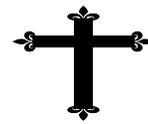


The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



June 14, 2020

ATTENTION

**All scheduled masses and events are cancelled due to the ban.
As a Parish Family we pray for all who are affected by COVID-19.
The Church & Rectory will remain closed until further notice.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CORPUS CHRISTI

"Anyone who eats this bread will live forever"

(John 6:51:58)

Jesus, before giving his body and blood on the cross for the salvation of the world, shared his Body and Blood with his disciples in the form of bread and wine. Jesus Himself commanded them to celebrate this in "his memory." Just as in the Old Testament the Lord provided manna and water in the desert, Jesus in the New Testament gives us a food that sustains and does so in a marvelous way by giving us his Body and Blood. Today as we gather in this Eucharist from our homes we may feel the many times that we have received His Body in our parish temple and the many times that Jesus have been present to us on the street. Let's think about the people who have shared so that others may eat and might survive in these times of pandemic. I think of Theresa, Cathy, Dona & Dayanna ...

Today's readings remind us that God not only sustains us and gives us strength, but He also gives us food that is unique and that possesses in itself the power of salvation. Moses stated that the people of Israel ate the manna that God gave them in the desert. For his part, Jesus tells the crowd that his body and blood is to be food for everyone. So every time we receive the Eucharist we are aware of the true food that Jesus gives us.

Every day we have the joy of sharing our food with the people we love if we are lucky. Sometimes it will be with just our husband or wife or sometimes with the whole family. Let's think about the various tables where we have been able to share with others and satisfy our hunger. In these times when we are confined and cannot materially share the Eucharist, perhaps we have realized that at each Mass we are all invited to the table of salvation. That is why I always like the refrain of the Nicaraguan popular music that says: *"Let us go to the banquet, to the table of salvation, each one with his/her stool has a place and a mission."* As diverse as we are: different languages and places of origin, one thing is true, we are not alone in the Church and we do not eat alone. We are called to eat as one among many in the Church since we are all part of the Body of Christ.

In the words of Saint Paul, the congregation or people of God is already the Body of Christ. But we are the Body of Christ to the extent that we participate in the Eucharist, that is, to the extent that we involve ourselves in his Church. Therefore, faithful to our mission, each believer is the body of Christ in this world and each one of us is called to witness the Gospel in his/her life. How do you experience giving to others? How have you shared your resources so that others may live? Today's challenge is to share out of love with others always. It is not superfluous to remember that Jesus the Eucharist is the source of life who always wanted to stay with us to be our material and spiritual sustenance. Jesus Himself told the crowd that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood will have eternal life. Therefore, full of hope, let us proclaim with our lives and actions that we are a holy people with a place and a mission.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

Weekly Remembrances

**Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle**



~ For the safety & well being of
the People of our Parish Community
~ † For all the lives lost to
~ the COVID-19 Virus



SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

June 14: Solemnity of the Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
1 Corinthians 10:16-17

June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremy 20:10-13
Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Romanos 5:12-15



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Manna in the desert, water from a rock, bread, wine. God provides food to nourish our bodies and our souls, to bring us into union with the Divine. This is what we celebrate on this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Israelites who journeyed through the desert for forty years knew physical hunger, but they were also hungry for more—they needed to know that God was with them as they made their way through the dangerous desert. We too experience hunger. We need to be assured that the Lord is with us as we navigate the circumstances of our lives, some of which feel dangerous, if not to our bodies, certainly to our spirit. Our participation in the Eucharist provides this assurance and more: fed with Christ's Body and Blood, we are drawn into communion with Christ and one another.

LIVE STREAMING MASSES; KEEP CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Fr. Hernán and Fr. Marc and Fr Luis Mario are offering virtual Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament through our Facebook page.

Connect and follow us to see these transmissions in your homes. Search "olmcsi" and send a friend request.

Masses on Sundays; 10:00 am (English); 11:30 am (Spanish)

Masses from Monday to Friday; 12:00 pm (Spanish); Thursdays 11am (English)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH - Donations may be left in church incoming mailbox or mailed or brought to the rectory. Or you can also setup WeShare to allow you to make donations to our parish online.

HOW TO REGISTER for ONLINE GIVING - WeShare allows our parish to receive online gifts and give our parishioners a safe and easy way to do so. You are able to set up recurring donations and manage your online giving accounts. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952 or weshare@4lpi.com.

- Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org)
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- Setup your donation or payment.
- If you wish you may choose Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

THANK YOU! We find ourselves in strange, strange times, and uncertain times. As you can imagine, we are feeling the financial effects of a reduced offertory. We are working hard to contain expenses. In the meantime, many thanks to all who have continued to support our parish financially. We know these are difficult times, and we appreciate your support. Thank you again, and may the Lord give you peace!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

ACT OF SPRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there, And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

CHURCH REOPENING, Step by Step; The Archdiocese of New York has announced a Five Phase Program for church reopening. Currently we are in Phase One. No timeline has been announced as to how long Phase One will last or at what exact point the other phases will come into effect. We remain alert to Archdiocesan authority, ready to follow its FAITH FORWARD program every step of the way back. THE FIVE PHASES OF THE SOON - **PHASE ONE** which is in effect right now, is opening the churches for private prayer and confessions. **PHASE TWO** which will commence at a later date, will be the resumption of small religious services (baptisms and marriages, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) all under the ten-person limit. **PHASE THREE** will be distribution of Holy Communion without Mass during the week. **PHASE FOUR** will be limited weekday Masses and funeral Masses. **PHASE FIVE** will be Sunday Mass with