

Christ Child Catholic Church
Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST
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1st reading Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a
Remember the Lord Your God.

As the people of Israel await orders to cross into the Promised Land, Moses speaks to them about the lessons they should have learned during 40 years of wandering in the desert.

Journey of Faith! The people could have crossed into Canaan many years earlier except for the fact that the first generation lacked faith. So weak was their trust in God that they even planned to select leaders to take them back to Egypt.

Moses now describes that waiting period as a test.

Heavenly food! Yet God continued to nourish the people and provide for them. The water from the rock and the manna from heaven were special signs to them, intended to awaken within the realization that they were making no ordinary journey but a journey of faith. The desert was a “vast and terrible” place. But God guided them through it just as God delivered them from Egypt, a place that valued them not for them-selves but only for the contribution they could make to mortal

and earthly schemes. **If they put God first in their lives, they would always enjoy the good things of the Promised Land.**
2nd reading 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

The table of the Lord’s Supper is central to the life of the Church for so many reasons-in part, they identify believers with the Lord Jesus Christ.

“*Sharing!*” The Greek is *koinonia*, “*community, and fellowship.*” Partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ united Christians to Jesus and to one another. They are one with Christ’s living body-person. “*Break!*” “Breaking of bread” is an early description of the Eucharist. The symbolism is powerful. The one loaf is broken so that all can be united to the one “body of Christ.”

The Gospel John 6: 51-58

If not for the Last Supper and Jesus’ subsequent sacrifice on the cross-commemorated by the taking of Communion-these words (**eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood**) would seem as strange to us as they did to the Jewish leaders. They are Jesus’ instruction to rely on Him as the source of life, fully committed to Him.

Jesus offers himself to us as nourishment for the lifelong journey into eternal life. Recognizing this food and drink, we are called to respond to the self-sacrificing love of Jesus and to participate in the Paschal Mystery by breaking the bread of our own lives with Him.

This brings us back to **Corpus Christi**. The feast of the “**Body of Christ**” holds out to us an invitation and challenge.

First, the invitation. This feast invites us to ask ourselves; what does Holy Communion mean to us? Do we appreciate it as much as we did the first time we received it?

If our answer is no, then we are faced with a challenge. How can we deepen our appreciation of it? How can we get excited about it again?

“**The Body of Christ.**”

You will receive the living Body of Christ. You will receive the same Christ who was born in Bethlehem.

You will receive the same Christ who died on the cross for us.

You will receive the same Christ who rose from the dead.

When you think about this, it’s so incredible that it’s hard to imagine. Yet we know by faith that it’s true. Only a loving God could have given us such an unimaginable gift.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800 550-4900

MASS INTENTIONS June 13 – 19, 2020

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | David & Norma Hammons |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | + Cecily Olsen |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | + Angela P. Huerta |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | + Alexis Oliver |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | + Garth Bradburn |

God made of me, his servant, and a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm. God takes delight in his people as, armed with the two-edged sword of his living Word, we cut through all that fetters us and our world to ways of thinking and doing inspired by kingdoms not his own.

Sing a new song to the Lord, his praise in the assembly of the faithful...!

MEN’S CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday, July 8th**

“**Together, supporting each other, we can do great things.**”

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 – 2:30 PM. **June 24th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Jennie Ann Thomas

She made it! After 4 amazing years of college, Jennie Ann is graduating from the University of California, Irvine with a bachelor’s degree in Psychological Sciences. She spent her college years as the Vice President of Finance for Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, a member of the Pre-Health Alliance, Tri Delta Sorority, a marketer and spokesperson for UCI’s Blood Donor Center, and as a reporter and newscaster for Anteatr TV. She is excited for the future and to future her profession. Zot, sot, sot!

Congratulations and the entire graduate!!! Honor and the parish is proud of you!

A Call to be like Jesus

Christ Be

Christ be at the Centre of my mind and my heart, Christ be at the Centre of my thoughts and my words, Christ be at the Centre of my joy and my pain, Christ be at the Centre of my home and my journey, Christ be at the Centre of my peace and my turmoil, Christ be my inspiration and my guide.

It’s simple

It’s simple to say, that everything I do and everything I say and everything I think is Christ-like.

It’s a complicated concept, that what I do and what I say and what I think, makes a difference.

It’s awesome and amazing that you care and you love and you trust ME!