

# CORPUS CHRISTI

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## From the Pastor's Desk

BENEDICT XVI

**ANGELUS**

*St Peter's Square  
Sunday, 14 June 2009*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Corpus Christi*, the feast of the Eucharist in which the Sacrament of the Body of the Lord is solemnly carried in procession, is being celebrated today in various countries, including Italy. What does this feastday mean to us? It does not make us think of the liturgical aspect alone; actually *Corpus Christi* is a day that involves the cosmic dimension, the heavens and the earth. It calls to mind first of all at least in our hemisphere this season which is so beautiful and fragrant, in which Spring is already turning into Summer, the sun is high in the sky and the wheat is ripening in the fields. The Church's feasts like the Jewish feasts are associated with the phases of the solar year, the sowing and the reaping. This is particularly evident in today's Solemnity, at the heart of which is the sign of bread, a fruit of the earth and of Heaven. The Eucharistic Bread is thus a visible sign of the One in whom Heaven and earth, God and man, became one. And this shows that the relationship with the seasons is not something merely external to the liturgical year.

The Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* is closely linked to Easter and Pentecost: the death and Resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are its premises. Furthermore, it is directly linked to the Feast of the Trinity that was celebrated last Sunday. It is only because God himself is relationship that there can be a relationship with him; and only because he is love can he love and be loved. Thus, *Corpus Christi* is a manifestation of God, an attestation that God is love.

This feast speaks to us in a unique and special way of divine love, of what it is and of what it does. It tells us, for example, that it is regenerated in self-giving, that it is received in self-giving, that it is never lacking nor can it be consumed as a hymn by St Thomas Aquinas sings: "*nec sumptus consumitur*". Love transforms all things and we therefore understand that the centre of today's *Feast of Corpus Christi* is the mystery of transubstantiation, a sign of Jesus Christ who transforms the world. Looking at him and worshipping him, we say: "yes, love exists and because it exists things can change for the better and we can hope". It is hope that comes from Christ's love which gives us the strength to live and to deal with difficulties. For this reason let us sing as we carry the Most Holy Sacrament in procession; let us sing and praise God who revealed himself concealing himself in the sign of the Bread broken. We are all in need of this Bread, as the journey to freedom, justice and peace is long and difficult.

We can imagine with what great faith and love Our Lady must have received and adored the Blessed Eucharist in her heart! For her it must have been every time like reliving the whole mystery of her Son Jesus: from his Conception to his Resurrection. The "[Woman of the Eucharist](#)", my venerable and beloved Predecessor John Paul II called her. Let us learn from her to renew our communion with the Body of Christ ceaselessly so that we may love one another as he loved us.

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### Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You are already there.*

*And unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you.*

*Amen*





## Del escritorio del P. Clark

BENEDICTO XVI

### ÁNGELUS

*Solemnidad del Corpus Christi  
Domingo 14 de junio de 2009*

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas:*

Se celebra hoy en varios países, entre los cuales Italia, el *Corpus Christi*, la fiesta de la Eucaristía, en la que el sacramento del Cuerpo del Señor se lleva solemnemente en procesión. ¿Qué significa para nosotros esta fiesta? No sólo hace pensar en el aspecto litúrgico; en realidad, el *Corpus Christi* es un día que implica la dimensión cósmica, el cielo y la tierra. Evoca ante todo —al menos en nuestro hemisferio— esta estación tan hermosa y perfumada en la que la primavera se transforma ya en verano, el sol brilla con fuerza en el cielo y en los campos madura el trigo. Las fiestas de la Iglesia, como las judías, siguen el ritmo del año solar, de la siembra y la cosecha. En particular, esto destaca en la solemnidad de hoy, en cuyo centro está el signo del pan, fruto de la tierra y del cielo. Por eso, el Pan eucarístico es el signo visible de Aquel en el que el cielo y la tierra, Dios y el hombre, han llegado a ser uno. Y esto muestra que la relación con las estaciones no es para el año litúrgico algo meramente exterior.

La solemnidad del *Corpus Christi* está íntimamente relacionada con la Pascua y con Pentecostés: la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús y la efusión del Espíritu Santo son sus presupuestos. Además, está inmediatamente unida a la fiesta de la Trinidad, celebrada el domingo pasado. Sólo porque Dios mismo es relación, puede existir relación con él; y sólo porque es amor, puede amar y ser amado. Así, el *Corpus Christi* es una manifestación de Dios, un testimonio de que Dios es amor.

De un modo único y peculiar, esta fiesta nos habla del amor divino, de lo que es y de lo que hace. Nos dice, por ejemplo, que se regenera al entregarse, se recibe al darse, no disminuye y no se consume, como canta un himno de santo Tomás de Aquino: "*nec sumptus consumitur*". El amor lo transforma todo y, por tanto, se comprende que en el centro de esta fiesta del *Corpus Christi* está el misterio de la transubstanciación, signo de Jesucristo que transforma el mundo. Al contemplarlo y adorarlo, decimos: sí, el amor existe, y, puesto que existe, las cosas pueden mejorar y nosotros podemos esperar. La esperanza que brota del amor de Cristo nos da la fuerza para vivir y afrontar las dificultades. Por eso cantamos mientras llevamos en procesión el Santísimo Sacramento; cantamos y alabamos a Dios, que se ha revelado escondiéndose en el signo del pan partido. Todos tenemos necesidad de este Pan, porque es largo y fatigoso el camino hacia la libertad, la justicia y la paz.

