# Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts

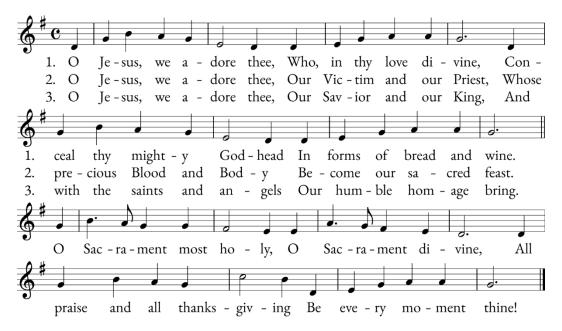


The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 22, 2025

#### The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | Sunday, June 22, 2025

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**



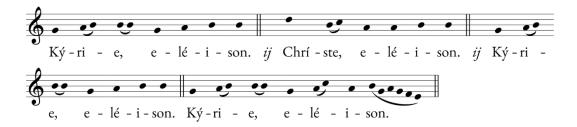
Text: John Rodgers. Melody: FULDA MELODY, 7.6.7.6 with refrain; 19th c. German.

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

#### PENITENITAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast three times) through my

fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.





#### COLLECT

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 8: 22-31

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst of your enemies."

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### SECOND READING 11: 23-26

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.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever..

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he

said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

> The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*(bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the

third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (cantor/schola) ...... cf. Tobit 12: 6

Blessed be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.



#### ORATE FRATRES

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

#### PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts. Heaven and Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(sung) We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

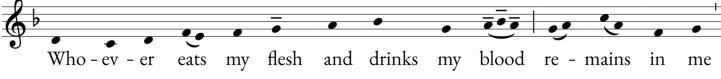
#### LORD'S PRAYER

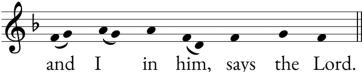
(sung) Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.







Text: Frederick W. Faber. Melody: SWEET SACRAMENT, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) with refrain; 19th c. German.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your

precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

#### **BLESSING**

#### **DISMISSAL**

#### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O

Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 22, 2025



The weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (also known as Corpus Christi), the third Solemnity following Pentecost and the Most Holy Trinity. We're on a string of major feast days, to be followed next week by one more Solemnity – that of Sts. Peter and Paul – pillars of the early Church. This weekend, we focus on the mystery of the Eucharist—the real presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, from consecrated bread and wine. All of our readings for this weekend are chosen by the Church to illuminate different aspects of the Eucharist.

In our Old Testament reading from Genesis, we see Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem, and high priest of God. Salem is traditionally thought to be an early name for Jerusalem. The Hebrew word "Salem" (שֶׁלֶם) means

"peace" or "complete". This links to Jeru-salem (Hebrew: יְרוּשֶׁלָםְ , Yerushalayim), which is widely believed to mean "foundation of peace" or "city of peace". In our passage, Melchizedek offers bread and wine in a blessing—an early Old Testament prefiguration of the Eucharist. We see Melchizedek as a type of Christ: both are eternal priests, and both

## A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck Rossignol

as a type of Christ: both are eternal priests, and both offer bread and wine as signs of divine blessing and covenant. His role links priesthood, sacrifice, and sacred meal.

In our second reading from the New Testament, St. Paul recounts the institution of the Eucharist to the Corinthians: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." This may well be the earliest written account of the Last Supper, where Paul quotes Jesus' words instituting the Eucharist. We see an emphasis on the sacrificial nature of the meal ("proclaim the death of the Lord"), the Real Presence, and the command to continue the rite. This connects the Church's liturgy today with Jesus' command to repeat his action.

Finally, in our gospel passage from Luke, we see Jesus feeding the 5,000. The multiplication of loaves and fish is indeed a miracle of abundance, but also a symbolic foreshadowing of the Eucharist – meant to feed all of mankind. Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives bread—actions repeated in the Last Supper and every Mass. Christ is indeed the one who nourishes his people spiritually and physically!

With this great Solemnity, the roots of the Eucharistic celebration are revealed to us across the Scriptures.



