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As the day was drawing to a close . . . (Luke 9:12)

Why did Jesus keep the people so late? Was he unaware of the passing of time? Or was he so caught up with healing them that he forgot that they would need to eat? Neither scenario is very likely. Jesus was always aware of his surroundings, and he never did something without first thinking it through.

No, Jesus knew what he was doing and why he was doing it. He knew he would need to feed this crowd of people miraculously—and he was happy to do it. It was his way of giving them another sign of his love for them. He didn't want to just heal them and send them on their way. He wanted to share a meal with them. He wanted to spend more time with them—the kind of quality time that happens during a shared meal.

This is part of the wonder of the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus wants to spend time with us. He wants to spend time with you. He loves you for who you are, not just for what he can do for you. He just enjoys your company, and he wants to share his love with you.

No wonder Jesus promised to be with us in a special way at Mass! Every time we receive him in Communion, he comes into our lives—all of him. He comes to tell us that he loves us and that he values us. Certainly he comes as Savior to heal and to bless us, but he also comes as Friend just to be with us. In fact, it's because he loves us so much that he is committed to giving us his blessings.

Jesus is waiting for you at Mass today. He's waiting for you every day in the Tabernacle of his presence. Go spend time with him. Let his friendship and love warm your heart. And go warm his heart with your love.

*"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine."*

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**Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish**  
 Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

**June 16, 2019 - June 23, 2019**  
**Readings and Mass Intentions**

<b>Sunday, June 23</b>	<b>9:00am-Mass</b>
Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Monday, June 24</b>	<b>4:30pm-Communion Service</b>
Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14-15 [14]/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80	
<b>Tuesday, June 25</b>	<b>10:00am-Mass</b>
Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14	
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	<b>4:30pm-Mass</b>
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20 <i>Mass intention for Billy Moore</i>	
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>	<b>8:30am-Communion Service</b>
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 7:21-29	
<b>Friday, June 28</b>	<b>9:30am-Communion Service</b>
Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7	
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>	<b>4:30pm-Mass</b> <b>6:30pm-Spanish Mass</b>
Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19	
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	<b>9:00am-Mass</b>
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/ Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62 <i>Mass intention for the People of the Parish</i>	

**You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)**

**Tuesday 10 am Mass**  
 Fr. Ron Foshage from St. Michael in Jasper will continue to celebrate Mass at 10:00 am on Tuesdays.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for:* Bennie Mahaffey, Don Watt, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Frank Rossi; Jeannette Bourque, Diane Necessary, John Dumesnil, Jennifer Bowlin, Thelma West, Aurora Sotito, Arandy Cook, Pam Sywilok, Fr. Francis Conroy; Evelyn Daigle, Rachel Daigle, Elaine Schriver, Jessie Day, Iona Watt, Kirk Daigle, Jim Muir

*Repose of the soul:* Sam Brocato, Kelvin Sims


Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

**Weekly Stewardship**

<b>June 8 &amp; 9 Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$ 2,681.41</b>
<b>Average Weekly Cost</b>	<b>\$ 3,152.00</b>
<b>Excess/Deficit</b>	<b>\$ -529.41</b>

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Sun. June 23	Mon. June 24	Tues. June 25	Wed. June 26	Thurs. June 27	Fri. June 28	Sat. June 29
<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>  9:00am—Mass  <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	4:30pm— <b>Communion Service</b>	10:00am—Mass	4:00pm—Rosary <b>4:30pm—Mass</b> 5:00pm—Choir	8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30am—Communion Service	3:45-4:15pm—Confessions <b>4:30pm—Mass</b> 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. June 30	Mon. July 1	Tues. July 2	Wed. July 3	Thurs. July 4	Fri. July 5	Sat. July 6
<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  9:00am—Mass  <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	4:30pm— <b>Communion Service</b>	10:00am—Mass	4:00pm—Rosary <b>4:30pm—Mass</b> 5:00pm—Choir	8:30am—Communion Service 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet 	9:30am—Communion Service	3:45-4:15pm—Confessions <b>4:30pm—Mass</b> 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**CCE Teacher Needed**

Our CCE program needs a teacher for the junior high class. Call the church office, 409-283-5367, to volunteer.

**Hospitalization – Sacrament of the Sick**

**Suggestions**

- If you are going to be hospitalized (non-emergency), consider asking a parish priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick before entering the hospital.
- If entering a Catholic Hospital, please register as a Catholic and ask to be placed on the Anointing/Holy Communion list.
- If entering a commercial or denominational hospital, please register as a Catholic and ask the Pastoral Care Office to notify the Catholic chaplain.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Fundraiser**

**Men's ACTS Retreat for Hardin County**

Infant Jesus, Lumberton, TX

Saturday June 29th, 4-7pm  
 Gumbo and Potato Salad  
 Donations only

Sponsored by: Infant Jesus KC's

**Questions for Family Discussions**

**Adults:** When have you been most blessed and when have you felt a little "broken" in your service to others?

**Children:** Why is it important to keep on giving, even when you are tired?

**Stewardship Awards**

Nominate someone from our parish who has gone above and beyond the call of duty this year for the Diocesan Stewardship Award. Use the form in the East Texas Catholic newspaper or pick up a nomination form in the vestibule. Forms must be submitted by June 28, 2019.

**Pastoral Care**

Fr. Peter Funk will be here every Wednesday during the day for our pastoral care needs, including spiritual direction, consultations, anointings, and any other spiritual need. We appreciate the time and care he is giving to us.

**Garage Sale August 2 - 3**

Start now to gather your items to donate. Drop-offs will be from July 29 - August 1

**Upcoming Events**

August 2-3: Annual Garage Sale, OLOP Family Center  
 August 2-3: Men's Conference, St. Francis of Assisi, Orange, TX  
 August 9-10: Liturgical Conference, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX  
 August 11: Stewardship Awards, Elegante Hotel, Beaumont, TX  
 August 24: RCIA Workshop, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX