

**JUNE 19, 2022**  
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**Corpus Christi**

Genesis 14: 18-20  
Psalm 110  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9: 11b-17

Celebrate and Share the Goodness of God

The Eucharist points to and participates in the Kingdom of God. God's Kingdom is one of Justice and Peace where all people are responsible for one another. Christianity is not about a merely personal relationship with God, "a me and Jesus thing". It is a communal relationship (Evangelii Gaudium) We are the Body of Christ, corpus Christi. The scriptures lead us to this understanding.

In the first reading we meet the priest Melchizedek. He is mentioned only twice in the Bible. He is mentioned in Genesis 14 and Psalm 110. We read these passages today. The name Melchizedek means "King of Justice" or "King of Righteousness." He also is "King of Salem" which also means he is King of Peace. What is more, a meal is always used by humanity to connote God's goodness and His care for humankind.

The Responsorial Psalm, 110, asserts the king must be a ruler of justice and peace. The messianic king will bring justice and peace as a part of God's coming kingdom. This psalm is used in the New Testament writings with reference to Christ. He is the Messiah who will put away all evil and bring Peace.

Take note of the second reading from First Corinthians. Paul uses the words we hear in our liturgical prayers today. It brings to light we the Church celebrated the Eucharist from the very beginning. It is understood to be His Body and Blood and we continue to do this, just as He commanded.

The Pauline passage says, "[T]he Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" This passage is the earliest account of Jesus' action with bread and wine. It is an action that points to God's reign of justice and peace.

Today's Gospel passage continues to teach the theme of Justice and Peace. A papal document titled, Evangelii Gaudium tells us the following regarding the Gospel overall. That is, the entire message and mission of the Lord is the cause of Justice that brings about the wholeness of every person.

The specific Gospel passage of today is about the Kingdom of God. It is not a call to small personal gestures

toward individuals in need. It is not a matter of doing little acts that are aimed at easing one's conscience. The Kingdom envisioned in the Gospel is not aimed at merely a personal relationship with God. It is a communal relationship that is emphasized. The hunger mentioned is not that of an individual but of a crowd. Therefore, it is the hunger of the world that is before us. The evil is that which undercuts justice and peace.

Now, brothers and sisters, it is the responsibility of all of us to end the evils that cause poverty and hunger. No one is to be abandoned to sickness, or physical or mental challenge. No one is to be left to ignorance due to a lack of education. We are to understand this is the command of the Lord who delights in every human being. To ensure the dignity of every person by ensuring such human rights is the way we celebrate the goodness of God. It is all of us being the Body and Blood of Christ for every other person on Earth.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1Kgs19:16b,19-21; Gal5:1,13-18; Lk9:51-62  
**Scripture Sharing is on Thursdays at 7:00pm.**

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**Time, Talent, Tithing**  
**It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.**

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Tithes Collected:</b>	<b>\$4,925.00</b>
<b>Online Giving:</b>	<b>\$417.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,342.00</b>
<b>Per Capita:</b>	<b>\$19.93</b>

**Thank You!**

**Next week's second collection is Holy Father's Appeal (Peter's Pence).**

**COMMUNITY/SPIRITUALITY**

**Receiving Holy Communion**

We refer to the reception of the Holy Eucharist as our Communion or receiving Communion because this action means just that. To receive Communion means we are *in* communion with each of the others who are doing the same as we are today. Our walking up to the front of the sanctuary and saying "Amen" when the Body and Blood are presented to us signifies that we are one with each other. We are truly initiated into the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church we call the Roman Catholic Church. United as such we are in "communion".

While we are saddened by the separation that exists between the different denominations, they may not partake of the one Bread and one Cup. The leaders of our denominations must continue to work toward a unity in theology, belief and practice that we all may one day be one. Until then our brothers and sisters, though they may be such through profession of faith in Jesus as the Risen Lord, are not in communion with us and therefore do not come forward to receive Communion, the Eucharist. You see, their denominations do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ nor in the Magisterium of the Church, nor in the objective history or Tradition of the Church.

When we arrive to receive Communion we do the following:

1. We pause and bow our head in a reverent manner to show respect prior to the host being presented;
2. We look up as the Host is presented by the Priest, Deacon or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist;
3. He or she will hold the Host before us and say, "The Body of Christ";
4. We say, "Amen". That signifies our assent in faith to the Real Presence of Christ in the Host as well as our belief in all Christ has done for us;
5. We take the Host in the non-dominant hand or on the tongue. Then we step aside and consume the Host with much reverence;
6. Then we repeat these steps if we receive from the Cup of His Blood;
7. Return to our seat and pray silently recognizing we have just taken into ourselves the Body and Blood of Christ. Let this deep relationship "sink in". Let gratitude rise up from the depth of your being in great Joy.

### Today is Father's Day!

The gift of a parent. The gift of a child that makes one a parent. This we celebrate this weekend.

We honor this gift given by God and we honor the men who have accepted the challenge to parent.

This week we will walk up flowers and place them before the statue of St. Joseph. The donation made for the flower will go to support the work of the Respect Life Office.

### Graduation Recognition

Forms will soon be placed in the foyer concerning Graduation Recognition. Please watch for them. We would like to recognize those who have graduated from High School, College, and Graduate School this year.

### "Operation Utilities Bag"

Please return the bags that you have been filling over the past few weeks. The little money you saved truly

adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, Joseph Devlin, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 18	4:00 p.m.	Father's Day Novena
Sunday, June 19	9:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
	10:45 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
Monday, June 20	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday, June 21	8:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
Wednesday, June 22	8:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
Thursday, June 23	8:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
Friday, June 24	8:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
Saturday, June 25	4:00 p.m.	Father's Day Novena
Sunday, June 26	9:00 a.m.	Father's Day Novena
	10:45 a.m.	Bridget Gillen by Daniel Murphy Mercedes Molina by son Carlos Sorino