

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ). If we give ourselves pause to reflect on what we celebrate, we may see how others, unfamiliar with this celebration, think it a strange thing to commemorate. We are really celebrating the Body and Blood of someone. And in this celebration we consume the Body and Blood of Christ for our salvation. Does this sound strange to anyone? Doesn't it *sound* pagan-ish and cannibalistic? Could anyone of us explain it properly to those who are unfamiliar to it so they won't fall into error? Of course, we can. However, the acceptance of what is revealed through us is solely up to them.

If we say that the celebration is grounded in the crucifixion and death of Christ we would be correct. He sacrificed Body and Blood to save us all for He is the lamb that was slain. But it is more than this and goes beyond the moment of His sanctifying and salvific crucifixion. What we celebrate is also bound within the redeeming work of His resurrection. What we celebrate is His Body and Blood resurrected and not dead. Thus we avoid the error of paganism and cannibalism. The Body and Blood of Christ are not for the placation of the Father (paganism) nor does what we consume in this feast, His Flesh and Blood, remain natural like ours presently do (cannibalism). In other words, His Body and Blood are regenerated into the fullness of what it should be; without its natural mortal limits. Christ is no longer mortal as we are in the present.

What we celebrate is the Body and Blood of Jesus (the humanity of Jesus) being glorified by the Father. What this entails is Jesus laying down His humanity to death (not just in the crucifixion, but even after it, in the tomb) so His humanity may fully receive the Father's eternal love (the Holy Spirit) for the Divine Son, within the life of the Trinity. In other words, in His death His humanity is gathered up by the Holy Spirit to join into His eternal generation or Sonship with the Father. Hence, His words, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory (the glory is His divine origin as the Son of God) to your son (His humanity)...Now glorify me, Father, with you, *with the glory that I had with you before the world began.*" (Jn. 17:1;5). Jesus' Body and Blood are caught up, included in, brought into union with the Father's eternal generation of the Divine Son in the Spirit. Therefore, the humanity of Jesus is interior to the Trinity and not a spectator in the Triune life of God. Since our Lord Jesus took on human flesh, we too are caught up in the same way. We are also brought into that eternal generation of the Father to the Son. We do not become spectators of God's life; we are drawn in and made full participants through our adoption by the mystery of the Incarnation and the receiving of the Holy Spirit (Easter, Pentecost, and through our Baptism). It is like our mortal humanity is being caught up in a much larger and *eternal* life-giving stream.

What we celebrate is not only of His death, but His Passover from our life, through death, to communion with God. We too are destined for the same and this is truly good news. To always remember this is to feel and participate in our liturgies through out the year with joy and expectant hope. We would enter it less and less with joy robbing guilt. We would let what is happening within the Mass **change** us without focusing too hard on our sinfulness and always believing that the Mass is a place to pay for our sinful debts.

God's and your beast of burden  
Fr. john



<b>Saturday, June 13, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	Paul & Teresa Koehler Happy Wedding Anniversary
4:30 PM	+Lupita Fernandez by Yvonne Del Rio
<b>Sunday, June 14, 2009</b>	
<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>	
8:30 AM	+Annita Coburn by Jim Coburn
11:00AM	+Blanche Soucek by Women's Council
6:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors
<b>Monday, June 15, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	+Ellen Ericksen by Monty & Molly Raben
<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	+Gordon R. Griffin by Robert & Thelma Griffin
<b>Wednesday, June 17, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	+Robert Marion Black by Ann, Jimmy & Larry Pasedemy
<b>Thursday, June 18, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	+Meda Dahn by Sam & Pat Adams
<b>Friday, June 19, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	+Meda Dahn by Anna Long & Mary Ciesielski
<b>Next Saturday, June 20, 2009</b>	
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Paulita Barrera
4:30 PM	+Brandon Angel Castillo by Josie & Ramon Castillo
<b>Next Sunday, June 21, 2009</b>	
<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:30 AM	+Pedro Amador by The Amador & Rivera Family
11:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
6:00 PM	Parishioners & Benefactors

<b>Readings for the Week of June 14, 2009</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> Ex 24:3-8; Ps 92; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
<b>Monday</b>	2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98; Mt 5:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34; Lk 2:41-51
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...**



Paul Koehler, Elizabeth Eicher, Chris Perez, Marlin McMorrow, Beatrice Ferrell, Joseph A. Eicher, Agnes Parker, Bernie Broyles, Edward Nemecek, Elodina M. Flores, Sgt. William McAbee, Erica Bush, Oscar Soliz, Gus Blomquist, Jimmy Alvarez, Jesse Buentello, Florence Fuertez, John Kelly, Sharon Reeves, Phyllis Stubbs, Susan Bletz, Nicole Roberts, Cameron Marshall, Elena Marshall, Patty Cash, Felicita Moreno, Alyssa Smith, Eddie Rivera, John Cariaga, Epifanio Zuñiga.