Melchizedek prefigure Jesus – our new Hight Priest. St. Paul explains the meaning and institution of the Eucharist as completed by Jesus. Jesus' feeding the 5,000 symbolizes His feeding all of us by His blessing, breaking and giving of Himself to us – as he did with five loaves and two fish to feed a multitude. With this, I am reminded of Jesus as THE ultimate Good Shepherd – our new High Priest, creating us in His image, protecting us as his sheep, feeding us with his own Body and Blood, and guiding us on our faith journeys through the Holy Spirit. He's thought of everything! Lord – help us deepen our appreciation of your Real Presence in the Eucharist and come to love this Sacrament as the heart of our Church's life and our personal worship!

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. June 21, 9 a.m. Ellen Eileen Mahoney (living)

Sat. June 21, 4 p.m. Leonard Pauplis

Fr. Gary Thomson

Lucilene Pinheiro (living)

Sun. June 22 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. June 22, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Wed. June 25, 9 a.m.

Brian Patrick Mahoney (living)

Thurs. June 26, 9 a.m.

Richard Edwin Anderson (living)

Fri. June 27, 9 a.m. Jeanne Maria Valborge

Sat. June 28, 9 a.m. Usha Adolphus

Sat. June 28 4 p.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Sun. June 29, 8 a.m. Jennifer Pacitto
Sun. June 29, 10 a.m. Private Intention

#### HOLY GHOST PORTUGUESE CELEBRATION

On Sunday, June 29th there will a temporary change in the Mass Schedule: There will be no 9:15 (Portuguese) or 11:30 (Brazilian) Masses. Please note the change of location for the 10 a.m. English Mass.

8 a.m. Upper Church (English) 10 a.m. Lower Church (English)

10:30 a.m. Upper Church (Portuguese) procession to follow.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday Mass: Portuguese** 

9:15 a.m. Chapel

11:30 a.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

Daily Mass: English Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass: Portuguese** 

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

#### **CONFESSION & ADORATION**

Mondays: 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration (Portuguese/Brazilian)

First Fridays, 6 to 7:00 p.m. Adoration Only

Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Confession & Adoration

Confession available after most Masses on

request or by appointment

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For any of our Hudson neighbors in need, the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to help! If you need assistance you can reach out to them at (978) 618-5175 or at svdp.hudsonma@gmail.com.



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#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

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The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback.

Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

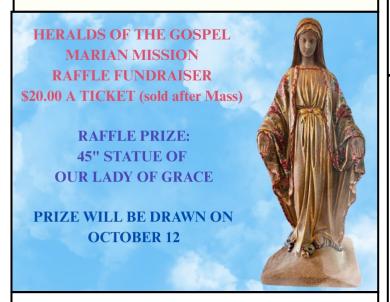
#### FR. BERT WELCOME LUNCH

Sunday, June 22nd 1 p.m.

Join us as we officially welcome Fr. Bertrand Proulx to our parish family. We are planning a light luncheon and invite all parishioners to join us starting at 1 p.m. in the Community Room in the Parish Center, on the ground floor.

### THE LADIES SODALITY OF THE BLESSED MOTHER Tuesday, June 24th 1 p.m.

The Ladies will be meeting this Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. Fr. Tony will be their guest speaker, all are invited!



#### **NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Star Council Award has been presented to Brendan Butler by John Litchfield, District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. He was honored this award for surpassing membership growth goals by 133%! Additionally, Brendan completed his term as Grand Knight, and Kevin Armstrong was elected to succeed him

for the next term. We thank Brendan for all the hard work he has done during his term as Grand Knight, and we congratulate Kevin as he begins his term.



#### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Jun 10 – Jun 16, 2025

| COLLECTION<br>SUMMARY | Offertory | Promoting the<br>Gospel |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| In-Pew                | \$5,649   | \$1,825                 |
| Online Giving         | \$1,158   | \$0                     |
| GRAND TOTAL           | \$6,807   | \$1,825                 |

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#### **Upcoming 2nd Collections**

Jun 22 – No second collection

Jun 29 – No second collection





All are welcome to enjoy a night of great food, music, dancing, and a chance to win great prizes in a raffle!







4 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Hudson Portuguese Club - 13 Port Street, Hudson MA

Admission is free but please buy your raffle tickets soon!