

Dear Padre,

Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.

Fundamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshipping community forms a unified "body of Christ."

Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received.

The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the *General Instruction of The Roman Missal* advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices,

to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Eucharist satisfies our hunger for material things and kindles our desire to serve. It raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also his hands, to be used to help feed others.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMILY, JUNE 14, 2020

Calendar

Monday
JUNE 7
Weekday
2 Cor 1:1-7
Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday
JUNE 8
Weekday
2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday
JUNE 9
Weekday
2 Cor 3:4-11
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday
JUNE 10
Weekday
2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Mt 5:20-26
Friday
JUNE 11
<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19
Jn 19:31-37
Saturday
JUNE 12
<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
2 Cor 5:14-21
Lk 2:41-51
Sunday
JUNE 13
<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Ez 17:22-24
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 6, 2021
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (B)
 Ex 24:3-8
 Heb 9:11-15
 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Take This: Eat and Drink

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

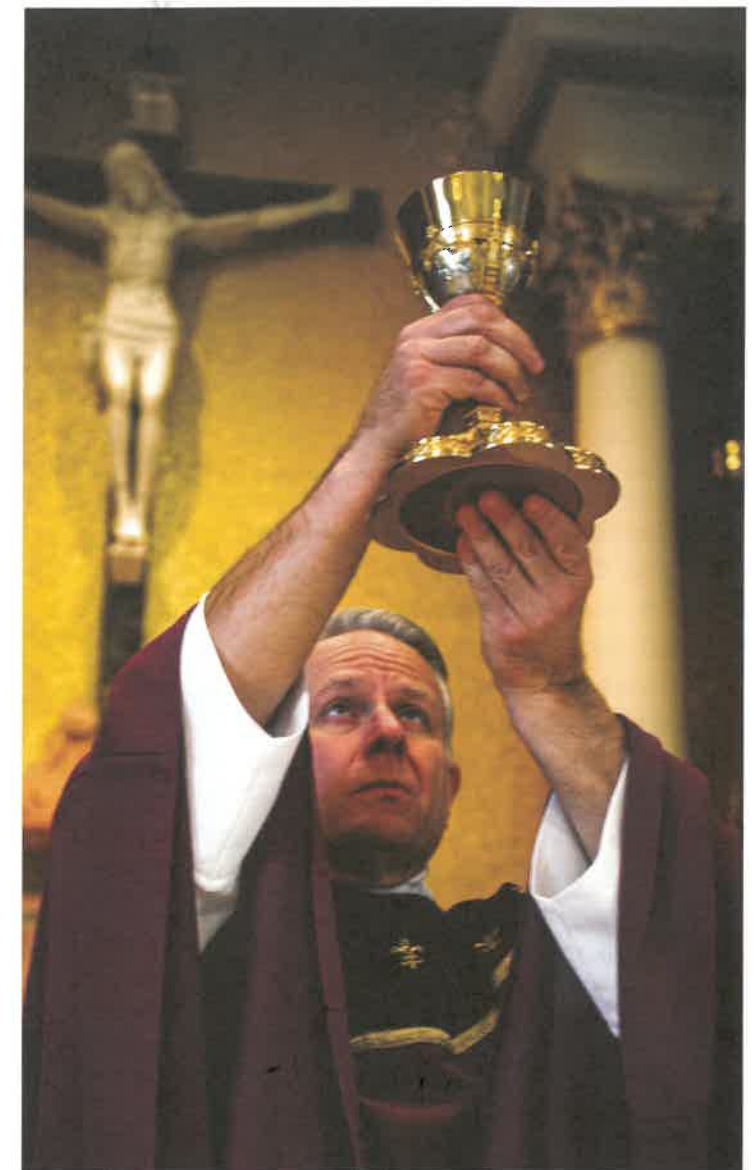
All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

* *The word Eucharist means "giving thanks." How grateful are you for the privilege to participate in this wondrous event?*



He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.
 HEBREWS 9:12

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Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis.

