

I will take the
cup of salvation,
and call on the
name of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Levantare
el cáliz
de la
Salvación.

Salmo Responsorial

CORPUS CHRISTI

Our Holy Father: In his own words



*"The light of the Gospel guides all who put themselves at the service of the civilization of Love."
Pope Francis*

From: Fr. Pete Elizardo

Let me begin with a story. The scene is a student-filled ballroom at a convention. A well-known priest-theologian had finished his talk. A young student asked him this question: "Why are you a Catholic?" The priest answered: "Because of the Resurrection." The student pressed the question: "That explains why you are a Christian, but why are you a Catholic?" "Because of the Eucharist," he replied.

Yes, the Eucharist is essential to Catholic belief and fundamental to Catholic life. Today's celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord gives us an opportunity to focus our attention on this basic mystery of our faith, the Eucharist, and to explore the meaning of the Eucharist in our worship and in our daily living.

What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is both a sacrament and a sacrifice. The Eucharist is a sacrament, an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us. In this Sacrament of Eucharist, we do meet Jesus Himself who comes to us under signs of bread and wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. We see with human eyes what looks like bread and wine. We see with eyes of faith, not bread and wine, but the Risen Living Lord Jesus.

The Eucharist is a sacrifice, the re-presentation or re-living in an unbloody manner of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The scripture readings today stress how God made a covenant with His People, first through Moses and then, finally and forever, through Christ, a covenant sealed and ratified by the shedding of blood. This covenant or bond of love between God and us is renewed and deepened through and in every Eucharist or Mass.

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we too promise that "all the Lord has said, we will heed and do." God accepts our words and promises to save us and to give us eternal life through His Son Jesus. This Eucharist, which is both sacrament and sacrifice, is basic to our worship as Catholics and our daily living as Catholics. How is this so?

The Eucharist is the highest expression of prayer and the summit of worship. The Third Commandment reminds us to worship the Lord on His Day. Because Christ's Resurrection and the Coming of the Holy Spirit took place on Sunday, the early Christians made the first day of the week "the Lord's Day." As Catholics, we fulfill the Third Commandment by coming together to worship. How? Through the celebration of the Eucharist. Why through the Eucharist? Because there is no other form of contact with God so intimate and so deep as the Eucharist. In Eucharist, especially at the moment of Communion, the Risen Lord as a Person and each of us as a person become one. Two persons become one in Communion, truly, an interpersonal union. We pray in many ways and in many places and we should. These various kinds of prayer do join us to the Lord and foster a union with Him. But no form of prayer gives the intimacy and the union that the Eucharist gives. Imagine! The Lord Himself, Body and Blood, soul and divinity, comes to dwell within us! That is why we worship the Lord through the Eucharist. That is why regardless of how good or bad the music may be, how wonderfully or poorly the priest preaches, how close or distant we feel to the priest, what the motives are of those around us, we should come to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and Holy Day. No one and no thing should be an obstacle to our coming to be one with the Lord and, through that oneness, to find the strength we need to live life, with faith, hope and love.

Because the Real Presence of Jesus continues, we believe that He is present in a special way in the tabernacle in our churches. We ought to visit the Blessed Sacrament often.

The Eucharist is also the summary of our daily living. In giving us the Eucharist, Jesus said: "Take it; this is my body." "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Jesus not only said those words, He lived them by a life of self-giving and by giving His life on the Cross. You and I are to do the same. Our daily lives must reflect the Eucharist we celebrate. Each day, we must give of ourselves, pour out our lives in service and in love of others. How? In small ways — almost unnoticed, but so real and sometimes not convenient to do. For example: "Daddy, will you come play with me?" "Mom, will you help me?" The phone rings: "I wonder if you could help me..." Or "I need to talk to you because..." An older person in the family: how about a visit, a call or a letter? In Eucharist, we celebrate here in worship what we must live out there in daily life. That is why the Eucharist is essential to Catholic belief and fundamental to Catholic life.

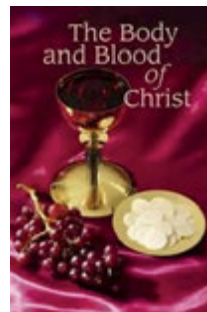
Maybe now, we can conclude with the following prayer: "May we offer to our Father in heaven the solemn pledge of undivided love. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service." Amen.



Father's Day Spiritual Remembrance—9 day Novena begins on Sunday, June 21

Please submit the names of living and deceased fathers on your special Father's Day envelope.

