

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JUNE 19, 2022

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever." – John 6:51*

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM

- After 8:00 AM Mass - Weekdays

- Any time by appointment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,
Dear Friends of our Parish,

Welcome to our celebrations of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This special feast day, also known as the celebration of "Corpus Christi", highlights one of the most fundamental beliefs of our Catholic Faith, the "Real Presence" of the Lord in the Eucharist. His presence is not merely a symbol or a historic remembrance, but the true presence of our Savior in our midst. Today, once again, we hear in our Scripture readings the words which profoundly define not only our Catholic Faith and the mission of the Church, but they also continue to "mold us" into more authentic and faith-filled disciples of Christ.

The Catholic Church professes that in the celebration of the Eucharist ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we gather today, Jesus will once again reassure us that "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. . . . For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" (cf. Jn 6:51-55). The whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist and this is what we humbly profess with one of the most profound declarations of our religious lives: with our word "Amen", continually repeated after our daily prayers, after our proclamation of the Creed and before we receive the Eucharist.

The Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church called "Lumen Gentium - Light of the Nations" defined the Eucharistic sacrifice as "the source and summit of the Christian life." As we take part in the great liturgical celebrations of this special weekend, or as we spend some time in our church during the coming days and weeks, let's look up, above our altar and tabernacle, and let's read some of the Scripture quotes that surround from above our sanctuary. They remain there as an eternal message and a reminder left for us by our brothers and sisters who dreamed big, sacrificed, and built our beautiful spiritual home. They remind us about that life-giving fact that our Lord, truly present in the Eucharist, is "our Living Bread." He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist, "for the life of the world," so that as we receive Him we shall "live forever." May He continue to nourish us and strengthen us in our daily lives, in our families and in our parish family of Saint John the Baptist.

-Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

5:00 PM Christopher Huvane

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 AM Father's Day Remembrances

10:00 AM Father's Day Remembrances

12:00 PM Father's Day Remembrances

MONDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 AM Thomas Rooney

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

8:00 AM Christopher Huvane

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 AM Mary Hallingse

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 AM Larry Campbell

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 AM Edna & William Hoefling

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 AM Patricia Lambert

5:00 PM Richie Haufe

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 AM Leanne Flanagan

10:00 AM Angel Arenas Figueroa

12:00 PM Christopher Huvane

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

PATRICIA LAMBERT

AT THE REQUEST OF
THE ROSARY SOCIETY

THE BREAD & WINE IS DONATED
IN MEMORY OF

**JOSEPH & JOSEPHINE
SOUKUP**

AT THE REQUEST OF
PAULINE MAVRIDIS

SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

John Angermeyer, Dimas Acevedo, Patricia Bacigalupo, Bernard McGlone, Phoenix Dickerson, Daisy Ramirez, Kenneth Jackson, Doris Paseler, Ann Marie Remoll, Tyson Thompson, Robert Culhane, Pamela Growney, Deborah Dalle Molle, Diane Eyeran, Sr. Marie Gagliano, Eugene Fagnano, Fr. John Murray, Jim Lyons, Kim Jones-Gervais, Joseph Choo, Marie Cartwright, Brian Ruso, Teena & Ronald Grant

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

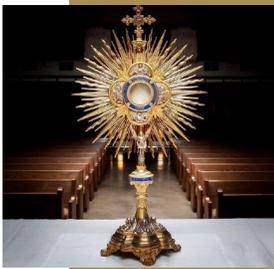
Bill O'Donnell, Manuel Moreno, Lorraine Socha, Bill Weithman, Jane Conway, Mark Vincent Payne

SUMMER CCD UPDATE

St. John's Religious Education begins the new catechetical school year with the Summer CCD Program during the week of June 27 through July 1. All classes will be in the Parish Center. For safety reasons the Parish Center doors will be locked. Anyone wishing to speak with a staff member or if you have an appointment, please ring the bell on the outside door for assistance.

The Parish Center doors will continue to be locked during the Summer months. Please ring the doorbell for assistance. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR MASS DAILY AT 8:00 AM IN THE CHURCH!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS 3-6PM

Benediction & Community
Prayer just before 6pm.

