

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) June 6, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
6/6 11:00	Maureen Rodriguez +	Tom & Rose Hill
6/9 12:00 Latin	Special Intention	
6/10 12:00	Bob & Keri Allen	
6/11 9:00	Peter Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Truex
6/12 4:00	Felix Fitzpatrick	Lee Havron
6/13 11:00	Harold Hill, Sr. +	Tom & Rose Hill



## Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory

**Weekend of May 30, 2021 Attendance—272**

**Offertory—\$ 3703.21 On line giving—\$230**

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<https://olmhighlands.com/online-giving>

for more details.

## Saint of the Week

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven. ~Ephren the Syrian (306)-3730, Patron of Spiritual Directors, Feast Day June 9

## WORSHIPING AND SERVING

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium), Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (EG, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (EG 270).

## DSA 2021

By now you should have received a letter from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week.

**Campaign Progress—Assessment \$13, 950    Funded—\$1,718    12%**

## Father's Column

### Excerpts from "The Communion Rail and Complementarity"

By Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

The traditional Communion rail has functional and sacramental purposes. It distinguishes the sanctuary from the nave and the priest from the people. The architectural logic of the Communion rail symbolizes the sacred ("set apart") and ministerial priesthood with the priest offering Mass as a mediator in Christ the Head. The priest, as male, images Jesus as the Divine Bridegroom in union with His beloved Church. And he feeds the Bride of Christ at the Communion rail, from the "table of the Lord." Bride and Bridegroom are distinct but never divorced.

The Communion rail accentuates the sanctuary as the "Holy of Holies" hearkening back to Jewish worship. The Mosaic Law dictates the preparations of an Old Testament priest—cleanliness, vestments, offerings—for entry into the "Holy of Holies."

The Sacrifice of Christ inaugurates the New and Everlasting Covenant and every Mass represents His Cross and Resurrection. Even though the Temple curtain was torn in two when Jesus gave up His spirit (Mt. 27:51), the distinction between priest and people (and sanctuary and nave) still remains.

Paradoxically and beautifully, the Communion rail also invites the people to confidently step up to the very edge of the Holy of Holies in reverence. Priest and people, head and body, sanctuary and nave: all complementing the other in the one worshiping Church.

Faith formation depends on essential catechetical and theological training. But faith is enriched by our encounter with the externals of the liturgy in various forms—including the sacred architecture.

When there isn't a Communion rail, the people approach the Communion station and, after receiving Communion, hurriedly depart. A panoramic devo-

tional view of a beautiful sanctuary, like the splendor of decorations adorning a wedding feast, is thus unlikely. The reception of Communion is individualistic, not communal. The priest stands still distributing the Host: the people hustle to and fro.

Restoring the Communion rail to its rightful place in churches has important theological and phenomenological implications. A priest senses the Communion rail and feels he is set apart from the assembly, even as he engages the faithful in prayer. He is more aware of his role as a mediator in Christ in prayer and worship. His role as a spiritual father becomes clear as he emerges from the Holy of Holies to distribute Communion.

The Communion rail not only links the priest and faithful to Jewish worship, but it is also a beautiful architectural symbol that accentuates the harmonious and complementary relationship between priest and people, between Christ and His Church. For the full article, visit: <https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2019/03/16/the-communion-rail-and-complementarity/>

#### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for June

##### **The Beauty of Marriage**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**The next Parish Council Meeting has been rescheduled for  
Wednesday, June 16th at 10:30 a.m.  
All parishioners are welcome to attend.**

#### *Ladies of OLM*

Join us for a Woman's Ministry Planning Luncheon! We are starting something new and would love your input. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11 am on Thursday, June 17th to share your ideas and have a little fun. Contact Janet at 828-526-4590 or email [prescherjanet@gmail.com](mailto:prescherjanet@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:**

Belinda Rudzik, Sarah Bryan, Donna Barry, Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, Griffin Harper

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.**

**Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.**

**Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.**

James Urbanski, Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn