

# St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

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

**Sunday: 9:15 AM**  
**St. John of the Cross**

**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 ~

**Adoration ~**

**Thurs. (Sp.) - 6:30PM**

**1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM**

### Reconciliation

**Thursday: 5:30 PM**

**Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

**Sunday: 5:30PM**

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

**St. John of the Cross**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., and 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun.-June 22 9:15 AM</b>	† Jerry Cross by Mar Cross † Raymundo Villanueva by Anita Bazan Special intention for Father Jim Craig by Schneider Family People of the Parish
<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>	
<b>Sun.-June 29 9:15 AM</b>	† Jim Bednorz by Steve and Connie Swetlick People of the Parish
<b>Solemnity of Saints</b>	

## PRAYER LIST

*May He bless all who are in need of His strength, especially:*

**Ana Culpepper, Henry Garrett, Kenton Heider, Paula Heider, Gerald Lindsey, Melba Malik, Cheryl Marshall, Kyle Metz, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez, Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver**

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

*Please contact the parish office for any additions or deletions.*



## 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, Madeleena 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



Please pray for our  
**ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!**

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service

1. Go to [www.st-johnog.org](http://www.st-johnog.org)
2. hover mouse on ABOUT tab
3. click on 'Active Military Prayer Request'

## Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	06/08/2025	CURRENT WEEK	06/15/2025
Collection	\$313.00	Collection	\$385.00
Summer Electric Fund	\$178.00	Vacation Bible School	\$145.00

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

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2PM

**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 will occur  
at **SJoC** 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 2025**

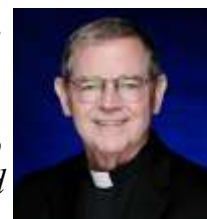
July 14-18 5:30PM-8:00PM

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



## 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



# 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). ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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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**.