

### SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS





# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 19, 2022

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

#### "Give them some food yourselves." Lk. 9:13

This Sunday, June 19, 2022, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) launches a Eucharistic Revival initiative. The bishops are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and sent out in mission "for the life of the world." This revival will culminate in the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years, to be held in Indianapolis, November 17-21, 2024.

We believe that **the Eucharist** is the source and summit of the Christian life and the culmination of God's saving actions in Jesus Christ. The Parish of Santa Cruz will recommit itself to this mystery of faith, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The best way for us to increase faith in the Eucharist is by our sincere participation at the Sunday Mass.

Bishop Edward asks the parishes to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ with great festivity and joy. This will include, of course, the worthy celebration of the Mass with its assigned texts. Originally called Corpus Christi [the Body of Christ], this solemnity had its origins in thirteenth-century France. Since the Second Vatican Council, the feast has been called "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ." The name change is significant. The emphasis is no longer on the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle and presented for adoration by the faithful. The emphasis is on the celebration of the Eucharist. Indeed, the preface from Holy Thursday is used. In the Opening Prayer, we acknowledge that we "revere the sacred mysteries" of the Body and Blood of Christ, and that through this sacrament, we experience redemption.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus pointedly tells his followers, "Give them some food yourselves" (Luke 9:13). Participating in Mass, listening to the Sacred Scripture, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, and reflecting on the Paschal Mystery, inevitably involves some sacrifice of self. Christians who gather at the table of the Lord are sent forth to bring the Good News to others, to share our faith with those who hunger for the love of God, and to share our food with those who hunger and thirst. The grace of our baptism equips us for mission and makes us accountable for how we serve the Lord and one another. This process only ends when we enter the kingdom of God and feast at the heavenly banquet. Strengthened by the Eucharist and formed by our weekly participation in the sacrificial meal, which is the ultimate model for self-giving love, we must see those in need around us, and give them some food ourselves.

What can we do here at Santa Cruz to foster a greater love and appreciation of the Most Holy Eucharist?

Do we understand that the parish church is a sacred place where the holiest things on earth are done?

Do we understand that receiving Holy Communion is an act of friendship and intimacy with Our Lord and that we would not want to do anything to betray this divine friendship He offers us?

Does our reverence of the Body of Christ help us to revere and respect others?

Do we realize that we are being sent out after each Mass to do the work of the Lord who has offered Himself for us and fed us with His Body and Blood?

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

Thursday, June 23
Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

The Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist is transferred to June 23 this year. Pray to the Baptist for much needed rain.

Friday, June 24
Solemn Feast of the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
This day is World Day of Prayer for
the Sanctification of Priests.

Saturday, June 25
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The daily morning offering combines these two devotions in a lovely way.

Let us pray: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sorrows of this day, in union with the Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of the Sacred Heart, unity of Christians, the reparation of sins, and the salvation of souls. I offer them for all the intentions of Pope Francis.

Did you know that Fr. David Costello is Fr. David of the Sacred Heart?



#### OTHER NEWS

Fr. David Guzman will be visiting us from June 23rd to June 27th while Fr. Stephen is away.

#### **PRO-LIFE NEWS**

Beginning June 13, a Mass will be celebrated on the 13th of every month until May 13, 2023. The intention of these Masses is for an end to abortion and that people will become more aware of how devastating abortion is. Come to Mass and bring a friend or family member.

# BEREAVEM

Group support for those who are dealing with the painful loss of a loved one. Group meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Come to find comfort and support from others who share the same experience.



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#### Saturday, June 18th

8:00am Francisco Javier Cao/R.I.P.

5:30pm Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.

#### Sunday, June 19th

**6:30am** Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Antonio Amado & Alex Armenta/R.I.P.

10:00am Daniel Amaro/R.I.P.

12:00pm William Maytorena/R.I.P.

6:00pm John Lopez/R.I.P.

#### Monday, June 20th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00am Marietta Okamoto/R.I.P.

#### Tuesday, June 21st

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

**8:00am** Sister Cecilia's Deceased Family Members/R.I.P.

#### Wednesday, June 22nd

Sister Anne Marie of the Will of God, O.C.D./R.I.P. 8:00am Delma Huggins/R.I.P.

#### Thursday, June 23rd

Peter Phan/R.I.P.

8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/ Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

#### Friday, June 24th

Maria Vu/R.I.P.

8:00am Special Int./Fr. David Costello, of the Sacred Heart, O.C.D.

> Parish Collection June 12th, 2022 Collection: \$ 5,143.27

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Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, \*12 noon & 6 pm 8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street) Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance. Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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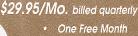
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