



## THE EUCHARIST

# MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### Sunday, June 14, *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
10:30 Betty O'Toole from Frank and Stephanie  
12:00 Sam Hamilton from The Three Daughters

### Monday, June 15

12:10 Sally Saylor from Bill & Jane Stacey

### Tuesday, June 16

12:10 Art McDaniel from Brian & Rose Ann

### Wednesday, June 17

12:10 Mimi London from Mark London & Family

### Thursday, June 18

12:10 Donald Fovel from Carolyn Fovel

### Friday, June 19

12:10 Judy Dyer from Arlene Fritsch

### Saturday, June 20, *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:10 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry

7:00 Barry Savage from Julia Jackson

### Sunday, June 21, *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 Bill Coleman from Tom & Oti Perrino  
10:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose  
12:00 Hubert Ahaus from Elain Ahaus

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL  
BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY  
MASSES at [Strosecincinnati.org](http://Strosecincinnati.org)

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE  
CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience  
and cooperation.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE  
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION  
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

**2020 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASSES CANCELLED** . The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Masses, honoring couples celebrating 50 years of marriage scheduled for August 1, 2020, are cancelled.

**Lachlan, Sophie & Carter Vollmer , Savannah Livingston and Grace Gruber** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this past weekend here at St. Rose Church.

*In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Howard Mushaben** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.*

### **Wake Me Up Lord**

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me. Keep watch over my heart Lord, and remove from me any barriers to your grace, that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters. Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give service of justice and peace. Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.  
And finally, remind us Lord that you said, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall Be called children of God." Amen

Through the church, the manifold wisdom of God is made known.  
~Eph 3:10

**Reflection.** The sight of the risen Christ helped the disciples to believe in the Church that was to follow.  
In the same way, the spectacle of that Church helps to confirm our faith in the Resurrection of Christ.

~St Augustine

**Prayer.** Lord Jesus Christ, let Your Church be a beacon of knowledge and truth for all people. Confirm my faith in Your Life, Death, and Resurrection by keeping me ever in tune with Your Church in all things.

## SUNDAY FUNNIES

~ My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked how old I was, and I told him 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1 ?"

~ My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

~ A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

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### Opening Prayer

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

We celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." What the church intends to celebrate at this feast is not the corpse of Jesus on the cross, his body during his earthly ministry, or even the Pauline sense of the church itself as the body of Christ. Instead, as we can tell from the gospel reading, the church celebrates the presence of Christ in the eucharistic species. The Body and Blood of Christ we celebrate is the consecrated bread and wine that has become Christ himself.

The gospel reading today is from part of "the bread of life discourse" of the Gospel of John. The eucharistic theology is up front and paramount. Jesus proclaims that he is the living bread come down from heaven. And to be certain that his listeners understand, he states clearly that this is true food and true drink. The imagery is so stark that many stumble over this teaching. Still Jesus maintains that those who consume this bread will live forever.

Later theologians build on this to say that it is precisely because Christians consume the Eucharist that we have the hope of eternal life. The Eucharist is the guarantor or the seed of eternal life that will come to fruition on the last day. Irenaeus, for example, who flourished in the latter half of the second century, says that when we receive the Eucharist, our bodies are no longer corruptible but have the hope of the resurrection to eternity (Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, 4.18.5). Rather than a magical elixir, the Eucharist nourishes us so that we may live as followers of Jesus and emulate the life he led. By our reception of the Eucharist we, too, are called to become bread for the world and nourishment for those in need.

### Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life come down from heaven, you make yourself known through the Eucharist, the gift of bread and wine. May we be nourished by this gift often, and so receiving it become more like you, for we are your disciples. Your Eucharist itself is our promise of eternal life, and for it we in turn say thank you. In gratitude we pray. Amen.



### For Reflection:

• On the feast of Corpus Christi we revere the gift of the Eucharist in our lives. This past year, how has this gift of Christ's Body and Blood affected your life?

### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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### Gospel

John 6:51-58

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."

### Readings for the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	12th Sunday in Ord. Time
Body and Blood Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 John 6:51-58	1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 52:3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Matt 5:39-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 Matt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 21, 6-14 Ps 31:20, 21, 24 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Matt 6:7-15	Friday Sacred Heart Deut 7:6-11 Ps 108:1-2, 3-4, 5, 8, 10 1 John 4:7-16 Matt 11:25-30	2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 88:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 Luke 24:1-51	Jer 28:10-13 Ps 68:10, 14, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Matt 10:35-39