

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

## Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ June 3, 2018

### The Blood of Christ

At communion time, many Catholics do not partake of the Blood of Christ. Some churches do not offer it. In those that do, some people abstain. Some worry about the sanitation of drinking from a common cup. Others probably find the idea of “drinking blood” a bit repulsive. Perhaps it is. But so is the idea of “eating flesh.” Our communion, In Christ is a bold gesture of faith and commitment. Drinking the Blood of Christ is an important expression of our faith. Jesus asked his followers at the Last Supper to eat his Body and drink his Blood. He didn’t recommend just one or the other.

The Letter to the Hebrews expresses the significance of the Blood of Christ. In the past, the high priest entered the Holy of Holies, the heart of the temple, with the blood of goats and calves. The sprinkling of this blood forgave the sins of those who were defiled.

When Christ ascended into heaven, he entered the holiest of holy places. He brought with him his own blood—for our sakes. “How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.” Drinking the Blood of Christ forgives our sins, frees us from “dead works”, and makes us more worthy to worship. It is an act of faith, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. *Written by Paul*

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### Fr. Juan’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

Congratulations to our pastor, Fr. Juan Areiza, on the celebration of his tenth anniversary of priesthood. Fr. Juan’s parents are here from Colombia, South America to celebrate with Fr. Juan and our parish.



Fr. Juan receiving the gifts of bread and wine from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Areiza.



## Mass Intentions

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Ninth Week  
of Ordinary Time

( June 3 – June 9, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	<b>Dee &amp; Mark Barnett</b> <i>by Pat Pierce</i>
Sun	8:30 a	L	<b>People of St. Francis</b> <i>by Fr. Juan Areiza</i>
Sun	11:00 a	†	<b>Helmut Irl</b> <i>by Grizio Family</i>
Sun	1:00 p	†	<b>Teresita Reuter</b> <i>by Ralph Reuter</i>
9a	Mon	†	<b>Helen Tierney Zavertrnik</b> <i>by JJ &amp; Mary Jean McNelis</i>
9a	Tue	L	<b>Amy Faber Intentions</b> <i>by Cricket Aull</i>
9a	Wed	†	<b>Fr. Albert Moraczewski</b> <i>by Dorogi Family</i>
9a	Thu	†	<b>Cynthia Fowler Smith</b> <i>by David &amp; Leonor Papai</i>
9a	Fri	†	<b>Carl Diehl</b> <i>by Marie Diehl</i>
9 a	Sat	L/†	<b>Father's Day Novena</b> <i>by St. Francis of Assisi Parish</i>
4:30 p	Sat	†	<b>Margarito Castillo</b> <i>by Theresa &amp; Jim Gioia</i>



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## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Information

### Masses / Sacraments

Sat: 4:30 pm, Sun: 8:30 a, 11:00 a, 1:00 p Span.

**Daily Mass:** Mon to Sat: 9:00 a

**Adoration:** Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 3:30 - 4:15, or by appointment

**Baptism/Marriage** Please contact the parish office.

### Pastor

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### Please Pray For

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
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| ✓ Janice Barlotta         | ✓ Betty Mendenhall |
| ✓ Mathew Manzo            | ✓ Louvelle Hoffman |
| ✓ Myron Grizio            | ✓ Joan Tufford     |
| ✓ Barbara Lewis           | ✓ Lorene Glenn     |
| ✓ Kathy Wheeler           | ✓ Bob Wilson       |
| ✓ Madeline Rousseau       | ✓ Jerry Smoot      |
| ✓ David Drake             | ✓ Maureen Wilson   |
| ✓ Andrea Jensen Tesh      | ✓ Baby Habach      |
| ✓ <b>Your Spiritually</b> | ✓ Rita Casey       |
| <b>Adopted Baby</b>       | ✓ Jenny Cooper     |

### To Eternal Life

**Charlie Boss**, husband of parishioner Nancy Boss, died Thursday, May 31, 2018 after an extended illness. Funeral will be at St. Francis of Assisi parish. Arrangements have yet to be made.

**Msgr. Steve Churchwell**, pastor of St. Gerard Church in Ft. Oglethorpe, GA died May 31, 2018 after a period of declining health. Our Fr. Wise had moved to Ft. Oglethorpe to help Monseigneur Churchwell at the parish. Funeral arrangements will be shared when known. Keep Fr. Wise in your prayers.

**Vacation Bible School** starts next week June 11-14, 9:30 – 12 Grades 1-6. Sign up in the vestibule for a fun week.

**Wednesday Prayer Group** invites you to come and pray in a small group for specific needs or burdens. 10 am in Marian Hall, there is power in groups.

**Father's Day Novena** – Being a father isn't easy. Why not pray for your dad, living or deceased, with the Father's Day Novena? It begins Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and ends on Father's Day. Envelopes are in the vestibule. Pick one up!

**Father's Day Breakfast** – Next Sunday, June 10, the Knights of Columbus are fixing breakfast for themselves – sort of. It is a Father's Day breakfast...you get the idea. Serving from 9-1, time to eat!

**Farewell for Sr. Mary Francis** – Seems we are saying a lot of goodbyes lately. Let's make the best of it by giving Sr. Mary Francis a warm farewell as she moves on to new territory. Stop by Marian Hall Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am Mass. Coffee and substantial food.

**33 Days to Morning Glory** – Beginning June 11 @ 1p or Tues @ 7 p, this 33day retreat leads to consecration of your life to Jesus through Mary. Five weeks.

### Regular and Important this Week

#### Tuesday

- Book Club @ 10. Topic is "Eucharist" by Bishop Robert Barron
- Moms Group meets June 5 @ 10 a
- Light Weigh @ 12:15 p

#### Wednesday

- Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group @ 10
- Spanish Bible Study 7 p

#### Friday

- Sisters in Faith 10 a - Topic is Courage.

## ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

El Día de Acción de Gracias que celebramos en el otoño a veces se ve marcado por una especie de orgullo y auto-felicitación por parte de nuestra sociedad, por no hablar de comilonas que nos llevan hasta el estupor. Pero la "acción de gracias" que en griego se llama "Eucaristía" es al revés: lo que nos lleva a ella es el reconocimiento de nuestras faltas; recordamos nuestra posición humilde en el universo alabando a Dios, y a nadie más que a Dios.

Es verdad que el alimento del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo sacia el hambre de nuestro espíritu, pero también es verdad que ese alimento crea en nosotros un hambre más intensa aun. Al fin de la Misa no nos envían a un sofá espiritual a sentarnos en lo que la Cena del Señor se nos asienta en el estómago; más bien, nos envían al mundo a ser signos vivientes de esa Acción de Gracias, ayudando a los pobres y desvalidos, alimentando a los hambrientos, cuidando a los enfermos, protestando contra las actitudes farisaicas. En fin, el hambre producida en nosotros al hacer el Memorial de Jesús nos tiene que impulsar a vivir "en memoria de él". © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Spanish Bible Study se reunirá los miércoles en junio.



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