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## Solemnity – Corpus Christi

### FAITH SHARING

The last precious gift given to us by Jesus is the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food. *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* – God-with-us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “Real Presence” so that we may appreciate it and better and receive maximum benefit from the Sacrament.

This year's readings for this feast emphasize the theme of the priesthood of Jesus.

Today's first reading describes how the priest-king Melchizedek offered a thanksgiving-sacrifice of bread and wine to God for the welfare of the patriarch Abraham and shows how the event prefigured the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Priest-King Jesus. It is also as a sign of thanksgiving for Jesus' victory won over sin and death.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives the earliest account of what Jesus said and did during the last meal he celebrated with his followers, interpreting it as a sacrifice.

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' miraculous feeding of five thousand people by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish. Theologically, this feeding is a prefiguring of Jesus' gift of the Eucharistic bread that would spiritually nourish those who believe in him.

### Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

### ENTRANCE HYMN (Wisdom 16:20-21)

V. [Lord] You nourished Your people with food of angels and furnished them bread from heaven, ready to hand, untoiled for, endowed with all delights and conforming to every taste.

**R. For this substance of Yours revealed Your sweetness toward Your children, and serving the desire of him who received it, was blended to whatever flavor each one wished.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### Gospel

JN 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.



# Corpus Christi

## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

All Are Welcome

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

230 Come, Thou Almighty King

### Communion Hymn

229 Just As I Am

### Recessional Hymn

228 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, June 11

Corpus Christi

### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, June 18

11 Ordinary Sunday / Father's Day

### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, June 25

12 Ordinary Sunday

### 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

## CORPUS CHRISTI

Feast of Corpus Christi, also called Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, festival of the Catholic Church in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A movable observance, it is observed on the Thursday (or, in some countries, the Sunday) after Trinity Sunday and is a holy day of obligation in many countries.

The Feast of Corpus Christi originated in 1246 and spread in 1264 in the whole Church to observe the feast. The procession became the feast's most prominent feature and was a pageant in which sovereigns and princes took part, as well as magistrates and members of organizations. In Protestant churches, after the doctrine of transubstantiation was rejected during the Reformation, the festival was suppressed.



## SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

6/4 - For the Mission Fund

6/18 - Father's Day – For the Clergy Pension Fund

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love – For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund

10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to Poland Collection

11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds – Seminary Fund

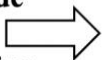
1/7 - For the Mission Fund

## CLERGY PENSION FUND

On Father's Day we will pray for all our fathers, both lay and clergy, past and present, to express our gratitude, remembrance, and love for all they have done for our families and for our Church. Thank you for continued support of our Clergy Pension Fund. Consider making a donation to the P.N.C.C. Clergy Pension Fund to honor our clergy for their dedication to our Church and parishioners. Special second collection on June 18, Father's Day – for the Clergy Pension Fund.



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