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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST,
JUNE 2, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, June 8 - 4:30 p.m. - St, Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, June 8 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Sonny Surette*

Sunday, June 9 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Donald & Marie Bouchie*

Sunday, June 9 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Deanna "Dee" Leeder*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

COMMUNION CALLS - If you know of anyone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

PRIESTS ANNUAL RETREAT: This is to inform all the parishioners that I will be away throughout the week for the Priests Annual Retreat. Please put us in your prayers as we also continue to pray for all of you.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *The Holy Eucharist*

Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) reminds us of the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: "The greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on Earth.... 'My Body... My Blood'". We celebrate today Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life. The gospel testifies that by instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus made himself available to us till the end of time. Thus, our celebration of the Eucharist poses before us the following challenges: a) We should appreciate and value the gift of the Eucharist which we are privileged to share in the life of Christ. b) We need to approach this sacrament with adequate preparation and receive the Holy Communion with genuine love and devotion. c) The reception of Holy Communion should enable us to become Christ-bearers with the duty of giving him to others at home, in the workplace and to whoever we come in contact with.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (28)	615.00
Loose	5.00
St. Agnes (18)	275.00
Loose	10.00
Cemetery (3)	150.00
St. Joseph (15)	162.00
Bldg Fund	1,000.00
Cemetery	200.00
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	170.00
Loose	6.00
Cemetery (1)	50.00
Letter Campaign for Cemetery	3,955.00

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, June 4 at **4:00 p.m.** Please note change of time. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, June 9

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaners - June 9 - 14 - Eileen & Theresa

Ways & Means - Tickets on a camping package are available from committee members, Draw date July 9. If you would like to donate a camping item/gift card, it will be most appreciated.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Groundskeeper - we are seeking a responsible person to take care of the parish cemetery. **Please contact the parish office.**

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

NOTES

Join the World in Prayer For Our Priests: The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will take place on June 7, 2024. On this day, countries around the world will pray and offer their Holy Rosary in Thanksgiving to God for Priests and to implore the protection and loving care of our Lady, mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. At midnight on June 7, the Rosary Relay will begin with groups praying the Holy Rosary in one part of the world, and will continue to be passed on to other countries until the entire world is encircled in prayer over a 24 hour period. For more information including promotional information, please visit: www.worldpriest.com

Providing Hope for End of Life Care - The international interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care took place May 21-23 in Toronto. Meanwhile, Nova Scotia's medical regulator has drafted a policy that could force physicians to refer patients for euthanasia. "I would point out that authentic palliative care is radically different from euthanasia, which is never a source of hope or genuine concern for the sick and dying. Instead, it is a failure of love, a reflection of a "throwaway

culture” in which “persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected” (Fratelli Tutti, 18). Indeed, euthanasia is often presented falsely as a form of compassion. Yet “compassion”, a word that means “suffering with”, does not involve the intentional ending of a life, but rather the willingness to share the burdens of those facing the end stages of our earthly pilgrimage. Palliative care, then, is a genuine form of compassion, for it responds to suffering, whether physical, emotional, psychological or spiritual, by affirming the fundamental and inviolable dignity of every person, especially the dying, and helping them to accept the inevitable moment of passage from this life to eternal life.” – Pope Francis to the Symposium. The time for awareness and action is now. <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope-for-end-of-life/>

June 2, 2024 • Body and Blood of Christ • Year B

Blood and Sacrifice

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Exodus 24:3-8 - Ratification of the covenant
- ▶ Hebrews 9:11-15 - The sacrifice of Jesus
- ▶ Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 - Passover preparation

The church celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ today with three readings about blood, sacrifices, and covenants. The first reading re-tells the story of Moses using the blood of young bulls to symbolically seal the covenant between the Israelites and God after God gave them the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. The Letter to the Hebrews declares that Jesus' sacrifice is more effective than the blood of goats and bulls in sanctifying us. Finally, Jesus' words at the Last Supper reveal a new understanding—that Jesus will take the place of animals in Jewish worship by offering himself up to death for us.

Jesus' Last Supper was a Passover supper. It took place on the day that Jews traditionally sacrificed and ate a lamb in remembrance of the night when God “passed over” the houses of the Israelites.

On that night in Egypt, following Moses' instructions, each Israelite family sacrificed a lamb and used its blood to mark their door posts. That same night, the firstborn of all the Egyptians were killed, but death passed over the Israelites, and they followed Moses to freedom through the parted waters of the Red Sea. The Passover supper included a ritual of breaking and sharing unleavened bread (which is why the bread we use for Communion is unleavened) and sharing wine together.

When Jesus and the disciples shared their Passover meal they were following all of the Jewish traditions. What made that particular Passover meal differ-

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“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?”

Sheepish Question:
How do I treat Christ's life as real food?

ent was that Jesus declared that the bread they were eating was his body and the wine they drank was his blood, the “blood of the covenant.” From then on, the Passover supper became a remembrance both of how God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and how Jesus saves us by showing us how to live and die.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever been to a Passover or Seder meal? What was your experience of it? What did you learn about our Jewish history?
- 2 What does the Eucharist mean to you? How does it feed you spiritually?

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