

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST — JUNE 6, 2021

*The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. — Psalm 116:13*

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## HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King).....5:00 PM  
Sunday .....9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)  
Monday & Tuesday ..... 8:00 AM  
Friday (español).....7:00 PM

## CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King)..... 4:15-4:45 PM  
Sunday .....8:15-8:45 AM

## SACRIFICE



Today the Church focuses on the Eucharist. Today's readings remind us how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering our unbloody sacrifice. The reading from Exodus describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews turns us from those ancient animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship the living God. Our sacrifice is the body and blood of the Son of God. Because of Christ we have a new covenant.

The Gospel from Mark retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. Juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice as it is here, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation. Jesus gave his body and every drop of his blood for us.

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, June 6

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM..... Mass (+Ellen Carscaddon) (SM)  
10:20 AM.... Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)  
11:20 AM.... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM .... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)

### Monday, June 7

8:00 AM..... Mass (+Jack Grafing); Miraculous Medal Novena (SM)  
9:00 AM..... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM ..... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, June 8

8:00 AM..... Mass (Peggy Collins); St. Rita Novena (SM)

### Wednesday, June 9 - Thursday June 10

No events scheduled

### Friday, June 11

7:00 PM ..... Mass (Andres Niño) (Español - SM)

### Saturday, June 12

9:30 AM..... 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class (SM Parish Hall)  
4:15 PM ..... Confession (CK)  
5:00 PM ..... Mass (Patrick Allen & Family) (CK)

### Sunday, June 13

8:15 AM..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM..... Mass (+Glenn Williams) (SM)  
10:20 AM.... Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)  
11:20 AM.... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM .... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)



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## LEGION OF MARY - PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

*How beautiful that the Mother of the Lord Jesus has come to this home!*

The Legion of Mary invites you to bring our Lady of Fatima - the Pilgrim Virgin - into your home for a 2-week visit. You will enjoy praying the Holy Rosary with her and bringing your family together to share in the special time of prayer to deepen your faith, hope, and charity. Due to COVID-19, we deliver and pick up the Pilgrim Virgin, but we do not come into your home. Visit [www.SaintMaryShelby.org](http://www.SaintMaryShelby.org) and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.

**The Pilgrim Virgin home visitation schedule has been extended until December. If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!**

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### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Pat Mullen, Joanne Nestved, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Kottar.

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### STEWARDSHIP

*It is important that we budget our hours as we budget our income  
so we are able to give our time to be involved in church and community activities.*

- | Monthly Offertory: | March 2021 | Monthly Budget | March 2020 |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| SM                 | \$13,015   | \$20,215       | \$24,777   |
| CK                 | \$3,954    | \$4,510        | \$1,709    |
- Diocesan Support Appeal: The DSA helps provide annual funding for 50 ministries and programs necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. Our parish's assessed goals are \$26,181 at St. Mary and \$2,741 at Christ the King. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks to those who have given already.
  - Upcoming Special Collections: 6/20 - Diocesan newspaper; 6/27 - Debt Reduction (CK only - this will be the last Debt Reduction collection!)
  - Cleaners THANK YOU: 6/6 - Salvador, Margarita S., David; 6/13 - Joel, Graciela A., Ignacia
  - Please bring donations of non-perishable food (see suggestions below) and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity! Food needed for May and June: Canned Fruit and Veggies. Boost & Ensure are always needed.
  - Online Giving: Please consider using online giving for your weekly tithe to St. Mary or Christ the King. You can use credit or debit cards, or your bank account. Text giving is now available at both churches. Learn more at [SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving](http://SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving).
  - Parishioner in need: A longtime St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to work, and does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping him with a few basic needs. If you would like to help defray the cost, please contribute to the Poor Box or place a check in the collection basket with "Poor Box" on the memo line. Please keep him in your prayers.
  - Father's Day Masses - Father's Day is June 20: the Masses that weekend will be offered for the intentions of all Fathers (living and deceased) who are enrolled, and their names will be listed in the bulletin. The deadline to return envelopes for Father's Day Masses is June 14. The envelopes are part of the envelope packs mailed to your homes. Contact the office if you need an extra one, or if you need to begin envelope delivery.

### THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

In the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun by the name of Juliana had a vision: she saw the full moon silvery and radiant except for one dark spot. The meaning of the vision was revealed to her: the moon was the Church's liturgical year, the dark spot a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Today's feast of Corpus Christi—the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—grew from Juliana's vision.

On this feast, many parishes observe the traditional Corpus Christi procession, giving honor to the Eucharist by carrying this greatest treasure out of the safety of our churches and into our streets. At the end of every Mass we are not just let out, we are sent forth, strengthened by the Eucharist, to be the Body of Christ in the world. The Corpus Christi procession is the dismissal writ large! We take Jesus with us, not only in our hearts, but carried in our midst and exposed in a monstrance. It is a public profession of faith and a blessing of the world. Jesus walks with us on these streets that we walk day after day, among those who know him but yearn to know him better, and among those who do not know him. The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, to be celebrated—and to be lived.

—*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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### THANK YOU FROM FR. FIDEL MELO

I wish to thank everyone who helped to celebrate Father Kottar's Visitation, Funeral Mass, and Reception last week. I am so proud of you all and feel so blessed to experience your faith, devotion, and dedication in action in the community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you were not able to go to the funeral you can see the video on Facebook or our parish website. ~*Fr. Fidel Melo*

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### ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Contact the parish office to get one or more wonderful St. Joseph prayer books for just \$5 each.

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### NOTABLE QUOTABLES

OUR SACRIFICE — “Let us offer Christ the great universal sacrifice of our love. For he offered his cross to God as sacrifice in order to make us all rich.” —*St. Ephrem*

STARTING — “It's the start that stops most people.” —*Anonymous*

THE RIGHT PURCHASE — “Don't buy the house, buy the neighborhood.” —*Russian proverb*

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### ST. EPHREM, FEAST DAY JUNE 9

Born in the year 306, Ephrem lived in Nisibis (in modern-day Turkey), at what was then the border between the Roman and Persian empires. Ephrem was a deacon and a prolific writer, and he is to this day among the most notable hymnographers in Eastern Christianity. He has been called, in fact, the lyre of the Holy Spirit, and in 1920 he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XV. This short hymn is one of Ephrem's Eucharistic hymns, and also contains some resonance with Pentecost.

“In your bread is hidden the Spirit which cannot be eaten.

In your wine dwells the fire that cannot be drunk.

Spirit in your bread, fire in your wine:

It is a distinct wonder that our lips have received!”

## *Vocations Camps for Young Men & Women*

**Attention all Catholic young men and women ages 15-19!** Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend Quo Vadis Days camp for men or Duc In Altum camp for women to spend time with other young people your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun and strengthening your prayer life. QVD and DIA are led by priests, religious, and seminarians of the diocese and are supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be **June 14-18** and Duc In Altum camp will be **June 21-25** both at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camps is \$150. **Registration deadlines: Wednesday, June 9 for QVD, Wednesday, June 16 for DIA**, but don't delay as these could sell out.

- ▶ **QVD:** [charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days](http://charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days) or contact Fr. Brian Becker at [bjbecker@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bjbecker@charlottediocese.org)
- ▶ **DIA:** [charlottevocations.org](http://charlottevocations.org) or contact Sister Mary Raphael 704-370-3402 or [mraphael@charlottediocese.org](mailto:mraphael@charlottediocese.org)

## *worldwide*

## *Marriage Encounter*

Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Fill your marriage with joy! Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 27-29 in Hickory and November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit [NCMarriageDiscovery.org](http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or email [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

- First Reading — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).
- Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).
- Second Reading — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).
- Gospel — This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: St. Ephrem
- Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary