

Dear Padre,

What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ. The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ’s threefold mission: the prophetic mission of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ. The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. “The Eucharist’s particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass,” wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*, 41. Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty. Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: *Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community?* If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Barnabas, Apostle	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Weekday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1–6 Mt 5:1–12	1 Kgs 17:7–16 Mt 5:13–16	1 Kgs 18:20–39 Mt 5:17–19	Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:20–26	Dt 7:6–11 1 Jn 4:7–16 Mt 11:25–30	1 Kgs 19:19–21 Mt 5:33–37	Ex 19:2–6a Rom 5:6–11 Mt 9:36–10:8



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets.... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 22, 2025

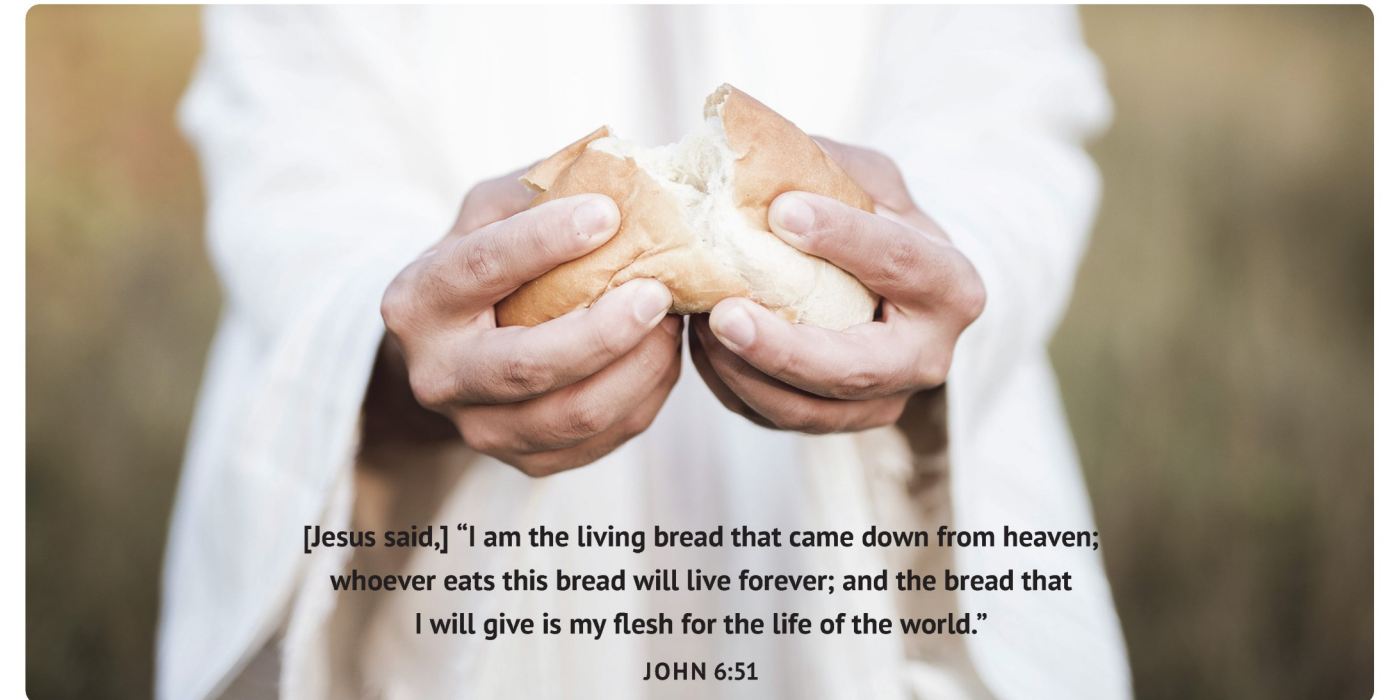
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 7, 2026

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

Deuteronomy 8: 2–3, 14b–16a / 1 Corinthians 10:16–17 / John 6:51–58



[Jesus said,] “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

All You Can Eat

MIGUEL DULICK

The “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and-rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16–17) The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What does my “Amen” mean when I receive the Eucharist?



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Parish Announcements

Fr. Rusty's Vacation

Fr. Rusty will be out of town on summer vacation beginning Sunday, June 7, after Mass, and will return for weekend Masses on June 27 and 28. Fr. McGing will celebrate the weekend Masses for June 13-14 and June 20-21. There will be no daily Mass during this time, but the church office will remain open.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23-25 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for children in Pre-K through 5th grade at St. Michael. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Mimi Mitchell at mimi.mitchell@vicksburgcatholic.org.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held Sunday, June 14, at 8:00 AM in Farrell Hall. All men of the Parish are invited.

