

22_{JUNE}

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

MASS SCHEDULE Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST June 22, 2025

transubstantiation ~ noun

The Catholic belief in transubstantiation is the doctrine that during the Mass, specifically at the moment of Consecration. the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ - not symbolically, but substantially.

The word comes from Latin:

- "Trans" = change
- "Substantia" = substance or essence

So, transubstantiation means a change of substance. The appearance (or "accidents") of bread and wine - what they look, taste, and feel like - remain the same, but their essence becomes Christ Himself: His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.



When Does This Happen?

During the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, the priest, acting in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), says the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper: "This is my body... This is the chalice of my blood..." At that moment, Catholics believe the bread and wine are no longer what they were — they are now truly Jesus Christ.

Why Do Catholics Believe This?

In John 6:51–58, Jesus says:

Jesus said clearly at the Last Supper:

who are shocked - He reinforces it.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

6/22: Don Gable

6/23; Jim Lee

6/24: Linda Theriot

6/25: Laura Wanek

6/26: Brian Phillips

6/27: Mary Clark

Why Is It Important?

Because it means:

1. Biblical Basis:

 Jesus is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist.

"This is my body... This is my blood." (Matthew 26:26-28)

"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his

blood, you have no life in you..." He doesn't correct those

- Receiving the Eucharist is not a symbol or reminder it is a real encounter with the living Christ.
- The Mass is not just a gathering, but a sacrifice and a miracle.

In Summary:

Catholics believe that at every Mass, the bread and wine become the real presence of Jesus Christ through the mystery of transubstantiation. Though the outward appearances stay the same, the substance is completely changed — making every Mass a participation in the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection all at once.

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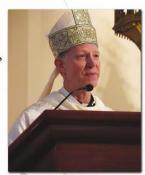
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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of June 22, 2025

SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

For the People of the Basilica

(II AM) Joe Wanek, Sr. †

MONDAY

Harry Miller (living) & Lurleyne Terry †

TUESDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

The deceased members of the Seitz Family

WEDNESDAY

Paul, Angela Maria & Ann Rosasco †

THURSDAY

No Mass

FRIDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fr. Robert Fullerton †

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