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM - 7PM

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

(Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you.

From the evil enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

and bid me come to thee,
that with your saints I may praise thee
for age upon age.

Amen.



THE EUCCHARISTIC
SACRIFICE IS THE
SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfillment of the promise: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life". For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to us. Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love. [...]

Did the Apostles who took part in the Last Supper understand the meaning of the words spoken by Christ? Perhaps not. Those words would only be fully clear at the end of the Holy Triduum, the time from Thursday evening to Sunday morning. Those days embrace the paschal and Eucharistic mystery. The Church was born of the paschal mystery. For this very reason the Eucharist, which is in an outstanding way the sacrament of the paschal mystery, *stands at the centre of the Church's life*.

"*Mysterium fidei!* - The Mystery of Faith!". When the priest recites or chants these words, all present acclaim: "We announce your death, O Lord, and we proclaim your resurrection, until you come in glory". In these or similar words the Church, while pointing to Christ in the mystery of his passion, *also reveals her own mystery: The Church draws her life from the Eucharist*. By the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was born and set out upon the pathways of the world, yet a decisive moment in her taking shape was certainly the institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room. Her foundation and wellspring is the whole Paschal Triduum, but this is as it was gathered up, foreshadowed and "concentrated" forever in the gift of the Eucharist. In this gift Jesus Christ entrusted to his Church the perennial making present of the paschal mystery. The thought of this leads us to profound amazement and gratitude. In the paschal event and the Eucharist which makes it present throughout the centuries, there is a truly enormous "capacity" which embraces all of history as the recipient of the grace of the redemption. This amazement should always fill the Church assembled for the celebration of the Eucharist. [...]

Pope JOHN PAUL II - Encyclical Letter *ECCLESIA DE EUCCHARISTIA*; *On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church - Introduction*, April 17, 2003

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

| | | 2021 | BUDGET |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Envelope & In Pew Giving: | \$7,381 | \$7,055 | \$10,627 |
| Online Giving via Faith Direct: | \$5,145 | \$4,715 | \$3,370 |
| TOTAL | \$12,526 | \$11,770 | \$13,997 |

Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church in these difficult times. Thank you and God bless you!

ST. JOHN'S ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will take place in the Parish Center on

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 at 1:00pm

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022}

Our **SINCERE THANKS** to all who have supported the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal campaign. Saint John the Baptist Parish Community has a BIG and CARING HEART, and never forgets those who are much less fortunate than we are. In addition, the current amount of donors, as well as the amount by which we have exceeded our goal, places us among the best parishes in the Archdiocese.

So far we have received \$78,943 in pledges and donations that will help those in need through the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We thank the 221 parishioners who have already pledged. We humbly ask those of our parishioners who can still assist us in this significant charitable effort

Please **visit www.rcan.org/sharing** and make a pledge online. May God bless you always!

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

As some families in our area are experiencing economic difficulties, there is a need to replenish the shelves at the food pantry. Can you help? The following items are always needed:

Cake & brownie mixes, boxed potatoes, egg noodles, canned fruit & vegetables, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, white and brown rice, pancake mix, maple syrup, flour, sugar, oil, coffee, Parmalat milk, canned meat & fish, meat sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, crackers, shampoo, paper towels, conditioner, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper, all types of cleaning products, detergent for laundry. In addition, supermarket gift cards are always appreciated.

Donations may be brought directly to the Pantry which is located at the corner of Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenues - at the South entrance of Hillsdale United Methodist Church.

www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- MATTHEW 25:40 -

As some of our dear elderly parishioners age, or face problems with their mobility, they at times need help with shopping for food or simple life necessities. This occasional service would not involve any financial contributions to the purchased items. It would simply be an act of concern and kindness in shopping for an elderly person who can't get to a store anymore, while you shop for your own or your family's food and needs. If you can help, **please call or text Deacon Jack at 551-795-6470 or email deaconjacksjb@verizon.net**. Thank you and God bless you!

"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured.

Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing.."

— Saint Therese of Lisieux
(1873-1897 A.D.)