St. Paul Celebration

There will be a luncheon in honor of our patron, St. Paul, on Sunday, June 28, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Be sure to sign up to bring a dish by visiting <https://mealtrain.com/8llo4> or scan the QR Code:



Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the Ambo in memory or in honor of a loved one, the following weekends are available: October 10-11 and October 17-18. To schedule, contact Cynthia Montalbono

Children's Church

Children's Church will break for the summer and resume on Sunday, August 9.

Offertory Summary

Weekly Budget.....\$7,700

Online Giving

May 25- May 31 \$1,705

Weekend Offertory

May 30 & 31.....\$4,885

June 6 & 7..... \$,___

June 13 & 14.....\$,___

June 20 & 21.....\$,___

June 27 & 28.....\$,___

Special Collections

June 28: Peter's Pence.....\$,___



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www.ms-kofc.com/898

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JUN 9 Rosary @ 6:30 PM followed by Recruitment & Retention Social

JUN 10 K of C Bible study after 5:30 PM Mass @ St. Michael

JUN 11 Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting @ 6 PM. All Catholic Woman invited

Weekend Mass Schedule†

Saturday

#Confession 2:30-3:30 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

#Confession 9:30-10:00 AM

Mass 10:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule†

Monday 7:00 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Thursday 12:00 PM

Friday 7:00 AM

† All schedule updates can be found in the Parish Calendar section of the bulletin.

‡ For Confessions during the week, please call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

JUN 8, MON No Daily Mass

JUN 9, TUES No Daily Mass

JUN 10, WED No Daily Mass

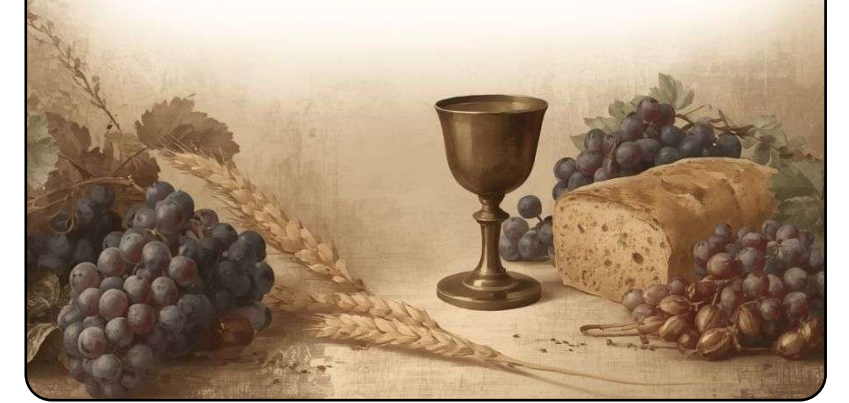
JUN 11, THUR No Daily Mass

JUN 12, FRI No Daily Mass

JUN 13, SAT Max E. Polk, Deceased

To request a Mass Intention for a Daily Mass or the Saturday Vigil Mass, please call, email, or visit the parish office. *Sunday Mass is offered for all St. Paul's parishioners.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven"



Today's Readings

Visit bible.usccb.org or scan this QR code to find the readings



Check out our Social Media!



St. Paul Catholic Church

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The flowers placed at the Ambo are in memory of Carol Jean Fuller

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or in urgent need of anointing, please call the church office Emergency Ext. 106

Parish Calendar

JUNE 6, SAT	Meals on Wheels
JUNE 8, MON	Offertory Counters: Pam Melsheimer & Marie Renaud
JUNE 14, SUN	Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM
JUNE 21, SUN	Community Food Pantry collection
JUNE 23, TUES	Vacation Bible School 9 AM-12 PM
JUNE 24, WED	Lunch & Scripture 12 PM

St. Paul Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Rusty Vincent	Office Manager Ashley Roesch	Office Assistant Janis Koestler
Bookkeeper Beverly Connelly	Maintenance Charles Hahn	Organist Karen Harrison

Leadership & Ministries

Parish Council President Travis Thornell	Finance Council Chair Bill Fulcher	
Bereavement Story Ebersole	RCIA Connie and David Hosemann, and Bruce Ebersole	Meals On Wheels Jan Jackson, Christy Guizerix, and Rae Perry
Altar Flowers Cynthia Montalbono	Homebound Janis Koestler	Children's Church Ashley Lawrence
Baptism Prep Barbara Hill	Confirmation Jordan Amborn	