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✠ Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ ✠

June 2, 2024

THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES: To truly understand what Jesus did at the climax of his life—and what the Catholic Church does at every Mass—we must understand the importance of blood sacrifice to Judaism in Jesus' time. Everything that Moses did at Mt. Sinai, and all that was done for a thousand years in the temple, was summed up by Christ's ultimate blood sacrifice on the Cross, offered for the reconciliation of God and humanity. And this ultimate lifeblood of God, sprinkled by Christ the high priest once for all, is what the Mass re-presents and makes sacramentally present to us. ~ *Bishop Robert Barron*

TAKE THIS AND EAT IT, ALL OF YOU: To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement upon himself. "(1 Cor 11:27-29) Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.... Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed". (the response to the invitation to communion at Mass; cf. Mt 8:8) To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required by the Church. Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest. [*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1385-1387*]

Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

June 3 – 8

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i>) + Glen Wright by <i>Maxine Smaglinski</i> + Sylvester & Caroline Yeretch by <i>Jamie & Ashley Latimer & Family</i>
First Friday	9:00 a.m.	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus + William “Billy” Green by <i>Diane Green</i>

+ Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

June 9, 2024

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Patrick Cowan by <i>Terri MacLeod</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	June 8	June 9
Readings	<i>Susan Coulas</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i> <i>Jamie Prince</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*
- for those who have died, especially: *Martin Byrnes; Margaret Kauffeldt; Francis (Frank) Anderchek; Doreen Dombroskie; Lucinda Jane (Hartwick) Jessup.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs
Wednesday	- St. Boniface, bishop, martyr
Thursday	- St. Norbert, bishop
Friday	- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	- The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY EUCHARIST IS ESSENTIAL TO A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE:

Today [on] the feast of the solemnity of Corpus Christi.... the Christian community gathers around the Eucharist and in it adores its most precious treasure: Christ really present under the species of consecrated bread and wine.

Faith is necessary, or rather faith vivified by love is necessary, to explore the fascinating depth of this presence of Christ under the "signs" of bread and wine. Only the one who believes, and loves can understand something of the ineffable mystery, thanks to which God comes close to our littleness, seeks our infirmity, reveals himself for what he is, infinite saving love.

Precisely because of this, the Eucharist is the beating center of the community. From the very beginning, from the early community of Jerusalem, Christians gathered on the day of the Lord to renew in the Holy Mass the memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. "Sunday" is the day of rest and praise, but its real meaning is lost without the Eucharist. Because of this, in the apostolic letter "Novo Millennio Ineunte," I again proposed a reappraisal of Sunday and, in it, of the Eucharistic celebration as a priority pastoral commitment. "It is a fundamental duty, to be fulfilled not just in order to observe a precept but as something felt as essential to a truly informed and consistent Christian life" (No. 36).

Today let us ask the Mother of the Lord that every man might be able to taste the sweetness of communion with Jesus and become, thanks to the bread of life, a participant in his mystery of salvation and holiness. ~ *Pope John Paul II, June 2, 2002*

THIS IS MY BODY; THIS IS MY BLOOD – FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD:

Today, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is celebrated. It is the solemn, public feast of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ: on this day, the mystery instituted at the Last Supper and commemorated every year on Holy Thursday is manifested to all, in the midst of the fervour of faith and devotion of the Ecclesial Community.

Indeed, the Eucharist is the "treasure" of the Church, the precious heritage that her Lord has left to her. And the Church preserves it with the greatest care, celebrating it daily in Holy Mass, adoring it in churches and chapels, administering it to the sick, and as viaticum to those who are on their last journey.

However, this treasure that is destined for the baptized, does not exhaust its radius of action in the context of the Church: the Eucharist is the Lord Jesus who gives himself "for the life of the world" (Jn 6: 51). In every time and in every place, he wants to meet human beings and bring them the life of God. And this is not all. The Eucharist also has a cosmic property: the transformation of the bread and the wine into Christ's Body and Blood is in fact the principle of the divinization of creation itself. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI; June 18, 2006*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,508.00 (Envelopes: \$2,261.00; Loose: \$92.00; Visitors: \$85.00; Pope Pastoral Works: \$20.00; Easter: \$10.00; E-transfer: \$40.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./93; 10:30 a.m./95]

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

OUR CEMETERIES: We remind you that our cemetery by-laws indicate that all flowers, ornaments, candles, etc. must be affixed to a monument. If they are not, they may be removed and discarded by the cemetery caretaker to enable proper grass cutting.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY: This study continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Hall. For more information, please contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. Feel free to drop-in as you can.

CWL POTLUCK BBQ: June 12 at 554 Arbor Vitae Rd at 4 PM. Please let Lorraine know if you will be attending 613 585 1702. Hope to see you there.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:
On Friday, June 7th from St. Michael's in Douglas to Sacred Heart in Cobden (around 18 km). Please join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, exercise, and celebration! All are welcome to attend. Participants need to bring a sack lunch, water bottle and appropriate footwear. Email dco.parishes@outlook.com for more information.

9:00 a.m.	Mass at St. Michael's Parish in Douglas
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Light breakfast, final preparations
10:00 a.m.-12 noon.	Walk first half of pilgrimage
12:00 noon	Lunch break at a farm on the McPeak Line. Pack your own lunch. Water and restrooms available.
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Walk second half of pilgrimage
3:00 p.m.	Arrive at Sacred Heart Mission in Cobden. Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Light refreshments