Podemos imaginar con cuánta fe y amor la Virgen habrá recibido y adorado en su corazón la santa Eucaristía. Cada vez era para ella como revivir todo el misterio de su Hijo Jesús: desde la concepción hasta la resurrección. "Mujer eucarística" la llamó mi venerado y amado predecesor Juan Pablo II. Aprendamos de ella a renovar continuamente nuestra comunión con el Cuerpo de Cristo, para amarnos unos a otros como él nos amó.

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### Un Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Creo, Jesús mío, que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.

Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente recibirte dentro de mi ama, pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente,

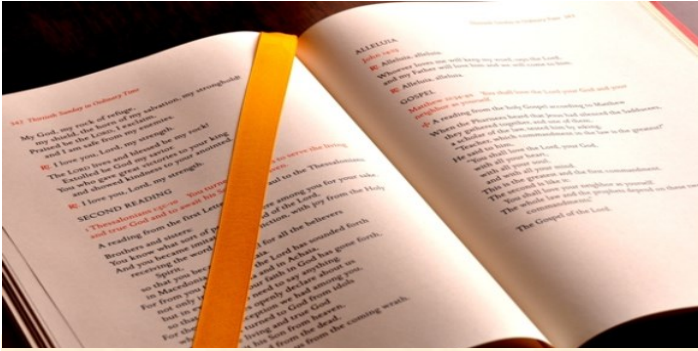
Venid al menos espiritualmente a me corazón.

Y como si ya os hubiese recibido, os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.

Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti.

Amén





**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Scripture Readings for the Week of June 14, 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi</b> Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Lk 2:41-51
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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**Mass Intentions**

All scheduled weekday Mass intentions are being fulfilled. You will be notified if it is necessary to reschedule your requested intention for a Saturday or Sunday Mass.

**LECTURAS SEMANALES**

**Lecturas por Semana del 14 de Junio de 2020**

<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, Corpus Christi</b> Dt 8, 2-3. 14b-16a; Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; 1 Cor 10, 16-17; Jn 6, 51-59
<b>Lunes</b>	1 Re 21, 1-16; Sal 5, 2-3. 5-6. 7; Mt 5, 38-42
<b>Martes</b>	1 Re 21, 17-29; Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 11 y 16; Mt 5, 43-48
<b>Miércoles</b>	2 Re 2, 1. 6-14; Sal 30, 20. 21. 24; Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18
<b>Jueves</b>	Ec 48, 1-15; Sal 96, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7; Mt 6, 7-15
<b>Viernes</b>	<b>Solemnidad del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús</b> Dt 7, 6-11; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8 y 10; 1 Jn 4, 7-16; Mt 11, 25-30
<b>Sábado</b>	<b>Memoria del Inmaculado Corazón de la Santísima Virgen María</b> 2 Crón 24, 17-25; Sal 88, 4-5. 29-30. 31-32. 33-34; Lc 2, 41-51
<b>Domingo</b>	<b>Décimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario</b> Jer 20, 10-13; Sal 68, 8-10. 14 y 17. 33-35; Rom 5, 12-15; Mt 10, 26-33

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Dear STM Parishioners,

The last few months were quite a challenge! SVdP food pantry not only temporarily closed mid-March due to limitations posed by the corona virus, but also discontinued ordering from the Houston

Food Bank (HFB) because of the lack of capacity to store perishables.

It was a pleasure to see you in person and quite entertaining to see your creative expressions of love for our clergy during the mobile food drive the week of April 27 and, more importantly, you filled a much needed gap in our food supply and funds. Thank you! We recently found new friendship with Westbury Community Gardens (WCG) who donated freshly picked produce and look forward to partnering with them to serve nutritious produce to our friends in the future.

Although our city is now in the process of re-opening, many in our community are unemployed and some facing the prospects of eviction with the state moratorium now lifted. Your generous donations enabled us to gradually and cautiously reopen the pantry with drive-thru food distributions during the month of May and resume rent and utility assistance, relieving some of the anxiety and financial pressure of our unfortunate neighbors.

**We rely on your essential help and support for food and money - our sole means of existence! Moreover, we also require more volunteers to assist with food distribution and collect phone calls and, preferably, bi-lingual individuals to return pantry phone calls. Based on the availability of volunteers, we plan to establish new pantry hours.**

If you are able to support SVdP in any way, you may drop off food donations at the Food Pantry on Tuesdays, 10am-2pm or at the Parish Office during office hours; check donations to SVDP may be delivered to the Parish Office or in the collection basket. For those among you who use STM's On-line Giving, we would like to ask you to remember our work for the poor by a weekly contribution to SVDP of any amount you can afford.

We praise God for His many blessings and for your ongoing support of our mission to help those less fortunate in our immediate area. May God bless and protect our STM Family of Families!

*"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another . . ." - St. Vincent de Paul*

### Stewardship for May 31, 2020

Collection	\$11,202.00
Online Giving	\$12,642.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,844.64</b>

### Upcoming Special Collections

St. Mary's Seminary Collection  
Corpus Christi Sunday  
June 14, 2020

The entire Sunday collection is for the Seminary.



### Parish Goal: \$193,000.00

Total Amount Pledged:	\$72,506.50
Total Amount Paid:	\$52,737.75
Total Number of Participant:	201
Total Number of Households:	4184
Average Participant Pledge:	\$360.73
Paid Over (Under) Goal:	(\$140,262.25)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal:	(\$120,493.50)
Percent Paid:	27.33%

### Online Giving

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