distance

Keep a distance at least 6-feet from one another unless you are with members of your household.

Holy Communion

Father and Deacon will sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

Ushers will guide the procession lines to and from the two Communion stations at the side aisles.

Coming forward with your face mask on, when presented with the Body of Christ, respond "Amen."

Remove your face mask; receive and consume the Host; and replace your face mask.

You may choose to not receive Holy Communion and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - June 6/7
\$2,930.10

Monthly 2nd Collection - June 6/7
\$1,447.10

Thank you for your support!