

On Transubstantiation

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Besides the Real Presence which faith accepts and delights in, **there is the doctrine of transubstantiation**, from which we may at least get a glimpse of what happens when the priest consecrates bread and wine, so that they become Christ's body and Christ's blood.

We must be content with only the simplest statement of the meaning of, and distinction between substance and accidents, without which we should make nothing at all of transubstantiation. We shall concentrate upon bread, reminding ourselves once again that what is said applies in principle to wine as well.

We look at the bread the priest uses in the Sacrament. It is white, round, soft. The whiteness is not the bread, it is simply a quality that the bread has; the same is true of the roundness and the softness. There is something there that has these and other properties, qualities, attributes- the philosophers call all of them accidents.

Whiteness and roundness we see; softness brings in the sense of touch. We might smell bread, and the smell of new bread is wonderful, but once again the smell is not the bread, but simply a property. The something which has the whiteness, the softness, the roundness, has the smell; and if we try another sense, the sense of taste, the same something affects our palate.

In other words, whatever the senses perceive, even by use of instruments e.g., microscopes, is always of this same sort, a quality, a property, an attribute; no sense perceives the something which has all these qualities, which is the thing itself. This something is what the philosophers call substance; the rest are accidents which it possesses. ***Our senses perceive accidents; only the mind knows the substance.***

This is true of bread, it is true of every created thing. Left to itself, the mind assumes that the substance is that which, by experience, has been found to have certain accidents. But in these two instances, the bread and wine of the Eucharist, the mind is not left to itself. By the revelation of Jesus Christ, it knows that the substance has been changed, in the one case into the substance of his body, in the other into the substance of his blood.

The senses can no more perceive the new substance resulting from the consecration than they could have perceived the substance there before. We cannot repeat too often that senses can perceive only accidents, and consecration changes only the substance. The accidents remain in their totality-for example, that which was wine and is now Christ's blood still has the smell of wine, the intoxicating power of wine...

The accidents, then, remain; but not, of course, as accidents of Christ's body. It is not his body which has the whiteness and the roundness and the softness. The accidents once held in existence by the substance of bread, and those others once held in existence by the substance of wine, are now held in existence solely by God's will to maintain them.

(ref. Theology for Beginners by Frank J. Sheed, Chapter 18)



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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026, A.D.

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Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass

9 am low Mass

10:30 am high Mass

1 pm low Mass

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

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Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 06-14	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 06-15	St Vitalis & Comp. <i>Martyrs</i>	4/R	
Tues 06-16	Feria	4/G	
Wed 06-17	St Gregory Barbarigo, <i>Bishop</i>	3/W	
Thu 06-18	St Ephraem Syrus, <i>Deacon & Doctor</i>	3/W	Ss Mark & Marcellianus
Fri 06-19	St Juliana Falconieri, <i>Virgin</i>	3/W	St Gervase & Protase
Sat 06-20	St Silverius, <i>Pope & Martyr</i>	3/R	
Sun 06-21	4th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 06-14	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh)		
	(9 am) Deceased Friends & Skippy Schwartz	rb L Riney	
	(10:30 am) Charles Roby +	rb L Riney	
	(1 pm) Connie Giuffre	rb W Giuffre	
Mon 06-15	(6:30 am) Ian Fincher (frh)	rb Christina	
	(9 am) William A Moroney +	rb B Moroney	
Tues 06-16	(6:30 am) Luis Sanchez L	(not at SFdS) rb J Sanchez	
	(12 pm) Aloysious Saldanha	rb A-M Fernandez	
Wed 06-17	(6:30 am)	(no Mass)	
	(9 am) Rolando y Paulina	rb J Sanchez	
Thu 06-18	(6:30 am) Neely Wilson Shah	(not at SFdS) rb Mr D & Dr S Blazek	
	(12 pm) Maria Cantero	rb M Cantero	
Fri 06-19	(6:30 am) Donatilde Zanca +	(not at SFdS) rb N Cardenas	
	(7 pm) Susan McBride	rb L Riney	
Sat 06-20	(7 am) Megan Sterett	rb L Riney	
	(9 am) CCM	rb CCM	
Sun 06-21	(7 am) Souls in Purgatory	(not at SFdS) rb R Camerena	
	(9 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frf)		
	(10:30 am) Fr Austin's intention (fra)		
	(1 pm) All SFdS Dads & Frs Hathaway, Favole & Austin	rb Anon.	

Today, after the 10:30 am Mass, you are invited to celebrate the ordination anniversary of our priests, Frs Hathaway (25 yrs), Favole (9 yrs) & Austin (17 yrs) as well as that of Deacon Anderson (40 yrs.) Light refreshments will be served in the social hall.

This week, Monday, Fr Hathaway departs after the 6:30 am Mass (he takes with him the Mass intentions as noted above and returns, God willing, July 2); Saturday, Confraternity of Christian Mothers (10:30 am) & the Novena to Ss Peter and Paul begins (ends June 28) - handouts at back of church.

Last week's collection: cash \$4,536.00; online \$7,428.00; total: \$11,964.00.

Attendance: 7 am-70; 9 am-206; 10:30 am-301; 1 pm-140; 717 total souls.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual St John the Baptist Bonfire and Cookout on Saturday, 27 June, beginning at 7 pm. All men of the parish are invited for fun, fellowship & food. Damaged sacramentals and holy items will be burned at this bonfire - you may leave these in the box in the parish hall.

Please invite your friends to a book and homeschool materials sale from 8 am to 12 noon on Sunday, June 28th in the Social Hall. Sellers will manage their own table. Interested sellers and direct participants please contact Mrs. Melody Fermanich to RSVP and to receive an insurance form which must be signed and returned to the office or Mrs. Fermanich mfermanich@outlook.com.

Know your Parish Finance Council members for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. (This council, required by Canon Law, advises the Pastor on financial matters relating to the parish.) Michael Shryock (president), Jeff Binggeli (Treasure), Adam Tate, Lance Orchid, Ines Lavelle, & Justin Yost.

Know your Parish Council members. (This council, not required by Canon Law, may be formed by a pastor to help him identify & service needs of the parish.) Jeff Graebner (President), Mick Brons, Scott Calta, Nathan Summer, Lisa Hagerty, Christian Villarreal & Yoly Insinga.

ACT OF FAITH

O MY GOD, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I believe that Thy Divine Son became Man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF HOPE

O MY GOD, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and Life Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

ACT OF CHARITY

O MY GOD, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me & ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

Our sweet Savior is pleased that we should speak to Him of the trouble that He sends us, and that we should complain, provided it be lovingly and humbly, and to Himself – just as little children do when their mother has punished them.