

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | Corpus Christi Sunday | 02 June 2024

Take: this is my body...



This is my Blood of the covenant.

Mk. 14-22:24

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism – every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up
registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 & up
registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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“Oh, my darling, think, then, that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone-, He is burning with the desire to enter your heart.”

St. Therese of the little Flower



"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them to life on the last day. For my flesh is the real food; my blood is the real drink." John 6:54-55

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Corpus Christi**; A Celebration that is a striking reminder and actualization of God's Infinite Love made manifest on the Altar of the Cross. Not only did the Son of God die for our Salvation, but also, in his Divine Power, left to his Church the Power of repeating that same Sacrifice of his death and resurrection in each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated.

It was the Will of Christ, to celebrate the Last Supper with his disciples, as He tells them; ***"I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because I tell you, I shall not eat it again, until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."***

Then, we read in the Gospel of Matthew, that ***"While they were at Supper, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the everlasting Covenant. It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven."*** (Mt 26:26-28)

The Church, from its very beginning, as testified by St Paul, in his Letter to Thessalonians, acknowledges that Our Savior instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; with these Words to be celebrated until the end of times; ***"whenever you eat this bread, then, and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes."***

Understanding these Words of Christ, the Church Professes that, in the Celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit!

In the Words of John Paul II on his Letter on the Eucharist says; ***"In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey!"***

St. Thomas, meditating on the richness of this Mystery, in the reading that bishops, priests, deacons recite in the Morning of Corpus Christi, proclaims; "How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight? What could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God, is set before us for us to eat! What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?

Jesus nourishes us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist because we absolutely need Him to have the Fullness of Life. His teaching is clear and unmistakable: ***"If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and Drink his Blood you have no life in You."***

The Consequence of eating of his flesh is an extraordinary union with the Divine; ***"As the Living Father sent me and I draw Life from the Father, so whoever eats me will also draw life from me.*** (Jn 6:57)

We are called to Faith in the Eucharist, and this Faith has been tested ever since its institution! In John, we hear the Jews and some of his disciples complain; ***"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"*** The Gospel tells us, after this, many of his disciples went away and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus challenged the twelve: ***"What about you, do you want to go away too?"***

Simon Peter answered Him, ***"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life!" ... and we believe ...that you are the Holy One of God."***

On our pilgrim journey on this earth, the Eucharist is the source of Divine Life. In every moment, it is celebrated, Christ consoles us and as in the story of Prophet Elijah in the Old Testament; who had sought refuge in the wilderness for fear of his enemies; tired and frustrated, he opted to die. An Angel of God awoke him from sleep and consoled him with Food from Heaven! At Communion, we should hear the same words, whispered to Prophet Elijah by the Angel: ***"Arise and eat, else the journey be too great for you."***



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

271. What is the Eucharist? -1322-1323, 1408

The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus, he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?1323, 1337-1340

Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday “the night on which he was betrayed” (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

273. How did he institute the Eucharist? 1337-1340,1365, 1406

After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, “Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you”. Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, “Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me”.

274. What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church?

1324-1327, 1407
It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

275. What are the names for this sacrament? 1328-1332

The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion. (to be continued)- *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*
<https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Jun 01-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + The Parishioners
- Jun 02- Sun 9:00AM + Primitivo Cabelin
12:15 PM + Candelaria Ferolino
5:30 PM + Rebecca & Rodolfo Donado
- Jun 03 - Mon, 7 PM Thanksgiving of Nida Donado
- Jun 04 -Tue, 9 AM + Robert Pitt Jr.
- Jun 05 -Wed, 7 PM + Arcadio & +Luz de Guia
- Jun 06 -Thu, 9 AM Thanksgiving of Lauren Garde;
Safe Travel of Siony Laurel
- Jun 07 -Fri, 7 PM + Bert Flores
- Jun 08 -Sat, 9 AM + Dennis Edquiban

7-day Candle Offering–Jun 01-07, 2024

- Sanctuary---
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Sally Sunga
- Chapel ----

**WORD OF THE WEEK
TRANSUBSTANTIATION**

- Means the change of the whole substance of bread into the substance of the Body of Christ and of the whole substance of wine into the substance of his Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic prayer through the efficacy of the word of Christ and by the action of the Holy Spirit. However, the outward characteristics of bread and wine, that is the “Eucharist species”, remain unaltered.

CCC1376-1377, 1413

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention – June 2024 – FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES

“We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.”



Our Patron Saint...



"To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows are destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems." St. John XXIII

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions June 3rd

Charles Lwanga and his companions became Christians through the Catholic missions of the Missionaries of Africa (known as the White Fathers). Charles' predecessor as master of royal pages, also a Christian, had censured King Mwanga of Uganda for his cruelty and immorality. The vengeful king, determined to stamp out Christianity, ordered Charles and the other young Christian pages put to death. About 100 pages died during the persecution. Within a year of these deaths, however, the number of Christians had greatly increased, and by 1890 was estimated to be ten thousand. The 22 Martyrs of Uganda died on June 3, 1886 and were canonized in 1964. Charles Lwanga has been declared patron of Catholic Action and of black African Youth.

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God's words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women's League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS !!!



Death toll rises after Papua New Guinea landslide buries villages and claims lives. (ANSA)

Pope renews closeness to disaster-struck Papua New Guinea

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-francis-renews-his-closeness-to-papua-new-guinea.html>



MESSAGE OF ARCHBISHOP LEO ON DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Tuesday, May 28, 2024



YOUTH MINISTERS GATHER FOR ANNUAL RETREAT

Wednesday, May 29, 2024



12 MEN ORDAINED INTO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Friday, May 24, 2024

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link to read the full text of the news****



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **June 7th is the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;**
- **The 53rd International Eucharistic Congress will be held on Sep 6-16th, 2024 in Quito, Ecuador. If you are interested to join the pilgrimage on this occasion, contact Spiritours travel;**
- **If you are new to the parish and live around the area, we encourage you to register as a Parishioner of this parish. Fill up the parish registration form and submit to the office.**

