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June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (C)

Genesis 14:18-20 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / Luke 9:11b-17



Good News!

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday:

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM ~ English

6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM

Thurs.(Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Adoration

Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for **Confession** or **Anointing of the Sick**.

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs:

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship, Prayer, & Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.-21 6:00PM Saint Aloysius Gonzaga	† Leroy and † Chris Foerster by Foerster Family † Penny Lynch by Sharry Stipp † Tony Medrano III by Medrano and Silva Family † Marvin Mussman (8 yrs.) by Mussman Family † Ernestina Sanchez by Georgia Uribe Father's Day Novena #5
Sun. 22- 7:30AM Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	† Jerry Cross by Mar Cross † Allen Migura by Migura Family † Freddy Serna by Forbes Family Father's Day Novena #6
11:00AM	† Homero Garcia (8th anniv.) and † Noe Rene Carranza by Carranza Family † Thomas Kuruvila by Kathleen Garza † Guadalupe Vasquez by Anita Bazan Sylvia Almaguer by Family
6:00PM	† Fortino Quintanilla, Sr., por Familia Franco † Estela Resendiz Arreola por Maria Ordoñez Las familias de la parroquia Father's Day Novena #7
Mon.-23 8:00AM	† David Gaza by Ruben and Dolores Gaza Father's Day Novena #8
6:00PM	Altar Society Installation Mass
Tues.-24 8:00AM Solemnity of The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	† Chip Adams (Heavenly birthday) by His Loving Family † Juan Leon Guerrero (Heavenly birthday) by Ellie Mankin and Family Father's Day Novena #9
Thurs.-26 6:00PM SPA 6:30PM	First Responders ADORATION / HOLY HOUR
Fri.- 27 8:00AM Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Veterans and military

Masses for June 28 & 29

Sat.- 28 6:00PM The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed	† Penny Lynch by Sharry Stipp Wedding anniversary of † Marvin and Joann Mussman by Mussman Family
Sun.-29 7:30AM Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	† Leonard, † Tommy, and † Ray Syma by Gertrude Bruns and Family † Dan and † Lillian Migura by Migura Family Healing of Kasen Merrell by Mar Cross
11:00AM	† Fernando and † Daniel Vargas (2nd anniv.) by Janie Beltran † Guadalupe Vasquez by Anita Bazan Healing of Sissy Thomas by Family
6:00PM	† Angelita Quintanilla por Familia Franco Las familias de la parroquia

The altar flowers are in memory of
Marvin Mussman
By Mussman Family

Ministry Schedule for Mass

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June 28— 6:00PM—Lector: Sharon Bartosch
EM: Laura Adams, Sharry Stipp, Anita Bazan, Mary Villarreal

June 29—7:30AM— Lector: Quinton Smithwick
EM: Laura Gwosdz, Margie Svetlik, Maria Miller, Jose Isais

11:00AM-Lector: Dora Paiz
EM: Ernest Henderson, Maria Galvan-Gordon, Rose Polk, Volunteer

6:00PM-Lector— Mariela Ordonez
EM— Paulin Becerril, Joachin Ordonez

PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

Joe Acosta, Art Forbes, Angelica Frees, Cindy Lopez, Lopez Family, Jose Martinez, Antonio Medrano, RJ Pena, Diana Sandoval, Amilia Nicole Smithwick, and Sissy Thomas, and Diana Villarreal

The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:
Grace Hill, Theresa Laurienti, and Laura Perez

Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Preston Holliday,
Christopher Randall Lauer II, Alayah Moore, Audrey Winstead

Army: J. W. Craig, Magdeleena Delaney, Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid, Fernando Ramos III, Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich

Military Care Packages Project ~ We would like to honor and thank the service members on our Military prayer list by sending them care packages.

Please bring any donations for our military care packages to the parish office by June 26 so that we can get the packages to the service members for **July 4**. We are requesting non-chocolate snacks, hygiene articles, and reading material.

Please submit the A.P.O. address for the service members on our prayer list to the parish office as soon as possible.

A Note From Our Pastor

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

On this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we must first remember that Jesus gave us this great Sacrament as His last loving action at the Last Supper – “Do this in remembrance of me.”. Jesus is knowingly entering into His Passion, Cross, and Death, and yet the Apostles and the disciples are mostly unaware of it. Immediately after this Last Supper, Jesus and the Apostles go to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane where He will be arrested and the Passion story begins. Sometimes we need to be reminded of that little, but important, fact that Jesus went directly from the Institution of the Mass into His passion, death, and resurrection. Therefore, in the Holy Mass – The Holy Eucharist – The Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion – we should be more connected to the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross for the remission of our sins, and only minorly recalling the Last Supper. When Jesus says, “Do this in remembrance of me.”, it is the call to focus in on Jesus’ death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. This is the final gift of Jesus to us the Church – forgiveness of our sins and restoring our relationship with God the Father. The totality of the obedience of the life of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, from in His Incarnation, His calling of disciples and Apostles, His preaching, and in all of the miracles recorded in the Gospels, leads to His total humble obedience to the will of the Father to die on the Cross for love of us. In our worthy reception of Holy Communion, we should be more mindful of the words of St. Paul in the readings today - *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. [1 Cor 11:26](#)*