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM

Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

Sunday June 6th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

5:30 PM Faith, Food & Fun

Tuesday June 8th

6:30 PM KC's Meet; Meal before meeting

Wednesday June 9th

6:00 PM Anniversary Committee Meets

Thursday June 10th

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 5th

- 4:00PM 1. + Delores Springer
2. + Walter Lee
3. + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
4. + Laverne Jones
5. + Darci Johnson
6. Roy Cedars (SI)

Sunday June 6th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. + Christy Wriberg
3. Norma Bergeron (SI)
11:00AM 1. + Bobbie & Billy Ezernack
2. + Henry & Elvie Parrie
3. + Ben Partida
4. + Wesley Eaves
5. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
6. +Deceased Members of the McCormick & DeKeyzer Family

Tuesday June 8th

- 5:00PM 1. + Raymond Remedés

Wednesday June 9th

- 8:00AM 1. Living & Deceased Members of the Blake, Byrd, Pedersen & Wimer Families

Thursday June 10th

- 8:00AM 1. + Fr. Ken Williams

Friday June 11th

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Mission Statement

We, the people of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and St Terence Mission, in union with the Holy Father and our Bishop, being filled with the Holy Spirit, strive to promote and deepen the Catholic faith in the lives of all who share in our life together. As Disciples, we seek to worship God and find His kingdom among us and in the world around us. Our calling is to proclaim the Kingdom of God through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Eucharist, the Sacramental life, community service, evangelization, and Christian education.

The Sanctuary Candle Week of June 6th - June 12th, 2021

St. John + Henry & Elvie Parrie
St. Terence + Raymond Remedés

Parish Support
(Thank you for your generosity!)
May 29th-30th, 2021

St John	\$	2610.15
St Terence	\$	2353.00

Anniversary Celebration Events / Please Volunteer!

Our 150th anniversary celebration kicks off on **June 27th** and continues through November. For a full calendar of events and ways that you can help, please visit www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary.

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the 2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. If you have not already donated to the appeal, please do so today.

Information Search

We're inviting all former parishioners to come back to St. John's and join us for our 150th anniversary. If you know someone who should receive an invitation, please call or email the church office with their name and address.

Stay Connected

We invite everyone to stay updated on our church parish upcoming events and various ministries:

~Check out our website:

<https://www.stjohnmany.org/>

~Sign up for the monthly Saint John the Baptist e-newsletter by contacting the church office with your email address.

~Follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmayla>

Thank You

Special thanks to Pam Little, Jan Collins, Tina Nichols and all who helped with the Rummage Sale to benefit the Seminarians of the Lyke Community.

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, June 12, 4PM (Saint John)	Yvonne Busby	TBD	Juan Plascencia Emelyn Plascencia	TBD
Sunday, June 13th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Jan Collins	Rufus Shuff		TBD
Sunday, June 13th, 11AM (Saint John)	Amy Ebarb	TBD	Kylie Laroux Kyndl Laroux Teegan Rodrigues	TBD

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. Please join Vincentians in prayer for those who do not have enough to eat. Your donations make our service to them possible. Thank you.

150th Anniversary Celebration 1871-2021

Our 150th Anniversary celebration is nearing and we need everyone's help! We are currently accepting donations to fund the various activities that will be taking place over the next few months. If you would like to contribute, you may place your donation in the collection and designate it as "Anniversary Expenses." If you would like to volunteer by helping in other ways, please leave your name at the church office. The calendar of events and volunteer opportunities are located at: www.stjohnmany.org/anniversary.

We are honored that the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre will be with us for the Mass of Thanksgiving on **June 27th at 11AM**, to kick off our anniversary celebration.

Summer Teen Camps

The Diocese of Shreveport will sponsor two camps for high school students this summer. The weeks will include a ropes course, canoeing, crafts, games, Eucharistic adoration, and Daily Mass. Priests, sisters and seminarians will share their experiences and help campers grow in their faith. The camps will be held on the following weeks: "Beloved" for girls: July 22-25; "Mission Possible" for boys: July 25-28. The cost is \$50. See www.shvcamps.com for more details or registration.



Anniversary Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Anniversary Planning Committee this Wednesday at 6PM. Anyone interested in helping us with the anniversary celebration is encouraged to attend.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone, especially for our anniversary celebration, please contact the church office.