They can be drop off with Sunday's collection or come by the parish office. We also have some available if you need an envelope.



FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRISTI
 "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Truly present in the Holy Eucharist"

Sunday, June 7, 2015
 Eucharistic Procession will take place today after 11:00 am Mass around the church block

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

First Reading: Ex 24:3-8
 Ps: 116:12-13,15-16,17-18
 Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15
 Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

How has my understanding of the Eucharist grown over the years? How does my reception of the Eucharist impact my life?

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN:

Juan Alva, SFC Joe Richard Benavides, Adrian Canas, Thomas Gabriel Cantu, Zackary Cantu, Jose Luis Cardenas, Juan Cortez, Sgt. Dante Carreno Davis, Luis Ambrosio De Leon, Jr., John Dye, Andrew Edelen, Marcus Ruben Garcia, Stephen Dunne Garcia, Jose Luis Garza, Ruben Garza, Jr., Johnny Godines, Allan Hanson, Isais Noe Hernandez, Shawn Lake, John B. Lopez, Wilburt Ray Mitchell, Manuel Muniz, Neila, Jesse Ochoa, Jr., Barbara Ann Ortiz, Justin Ortiz, Antonio Ramon Perez, Matthew Ramirez, Anthony Riddle, Natividad Rios, III, Arnold Ryan Rodriguez, Daniel Sanchez, Robert Uribe, Orlando Villegas



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Non-Catholics (non-baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic.

RCIA class will begin on Monday, June 1, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Please contact Nora Gonzalez at (361)562-6609.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

May 30 & 31, 2015

Envelope Collections	\$5444.80
Loose Collections	\$3765.80
	\$9210.60

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 Thank you for your generosity



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Loving Memory of
 Maria Delia A. Carreno
 By
 Family



MAIN ALTAR CANDLES

In Loving Memory of
 Melba H. Gonzalez
 &
 Zoila V. Gonzalez
 By
 Family & Friends

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph School is happy to announce that an Eighth Grade has been approved for the upcoming school year. Please come by the School Office, to register for next school year, Grades K-3 to Eighth Grades. School Office (361) 664-4642

Mary Sandoval & Dio Gonzalez
 will work through the end of the month of June
 Office hours 9:00 am -3:00 pm

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

The Church renovations continue in the Church, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. & Saturday 8:00 a.m. will be held in the parish hall.

Weekend Masses will be held in the Church

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 8, 2015

7:00 am †ALICIA M. PEREZ
By Mr. & Mrs. Armando Barrera
12:05 pm †PAULA CANALES
†ADAN CANALES
By Rosie Canales

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

7:00 am †YOLANDA M. BUENTELLO
†MANUEL RODRIGUEZ
†ABEL MONSEVAIS
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm †JUAN J. LOPEZ
By Eudelia Mendiola
†ZOILA V. GONZALEZ
By Annabelle & Gildardo Garcia
†MELBA H. GONZALEZ
By Gloria Martinez & Paulina Saenz

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

7:00 am †EVA NARANJO
†VALENTIN RAMIREZ
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm †ANTONIO "TONY" BOTELLO
By Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Omar Garcia
†ROSA GUERRA
By Sandy Krapf

Thursday, June 11, 2015

7:00 am †ADOLIO ESPARZA
By Odilia V. Esparza
12:05 pm OPEN MASS

Friday, June 12, 2015 (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

7:00 am †JOE AREBALO
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm †ROBERT JOHN NUNEZ
†LAWRENCE MARTINEZ III
*BLESSINGS UPON ERNESTO & ESMERALDA LEAL
ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY*

OPEN MASS -- Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 12:05 pm

†ANASTACIA GONZALEZ
†LYDIA GONZALEZ
†ENRIQUE GONZALEZ
†SANTOS GONZALEZ
†ESTER G. HINOJOSA
†DALIA JASSO
†FELIX SOLIZ
†ALONZO VILLARREAL

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ESTELLA SANCHEZ

*BLESSING UPON HILDA & FRANK GARZA ON THEIR
45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY*

Saturday, June 13, 2015

(The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

8:00 am †ENCARNACION & †ISABEL HINOJOSA
By Frances Hinojosa & Daughter
5:00pm OPEN MASS

Sunday, June 14, 2015

(Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 am †JUAN MANUEL HINOJOSA
By Frances Hinojosa & Daughter
9:00 am †ORALIA ALBIAR OLIVAREZ
By Evell & Elodia L. Crisp
†AGAPITO GONZALEZ
By Family
†THELMA VERA
By Mr. & Mrs. Adan C. Garcia
†PAULA CANALES
†ADAN CANALES
By Rosie Canales
†CONSUELO G. & †FORTINO GARCIA
By Family
11:00 am †FEDERICO & †ADELA B. GONZALEZ
†FEDERICO GONZALEZ, JR.
By Julie & George & Cici Carreno
†HORTENCIA & †MAX DE LOS SANTOS
By Aurora Munoz
†DAVID BOWEN
By Belinda Bowen & Family
†ENEDINA GARCIA
By Tina Estrada & Family
†JOE AREBALO
By Adelina & Lucy Palacios
6:00 pm †OSCAR RODRIGUEZ
By Alicia Barrera & Family

OPEN MASS --Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 5:00 pm

†FRANCISCO CHAVARRIA
†LUCINDA CHAVARRIA
†SAN JUANITA CHAVARRIA
†ELODIA HINOJOSA
†RENE HINOJOSA
†LUCIA HINOJOSA
†RICARDO HINOJOSA
†ORALIA ALBIAR OLIVARES
†ODILIA C. SANCHEZ
†OSCAR M. SILVA (6TH ANNI.)

*ACCION DE GRACIAS A NUESTOR SENOR JESUS CRISTO:
HILDA & JUAN CARLOS CAMARENA LEON
SANDRA & ISAUL CAMARENA LEON
CAROLINA & RONALDO CAMARENA LEON*

**Catholic Daughters -- Court #1770
Scholarships**

They are offering three scholarships of \$200.00 each to St. Joseph Church graduates. Please pick up your application at the parish office. The completed application is due back on June 30, 2015. If any questions, please call Rachel Pineda at (361)396-4593.

**Alice Collins Cemetery Committee
June 13, 2015 (8am till Noon)**

The Committee needs help to clean-up the cemetery. Please bring your own equipment(lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, etc.) Gloves will be available.
Drinks and snacks will be provided, for more info call Kookie 701-3469 or Ida 701-5458.

Fullness of Truth – June 27th & June 28th

American Bank Center

Theme: “The Family Fully Alive!

Adult tickets \$45, Family & youth passes are available

Tickets and more information call 877-21-Truth

SACRAMENTAL CARE

Baptism for Infants & Young Children(ages 7 & under):

We welcome the great blessing of having your child(ren) baptized. In preparation to do so, all parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation process prior to the baptism of each child. All baptisms are scheduled through the parish office.

Baptism for Older Children (8 + yrs):

Please contact the Children Faith Formation Office and speak with David Guerrero for further information.

Marriage:

Engaged couples desiring to marry in the Church need to make an appointment to see either Fr. Pete or Fr. Fernando for marriage preparation. No weddings can be scheduled prior to the first initial meeting with either Fr. Pete or Fr. Fernando.

Confirmation:

High School youth who are at the age to receive Confirmation must contact the Youth Faith Formation office and speak with Polly Gonzalez for further information.

Adults who have not been confirmed are to contact the parish office for further information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Non-Catholics (non-baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic should contact Nora Gonzalez (361)562-6609.

Holy Communion to the Sick and the Homebound:

If you or any one you know is in need of receiving Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office so that we may schedule a regular visit to you.

Anointing of the Sick:

Parishioners who are scheduled for surgery are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to their hospitalization. If you know of anyone who is seriously ill or old age who is in need of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the office.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Irma Abrigo, Erica Alfaro, Ramona Alvarado, Aree Arrendondo, Genaro Arismendez, Tencha Arriola, Lorie Ayala, Tommie Barrios, Jesse Bazan, Cristal Benavidez, Hilda Berlanga, Diana Bill, Maria Brock, Jose Buentello, Tomas Cadena, Francisca Canales, Jesus Cantu, Jessica Cantu, Ryan Carrillo, Corando Castillo, Maria Del Carmen Cazares, Alejandro Chapa, Christian Chapa, David Chapa, Esmeralda Chapa, Gabe Chapa, Jr., Gabriel B. Chapa, Rene Daniel Chapa, Angie Chavera, Lina Chavez, Steven Chavez, Jacob Marcus Chavez, Jodie Lee Claes Sr., Victor Cruz (infant), Benny DeLeon, Celeste Deleon, Teresa Herrera Diaz, Marissa Dominguez, Paula Duarte, Frances Elizardo, Maggie Escamilla, Irma Escobar, Aurora Flores, Belinda I. Flores, Carlos Miguel Flores, Corban Ty Flores (Infant), Eva Flores, Mitch Forbes, Eva Cavazos Garcia, Felma Garcia, Francisco Garcia Jr., Lesbia Garcia, Linda Garcia, Marina Garcia, Perla B. Garcia, Rachel Garcia, Rafael Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, III, Roberto Garcia, Ruben B. Garcia, Debra Garza, Emma Garza, Esmeralda M. Garza, Irene Estrada Garza, Rosaena Garza, Sally Garza, Federico Gomez, Arnulfo Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez, Danielle Gonzalez, Dominga Gonzalez, Jesse Gonzalez, Johnny Gonzalez, Leticia G. Gonzalez, Linda Gonzalez, Maria B. Gonzalez, Olinda Gonzalez, Ovidio Gonzalez, Roberto O. Gonzalez, Rosemary D. Gonzalez, Solida Gonzalez, Brandon Guerra, Norma Guerra, Alicia F. Gutierrez, Elizardo Gutierrez, Jeanette Gutierrez, Joe O. Gutierrez, Priscilla Torres Hegna, Dante Hernandez, Mario Hernandez, Janie Herrera, Gloria Hinojosa, Tracy Ann Hughes, Joseph Jasso, Rita Jasso, Eustolia & Justo Jimenez, Mary Alice Joslin, Kendal (child), Issac Lara, Leticia Lazo, Lupita Lazo, R.J. Longoria, Elias Lopez, Jr., Jason Lopez, Michael A. Lopez, Sara Lopez, Veronica Lopez, Yvonne Lopez, Angie Lozano, Oscar Lozano, Elena Martinez, Gloria E. Martinez, Jesus Martinez, Johnny Martinez, Liam Martinez, Trinidad Martinez, Brittany Medina, Israel Medina, Deacon Henry Mejia, Dalia Mendez, Jose Guadalupe Mendoza, Leandra Mendoza, Maria R. Mendoza, John Paul Mera, Joyce Meza, Joe Monsevais, Elida Morales, Maria Isabel Rios Moreno, Lee Roy Morgan, Francisco Munoz, Ryan Murphy, Paulita Najar, Dr. Alan Nisbett, Cristela Olivares, Elsa Olivares, Irma Olivares, Filomena Paez, Adelina Palacios, Ana Pastrano, Cecilia Pena, Ester Pena, Nora Grace Pena, Alfredo Perales, Jr., Nathaniel Pereida, Amalia Perez, Ashton Perez (Infant), Diana & Baldemar Perez & Family, Esmeralda Perez, Gilbert Moreno Perez, Irma Perez, Jose Luis Perez, Jr, Monique Perez, Amanda Marie Placencio, Margie Placencio, Robert Placencio, Jr., Beto Quesada, Marisela Ramirez, Sylvanna & Esmeregildo Ramirez, Diana Ramos, Stephanie Celia Reed, Lynsey Reyna, Rey Reyna, Ainsley Rife, Justa Rios, Sal Rios, Sr., Sal Rios, Jr., Amador Rivera, Florentino Rivera, Sr., Nora Grace Rivera, Susie Rivera, Armando & Yolanda Rodriguez, David Michael Rodriguez, Janie Rodriguez, Linda Rodriguez, Maria Elena Rodriguez, Roy Rodriguez, Carmen Ruiz, Guadalupe Trejo Saenz, Jeffery Saenz, Stephen Saenz, Alejo Salas, Alma Guerra Salas, Daniel Salinas, Graciano Salinas, Eva C. Salinas, Raymond Salinas, III, Brenda Sanchez, Carmen Sanchez, Elvira Sanchez, Estella Sanchez, John Sandroussi, Jr., Samuel Sandroussi, Jose Angel Silva, Jose Roberto Soliz, Samantha Soliz, Chris Soza, Jr., Betsy Sullivan, Lauren Tabares, C.W. Todd, III, Viola Saenz, Octavio Salinas, III, Ellie Torres (child), Kina Trejo, Crystal Trevino, Nelda Trevino, Liz Trevino, John Vasquez, Jose Noe Vasquez, Rachael Vasquez, Sara Marie Vasquez, Maria Eliza Velasquez, Elena Villarreal, Rudy Villarreal, Antonio Villegas, Sr., Corina Robles Villegas, Mike Villegas, John Walker, Cornelia Willie, Ciro Zamora, Jr., Flor Zapata