It is our looking back at His Death for the forgiveness of our sins as we look lovingly forward to His return in glory at the end of time. “Until he comes in glory” is the center of the Eucharist Sacrifice of the Mass, looking expectantly forward to his return! Remember one of the many times in your life when a dear family member, or friend, or even a classmate during the summer break, who was constantly in our daily life, went away for an extended period of time. It might have been a vacation or the summer break from school or university or for an extended special work assignment out of town, or most especially for a tour of duty into the military service to our country. We will often be reflecting on the good memories or on special moments of love and friendship or even on the adventures and plans already hoped for in the future, but our main and underlying desire is, “When will he/she return into my life and fill the void created by their time away?”. “Until he comes!” And then there is that joy and exhilaration in our hearts and in our lives when they return! We are made whole again.

As most of us have experienced that remembering of a longing for someone’s return from a vacation away or their absence from our lives, we feel that loss of presence in our lives and the longing for restoration. This longing and remembering is most profoundly felt when the person went away through death, and in faith we await their return into our lives in heaven. The sacrifice of loss, temporary or more extended, is more easily endured when there is the hope and faith in an eventual return. We look at the picture of the two of us on the wall, twist the ring on our hand, pull on the medallion and chain around our neck, or take a few moments to daydream and remember back and look forward at the very same time. For me it is each time I look on the decoration made of my dad’s military command pin and my mother’s wedding ring that is attached to the base of my chalice – looking back upon the life and love they gave me – and looking forward to greeting them again in heaven. Such it is with our human relationships, and so it should be with Jesus Christ. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion is most assuredly our proclamation – “Until He comes!”.

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Patrick

Stewardship of Treasure

Week #50	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
6/15/2025	Envelope Collection	\$ (12,654.25)	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ (13,884.25)	\$ 120,000.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ (8,099.99)	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 805.00	\$ (8,544.99)	\$ 62,500.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ (3,830.84)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,814.95	\$ (3,515.89)	\$ 75,000.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ (24,585.08)	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 3,789.95	\$ (25,945.13)	\$ 257,500.00	\$ 231,554.87

There will be a **SECOND** collection next weekend to support **Peter's Pence**. This collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.



Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: JULY 7 @ 6PM

PARISH MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING: JULY 11 @ 2:30PM

ALTAR SOCIETY

July Processional—Bertha Forbes on July 6 @ 11AM

ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 26-28—Karol Kocurek, Odilia Salinas, Angela De Los Santos, Felicia Pacheco

July 3-5— Paid professional

Officer Installation Mass and Dinner on Monday, June 23, at 6pm.

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA



Corporate Mass—July 20 @ 7:30AM

Rosary @ 7:00AM

Leader: Norma Cornejo

Offertory: Jennifer and Jessica Alejandro

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Gracie Alaniz and Bea Garcia.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335



NEXT MEETING: JULY 1

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building

Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY

MEETS TUESDAYS @ 9AM

Case de Lucy Helping Hands Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.



Works of Mercy



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions:

St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, June 28**, at 9AM

St. John of the Cross on **Tuesday, July 1**, at 9AM

The next bread and pastries distribution

at SJoC will be on **June 25** at 9AM

and at **SFOA on Saturday, July 12**.



Vacation Bible School



Ages kinder thru fifth grade are invited to join us on a Northern excursion filled with fun and faith.

VBS

July 14—18

5:30PM—8:00PM

Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the parish office to learn how you can help!



Altar Servers

New Altar Server Orientation and Training Saturday, June 28, at 9AM.

Any youth of the parish from 3rd to 12th grade wishing to join the Altar Server Ministry in the 2025/2026 school year should attend this orientation with a parent/guardian. To join, children must have received FHC and be a member of a registered SJC family. **Parents are asked to pre-register** for the orientation through the parish office or by contacting María Galván-Gordon (Server Coordinator). This will be the last New Server Orientation for the 2025/26 school year.

Please contact Maria Galvan-Gordon (361-207-0033) or the parish office with any questions.

SJC Altar Server Ministry congratulates our Class of 2025 Servers!

Vincent Gordon and Logan Rodriguez

We would also like to thank all the parishioners who donated to our ministry during this school year! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to continue our scholarship awards for the graduating servers and college servers. Servers are awarded between \$100-\$500 each based on their status and years of service. Our ministry has benefited greatly from your support; we are truly grateful!

Diocesan News

Please join us for the
50th Anniversary

Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD
Bishop Of Corpus Christi



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 27, at 6PM at Most Precious Blood Church.
A reception will follow at ST. Juilana Family Center. RSVP at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/religiousinvite>

Community

SAVE THE DATE

St. John of the Cross BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, June 29 8:00AM—1:00PM

All donors will receive a t-shirt and a blue bell ice cream voucher— while supplies last.

Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Scan the QR code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to book your lifesaving appointment.



St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANAS

BINGO IN JULY FUNDRAISER

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Parish Hall

Doors open at 12:00pm for Food and Drinks

BINGO starts at 1:00pm

\$20.00 for BINGO book for 10 Games (4 to a page)

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12,
17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–
16 or 16:6b–12,
15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8,
17–18
Mt 16:13–19

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.