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✠ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ✠

Corpus Christi

June 22, 2025

From the Last Supper onward, Christians knew that the Lord Jesus is not speaking metaphorically about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, but that he makes his own Body and Blood, real food and drink. This revelation was and continues to be a stumbling block for many, but the faithful accept the mystery of the gift of Christ's Real and True Presence that is given to the Church in the Blessed Sacrament.

Clearly, if the Real Presence is false, Catholics are worshipping a piece of bread. But if it is true - if Jesus really meant what he said - then that little "piece of bread" is really the body, blood, soul and divinity of the omnipotent God of the universe. We are compelled to make a decision. The Eucharist, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important. Jesus is present in various ways: in his people, in his word, in the poor and needy and suffering, and in many other ways. But he is fully present in the Eucharist. It is the difference between saying "The spirit of God pervades the universe" and saying "Jesus Christ just walked into the room."

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: TODAY, June 22, Madonna House will be having its annual Corpus Christi Procession beginning with Solemn Vespers at St. Mary's Chapel at 4:00 pm followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at approximately 4:30 pm going down Dafoe Road, past Canadian Martyrs Church stopping briefly at Our Lady of Combermere Statue and then proceeding through the grounds of Madonna House to the island Chapel of Our Lady of the Woods for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is most welcome. Parishioners from Holy Canadian Martyrs, St. Francis de Sales and St. Lawrence O'Toole are welcome to participate. Please Park at Holy Canadian Martyrs.

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

June 23 – June 28

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+ Cathy Serran <i>by Francis Green</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Stanley Zilney <i>by Michael & Betty Blank</i> + Joey Davidson <i>by Lisa Sullivan</i>

+ Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles +

June 29, 2025

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Apollonia Dombroskie <i>by Rosemarie Recoskie & Family</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	June 28	June 29
Readings	<i>Susan Coulas</i>	<i>Judy Fillion</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</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:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie, Linda Pilgrim.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Conrad Pierroz, Veronica O'Reilly.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Tuesday	- The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Friday	- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	- The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

BIBLE STUDY: Summer Series on the Gospel of John (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin). For those who might like to attend a bible study in the summer, we will be studying the Gospel of John Chapter 6 to Chapter 8 starting Wednesday June 11th ending August 27th. Books can be ordered online. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. For more information contact John Morris, 613-729-6647.

I AM THE LIVING BREAD; TAKE AND EAT: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or, according to the well-known Latin expression, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The Gospel presents the narrative of the institution of the Eucharist, performed by Jesus during the Last Supper in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. On the eve of his redeeming death on the Cross, He fulfilled what had been foretold: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.... He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 56). Jesus takes the bread in his hands and says "Take; this is my body" (Mk 14:22). With this gesture and with these words, He assigns to the bread a function which is no longer simply that of physical nutrition, but that of making his Person present in the midst of the community of believers.

The Last Supper represents the culmination of Christ's entire life. It is not only the anticipation of his sacrifice which will be rendered on the Cross, but also the synthesis of a life offered for the salvation of the whole of humanity. Therefore, it is not enough to state that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, but one must see in it the presence of a life given and partake in it. When we take and eat that Bread, we are associated into the life of Jesus, we enter into communion with Him, we commit to achieve communion among ourselves, to transform our life into a gift, especially to the poorest.

Today's feast evokes this message of solidarity and urges us to welcome the intimate invitation to conversion and to service, love and forgiveness. It urges us to become, with our life, imitators of that which we celebrate in the Liturgy. The Christ, who nourishes us under the consecrated species of bread and wine, is the same One who comes to us in the everyday happenings; He is in the poor person who holds out his hand, in the suffering one who begs for help, in the brother or sister who asks for our availability and awaits our welcome. He is in the child who knows nothing about Jesus or salvation, who does not have faith. He is in every human being, even the smallest and the defenceless.

The Eucharist, source of love for the life of the Church, is the school of charity and solidarity. Those who are nourished by the Bread of Christ cannot remain indifferent to those who do not have their daily bread. Today, we know it is an ever more serious problem.

May the Feast of Corpus Christi increasingly inspire and nurture in each one of us the desire and commitment for a welcoming and supportive society. Let us pour these hopes into the heart of the Virgin Mary, Eucharistic Woman. May she kindle in all the joy of participating in the Holy Mass, especially on Sundays, and the joyful courage to testify to the infinite love of Christ. ~ *From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; June 7, 2015*

85th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac and our Diocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope will take place on Sunday, July 27th, 2025.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,342.15 (Envelopes: \$1,662.00; Loose: \$120.15; E-transfer: \$160.00;
Visitors: \$30.00; Building Fund: \$25.00; Seminary: \$345.00).

Thank you for your consistent financial support which enables us to have a church and community for worship, education and outreach.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

SUMMER COTTAGE PARISHIONERS: We warmly welcome back our seasonal parishioners and hope that you once again have a wonderful summer in our beautiful area of creation! This is just a reminder that if you do have envelopes, please visit the entrance table to pick up your envelope box. If they are not there and you desire to have them, please contact call or email the office. Your contributions are appreciated and vital for helping with expenses.

CELL PHONES IN CHURCH: As we gather together for Mass, let's take a moment to ensure our cell phones are on silent mode. This helps maintain the peaceful and reverent atmosphere we all cherish. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our focus on prayer and reflection and creating a space for undistracted prayer.

EUCCHARIST AND MISSION: The Eucharist is at the heart of our Catholic Faith and the New Evangelization because it gives us the capacity to believe and to love with love that is not merely natural but supernatural. Through the Eucharist we enter into the Truth of God's self-revelation in Christ and the inner logic of the Love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Eucharist is what transforms us into living sacrifices, enabling us to enter into a life that is divine and do what we could never do on our own, accepting suffering and carrying our crosses. This is what we believe. This is what we celebrate at every Mass. This is what we share when we evangelize. This is also how we evangelize. Not just through words, but through deeds. Not just through what we say, but through how we live. Not just through what we share with others, but through what we bear for others. This is what we must do in the new evangelization. ~ Dr. Scott Hahn

If you receive well, you are what you have received. *Sermon 227*

Be what you see; receive what you are. *Sermon 272*

St. Augustine