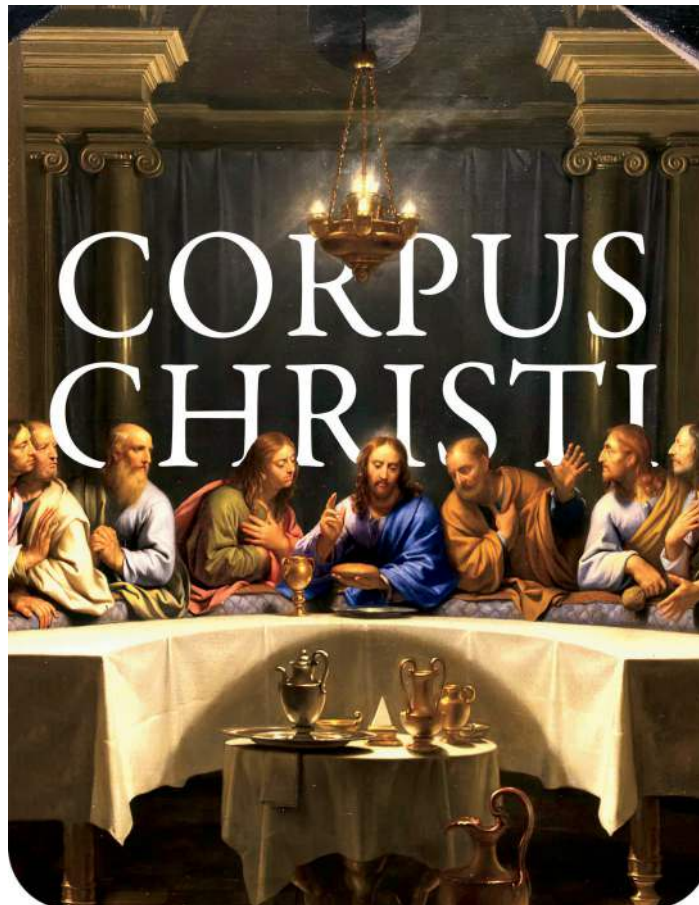


This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites.



Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today’s Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.



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Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Patrick: 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass @ St. Thomas: 5:30 PM
Holy Day Vigil @ St. Thomas: 6:30 PM
Weekday Masses @ St. Thomas: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
CONFESSIONS @ St. Thomas: 30 Minutes before Masses or by Appointment

Sunday Masses @ St. Thomas: 8:30 AM & 11 AM
Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

**"I am the living bread
that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread
will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."**
John 6: 51-58

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Diana Flores by Javier & Gianna Flores
5:30 PM: **Collective Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†JoAnn Dominguez by the Robert Dominguez Family
†Edward Rektorik by Michael Rektorik

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: †Aida Deases by John & Chi Bowman

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Gregoria P Moran (AOB) by Yolanda Peña

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Diane Schonefeld (Birthday) by Byron & Rachel Unterbrink

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Antonio B. Valdez (AOB) by Rosario Gonzalez

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †David Tajchman, Jr. by Susie Tajchman

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

4:00 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**
†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch
5:30 PM: **Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**
†Sylvester Vo by John & Chi Bowman

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026 - Holy Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*
11:00 AM: †Rance Vaughan by Karen Vaughan

Please Pray for ...

All the homebound, all the sick and suffering of our parish, and especially pray for all those who have asked us for prayers.



Cathy Sikes, T. J. Williams, Larry Bryant, Frances Hicks, Eileen Champine, Dalia Gutierrez, Jeanette Respondek, Wallace and Judi Prukop, Fred Nemecek, Harold Prejean, Mary Elva Estrada, Shannon Clubb, Courtney Dodd, John Bowman, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Dee Molina, Marty Douglas, Simon Bucknall, Brady Scarborough, Beckie Ranly, Laura Greenwood, Michael Chapman, Tommy Lopez, Debbie Wood, Dawn Sherek, Bill Wilson, Richard Osburg, Tyler Skidmore, Yolanda Peña, Todd Crawford, and A.C. Basaldua.

Please call/email the parish office to include a person on the 2026 PRAYER LIST.

LECTORS for JUNE 13-14, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Annette Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Terri Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JUNE 13-14, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Fred Ramos, Matt Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Jesse Garcia, Bill Kelly

ALTAR SERVERS for JUNE 13-14, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Grace Landry, Matthew Cortino, Michael Cortino
Sunday, 8:30 AM: Miles Shimek, Joseph Hess, Gabriel & Cyprian Kimmel
Sunday, 11:00 AM: Morgan Boatright, Liam Sanchez, Eliana Garza

USHERS for JUNE 13-14, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman
Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, T. Schumacher
Sunday, 11:00 AM: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, T. Brown, D. Brown

Our deepest condolences to the Rodriguez/
DeLeon Family on the death of
†Mrs. Alicia Rodriguez
Sister of Anna Ramos (Fred) of St. Thomas
Please keep the family in your prayers.
May her soul rest in peace.



Pastor and Parishioners

Our deepest condolences to the Baldeschwiler/
Hoelscher Family on the death of
†Mrs. Marrian Baldeschwiler
Grandmother of Devon Hoelscher (Klint) of St. Thomas
Please keep the family in your prayers.
May her soul rest in peace.



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INFORMATION CORNER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Flowers: Contact the parish office to schedule flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or for a special occasion.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Confession: Religious Education Student will have confessions on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Religious Ed: For registration and questions contact the parish office or the DRE Michele Hoelscher at 361-244-2138.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

Catholic Daughters of America Court #2290: Contact Cynthia Garcia, Regent at 361-537-4470.

Knights of Columbus Council #9318: Contact Tony Arredondo, Grand Knight at Tonyent62@gmail.com or 361-947-8036.

LITURGY OF THE DAY

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (John 6:51-58)

(continued from page 1)

FAMILY CONNECTION

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If there are family photos taken on this occasion, bring them out and share them together. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos that they have of their First Communion. Then read together today’s Gospel, John 6:51–58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the “living bread.” Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today’s Gospel—those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will remain forever connected to him. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

Courtesy of Loyola Press from the Pastor’s desk

THE BIBLICAL EVIDENCE FOR APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

(continued from last week)

In this article, I want to focus on the “laying of hands,” a phrase that has multiple applications in the New Testament and in Catholic theology, including confirmation (Acts 19:6;8:14-17) *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1289), the anointing of the sick (James 5:14-16; CCC 1519; 1507), and the charismatic gift of healing (CCC 1508).

But for our purpose now, the “laying on of hands” also refers to the sacrament of holy orders and apostolic succession:

The Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for his ministry. Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character (CCC 1597).

What does the Bible Say?

In the New Testament, we find “the laying on of hands” refers in the plainest of terms to holy orders. St. Paul lays out some essential criteria for candidates for holy orders, followed by stern warnings concerning the grave responsibility that accompanies this august sacrament: “Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers” (1 Tim. 4:16).

(to be continued)

Courtesy of Tim Staples, Catholic Answers

From the Pastor’s desk

Holy Mass Readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

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