

# **JUNE 2, 2024**

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



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## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 2, 2024

*1st Reading: Exodus 24, 3-8*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 9, 11-15*

*Gospel: Mark 14. 12-16, 22-26*

### Wonder and Awe Before the Eucharist

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Mark 14:22–24*

At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, "The mystery of faith." What is "the mystery of faith?" Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery.

"The mystery of faith" is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place. But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight. Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, "My Lord and my God!" We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a "oneness in time" that links the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the Paschal Mystery "leads us to profound amazement and gratitude" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, #5). Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

*My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord, I do believe that You are here, made present in our world under the form of bread and wine, every time the Holy Mass is celebrated. Fill me with a deeper faith in this Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may be drawn into wonder and awe every time I witness this holy Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)*

### **Our Lady of Victory Cemetery - Thorsby - Blessing of the Graves - Sunday June 2**

***Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm. on Sunday June 2.***

Followed by a visit to the Cemetery for the Blessing of the Graves.

Then returning to the Parish Hall for a light Supper and Fellowship for ALL PARISHIONERS.

### **St. Charles Cemetery - Warbug - Blessing of the Graves - Saturday June 8**

Saturday June 8 Mass will be celebrated in the hall at 1:00pm followed by a visit to the cemetery for a Blessing of the Graves; then returning to the Hall for Lunch and Fellowship.

### **St. Francis Cemetery - Blessing of the Graves - Saturday June 15**

There will be a gathering at the cemetery for a Blessing of the Graves on Saturday June 15 at 1:00pm.

Followed by Lunch and Fellowship.

### **St. Margaret Mary Cemetery - Calmar - Graveyard Service - Sunday June 23**

***Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 1:30pm. on Sunday June 23.***

Followed with Blessing of the Graves at the cemetery.

A BBQ lunch will follow for all parishioners and visitors. Everyone is welcome!

***PPC is Hosting a  
Volunteer  
Appreciation BBQ  
For our parish volunteers and  
their families***

Wednesday, June 5th

at 6:00pm

Saint Maria Goretti parish

hospitality room

Church Cleaners  
Readers  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Altar Servers  
Sacristans  
Maintenance  
Gardeners  
CWL  
Knights of Columbus



Music Ministry  
Art & Environment  
Education Ministry  
Counters  
Greeters  
PPC and Finance Committees  
Fundraising Committee

please RSVP by May 31

to Roger 780-987-2858

or by email at [dcc2006@telus.net](mailto:dcc2006@telus.net)

Kids bring along your soccer ball, for some outdoor play in the feild

***Please Pray for our young parishioners  
Preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion***

Clair  
Mireya  
Sophia

Gavin  
Myles  
Timothy

Marcus  
Grace  
Xander

**YOUCAT Study Group**

The YOUCAT is the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although written for the youth, it is relevant for all to study and learn from. It has a different format from the Catechism of the Catholic Church as it clusters various passages from the catechism and poses them as a question. The four major parts include: What We Believe, How We Celebrate the Christian Mysteries, How We Are to Have Life in Christ, How We Should Pray.

The next YOUCAT Study Group will meet on **Friday, June 7 at 9:45 am** at St. Maria Goretti Parish; following the morning Mass This group is sponsored by the Catholic Woman's League and as our Spiritual Advisor, Father Luan will be with us.

**All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.**

**Sick? Shut-in?**

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.



## MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

### Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
1	Sat	<b>Rhodes &amp; Hills Family members, Living &amp; Deceased</b>
2	Sun	<b>Repose of the Soul of Norna Gates R.I.P.</b>
4	Tue	<b>Repose of the Soul of Norna Gates R.I.P.</b>
7	Fri	<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Heather Blanchette</b>

**Harvest Fest Dinner,  
Dance & Auction**  
*Sponsored by*  
**St Maria Goretti Church**  
Saturday, Sept 7, 2024  
Devon Community Centre  
Cocktails: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm

**Adult Ticket \$50**

For more information please contact:  
Nicole@ 780 619-5649  
Steve @ 780 982-5421

### Our Lady of Victory Camp CWL Sponsorship

Devon Catholic Women's League is sponsoring a \$200 reimbursement towards camp fees for one youth from our parish to attend Our Lady of Victory Camp. Complete your application and deposit it in the blue box at the back of the church. The draw will be made on Sunday June 9th.

**ENCOUNTER CHRIST,  
COMMUNITY & CREATION AT  
OUR LADY OF VICTORY  
CAMP**

6-separate weeks of camp from Jul 7 - Aug 15

- Play epic games & sports
- Eat great food
- Learn about their faith
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Make new friends
- Enjoy free time outside
- Try your hand at archery
- Swim or canoe in Gull Lake

**Jul 7-11 | Highschool Week (Gr.10-12)**  
**Jul 14-18 | All Ages Week 1 (Gr.4-9)**  
**Jul 21-25 | JPII Leadership Week (15-18 yrs)**  
**Jul 28-Aug 1 | Elementary Week (Gr.4-6)**  
**Aug 4-8 | Jr High Week (Gr.7-9)**  
**Aug 11-15 | All Ages Week 2**

**\$350 per camper**

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Scan or visit <https://olve.campbrainregistration.com/> to REGISTER:

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