
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

JUNE 2, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Exodus 24:3-8 (Corpus Christi)

Second: Hebrews 9:11-15 - SOLEMNITY

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

FOCUS: Jesus' sacrifice seals our covenant with God forever.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we give thanks in a particular way for Christ's perfect offering of himself as the eternal sacrifice. In ancient times, sacrifices of animals, material goods or even humans were offered to divine entities. These were ritual ceremonies forced upon the people as an act of worship or placation. Jesus, in revealing to all the one true God, offers his own body and blood for our salvation. This perfect sacrifice has united us to the Father once more and is the source and summit of our life in Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Moses and the people offer sacrifices to God. The author of the second reading emphasizes that Christ sacrificed his own blood, an offering far greater than an animal. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover. While they were eating, Jesus blessed bread and wine and gave it to his disciples, saying, this is my body, and this is my blood of the covenant.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Thelwell Family, Nancy Wood and Patricia Barcomb

10 a.m.: Nancy Wood, Raymond Thurston and Gene Bové

CHURCH CLOSED 2ND WEEK OF JUNE

The church property – including the office – will be closed from **Monday, June 10, through the morning of Saturday, June 15**, so that the parking lot can be seal-coated, given ample time to dry and then re-striped. The phone will be monitored for emergencies.

As you know, although necessary, this is not an inexpensive undertaking, so we want to ensure more-than-ample time for all the materials to fully cure before vehicular traffic is permitted.

Fingers crossed the weather cooperates – although a rain day is built into this schedule!

CORPUS CHRISTI CONNECTION

Last week, on May 23 – just days prior to the 700th Anniversary of the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo Acutis, paving the way toward his becoming the first “millennial saint.”

Carlo, born in 1991, was an Italian teen who loved soccer, Nutella, volunteering and computers. Because of his passion for technology, coupled with his deep Catholic faith, he spent four years creating a website that cataloged the worldwide locations of Church-recognized Eucharistic miracles. He called the Eucharist the “Highway to Heaven.”



Carlo completed this compilation of photographs and historical descriptions in 2005 – a year before his death from leukemia.

A Eucharistic miracle is one wherein the Eucharist takes on the biological qualities of human flesh or blood or both. (Interestingly, some research indicates that the blood type connected to Eucharistic miracles has been AB – and the blood on the Shroud of Turin tested AB negative). Carlo recorded 187 such miracles – including the one from 1263 that led Pope Urban IV to officially institute in August of 1264 the annual celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

One year earlier, in 1263 during a pilgrimage to Rome, a German priest, who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated host, celebrated Mass in the church above the tomb of St. Christina in Bolsena.

It is said that he had barely spoken the words of consecration when blood started to seep from the host over his hands, onto the altar and the corporal (a linen cloth on the altar used to catch any crumbs from the host). The priest asked to be taken to Pope Urban., who resided in the neighboring town of Orvieto. The pope dispatched emissaries to investigate.

This relic (the Corporal of Bolsena) was brought to and is preserved in the Orvieto Cathedral. Every year on the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christi, which is considered a major public holiday in Orvieto, there is a procession through the city with the relic.



50 YEARS TOGETHER!

At last Sunday's Mass, Jim and RoseMary Lancellotti, surrounded by family, were honored for reaching the impressive milestone of their Golden Anniversary.

Spending 18,250 days with the same person is not without its challenges. But to paraphrase Fr. Sean, when God is at the heart of a union, the couple is strengthened, and after 50 years, there is an inextinguishable internal glow. A beaming RoseMary also pointed to their children and grandchildren as the priceless blessings in their lives.

Along with reciting a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving for their years together, Fr. Sean also blessed their rings once again – a symbol of their enduring love and commitment to one another.



*"We become
what we love
and who we love
shapes
what we become."
– St. Clare of Assisi*

LISTENING SESSION GROUND RULES

1. Keep confidential anything that was shared in the group.
 2. Show respect for one another at all times (no criticism or judgment).
 3. Be courteous; only one person may talk at a time. No cross talk.
 4. No one is required to talk, but participation is encouraged.
 5. Be brief in responses and allow ample time for everyone to share.
 6. The purpose of the Listening Session is not to debate, but to listen. Be positive and constructive.
- For planning purposes, please fill in one of the green sheets in your pew, tear off the bottom and place it in the collection basket THIS WEEKEND, or give it to one of the deacons, Fr. Sean, or call the office.
- The session, which begins at **11 a.m. next Sunday, June 9**, will last about an hour and a half.
- The Listening Session questions to contemplate were sent out in a Flocknote and can also be found in last week's bulletin, which is on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

May 19-26: \$ 5,405.51

Envelopes: \$ 2,643.00 – Online: \$ 2,762.51

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 136

10 a.m. – 167

CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$47,145** has been received/pledged as of May 28 from 117 families;

\$3,455 to go!

If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which can also be made online at www.cardinalsappeal.org.



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