

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH + YORKVILLE

June 2, 2024 (Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ; Corpus Christi)

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The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, perhaps better known by its Latin name of Corpus Christi (“the body of Christ”), is being celebrated this weekend. Just as the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which we observed last weekend, was instituted in the early fourteenth century in response to a swelling devotion to the Trinity in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, despite the fact that the Trinity is acknowledged and honored at every Mass, so also the Feast of Corpus Christi was established in the late thirteenth century in response to a similar medieval growth of devotion to the Eucharist, despite the obvious fact that it is the Eucharist that is celebrated whenever Mass is celebrated and that it seems redundant to celebrate the Eucharist in honor of the Eucharist.

The following hymn, which was originally written in Greek, was probably sung while the congregation was receiving Communion during Mass, but we do not know where. Since it was composed in the third or fourth century, it gives us a glimpse of eucharistic devotion in the ancient Church.

Let us pray to the Lord.
This is the holy body of Christ,
the Lamb of God.

This is the holy body
of him who was betrayed and given up
for our salvation.

This is the holy body
of him who gave to his disciples the grace-bringing mysteries
of the new covenant.

This is the holy body,
and, when we have received it, we have received
the bloodless sacrifice.

This is the holy body
of him who washed the apostles' feet with water
and cleansed their souls with the Holy Spirit.

This is the holy body
of him who justified the prostitute for her tears
and purified us through his own blood.

This is the holy body
of him who accepted the kiss given in treachery
and loved the world and suffered death for it.

This is the holy body
of him who was willingly given up to Pilate
and placed the immaculate Church beside him.

Blessed and glorious is his name!

Father Boniface

Mass intentions for the period from June 1st to 9th

Saturday-Sunday, June 1st-2nd (The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ; Corpus Christi)

4:00 pm: Jimmy Quinn (D)
8:00 am: Megan, Matt, Sarah and Ryan (L)
10:00 am (German): St. Joseph's Parishioners
12:00 noon: Anthony DeClemente (D)
2:00 pm (Hungarian): Maria Takacs (D)
6:00 pm: Deb Marinelli (L)

Monday, June 3rd

7:00 am: Marvin José Jimenez (D)
12:15 pm: Joanna Lis (L)

Tuesday, June 4th

7:00 am:
12:15 pm: Austin Grech (D)

Wednesday, June 5th

7:00 am: In Gratitude and Thanksgiving to God
12:15 pm: Nancy Russo (D)

Thursday, June 6th

7:00 am:
12:15 pm: Nora Hickey (D)

Friday, June 7th (The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; First Friday)

7:00 am: Ann "Annie" Chambers (D)
12:15 pm: Vince Henits (D)

Saturday, June 8th (The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

8:00 am: Kenneth Waldmann (L)
12:15 pm: Max Florlosky (D)
4:00 pm: Kevin Kirby (D)

Sunday, June 9th

8:00 am: The Living and Deceased Members of the Mariadason Family
10:00 am: St. Joseph's Parishioners
12:00 noon: Joseph Adamo (D)
2:00 pm (Hungarian): Julius Ettl (D)
6:00 pm: In Thanksgiving to Jesus