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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

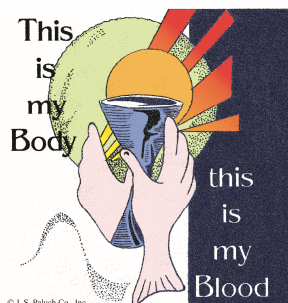
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST



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Today we hear how Abram encounters Melchizedek, “king of Salem . . . and a priest of God Most High” (Genesis 14:18). Melchizedek appears nowhere else in scripture, but is nonetheless significant. Psalm 110 declares of the great King David, “You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek,” a description later given (in the letter to the Hebrews) to Christ as High Priest.

Early Christians saw in Melchizedek’s bread and wine the bread and wine of the Eucharist; Paul’s account of the Last Supper (in today’s second reading) is the oldest one in scripture. In the Gospel, Luke describes Jesus providing bread for a crowd in words similar to Paul’s, words still used by the Church: Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it. Together, these three readings reveal how Christian priesthood, Christ’s Real Presence, and the call to serve those in need are all found in the gift of the Eucharist.

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The crowd that followed Jesus to the deserted place was fed, body and spirit. Jesus wanted them to know that in his presence they would find care and compassion. He would not let them go hungry. Like Abram who encountered God in the bread and wine offered by Melchizedek, they experienced first-hand the abundance of God’s love. These sacred meals prefigured the meal most profound, the supper shared by Jesus and his disciples on the night before he died, the feast in which we share in the Eucharist. Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, we appreciate anew the great love of Jesus Christ for us and for the world and experience first-hand the presence of Christ in the sacred meal.

TAKEN, BLESSED, BROKEN, SHARED

We do it so often, we could take it for granted. Yet, the mystery of the Eucharist, our participation in, reception of, and being sent to live as Christ’s Body and Blood is a gift beyond measure. In the desert with the crowd and on the night of the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, said a prayer of blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to those who hungered for physical and spiritual nourishment. Scripture scholars and theologians often remind us that we are to repeat Jesus’ actions of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving—with our lives, resources, and gifts—so that others may know the love of Christ. As Eucharistic people, we are meant to be changed, to become more like the One whom we receive.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).

Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).

Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Gospel — Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

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GIVE THEM SOME FOOD YOURSELVES

Notice that Jesus sent his disciples to give the crowd the food they needed. Jesus could have done this alone. We could say he didn’t need the disciples to participate in the feeding of the great crowd. But Jesus did not act alone then, and Christ relies on us now, to feed those who hunger and thirst physically, spiritually, and emotionally. When we grow weary and want nothing more than to satisfy our selfish and self-centered impulses, it is good for us to remember who we are and whose we are. It is crucial that we hear in the depths of our hearts, “Give them some food yourselves,” and be ready to do so. On this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us celebrate Christ’s living presence with and for us and recognize our call to share that presence with others.

Give Them Some Food Yourselfes

The Gospel for this feast reminds me of what my aunt used to tell us when we would visit her and share a meal. She always fixed more than enough for everyone (even with her three kids and my parents’ eight kids); her favorite saying was, “If you don’t get enough to eat, it’s your own fault.” Perhaps Jesus would say the same as he feeds us with his Body and Blood.

Some say that the multiplication of loaves was not done by breaking the laws of physics. Instead, they say that Jesus, when he began to share the little bread that he had, touched the hearts of all those who had brought food with them. They followed his example by sharing their food also—so much that there were twelve baskets left over. While I don’t doubt that Jesus could have multiplied the loaves he had, it reminds me of the temptation in the desert, when the devil told him to make bread out of rocks. If he rejected that temptation, why would he do almost the same thing now?

No, Jesus came to change people’s hearts, to show them God’s love and how to love one another. The miracle of the loaves shows us that Jesus can feed millions with his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The miracle of changing bread and wine into his Body and Blood is not just so we can feel good about having Jesus so near to us. It is meant to strengthen us to do our best as his disciples. As food and drink help us to keep on working, his Body and Blood help us to keep on loving. Look around as the Communion procession goes by and think about how many are united with Jesus. Let the broken bread and poured-out wine remind you of how Jesus gave himself up to death on the cross.

When the disciples told Jesus about the hungry crowd, he told them, “Give them some food yourselves” (Luke 9:13). And one day they would. When they celebrated the Eucharist after Jesus’ resurrection, they gave that spiritual food to the new followers of Christ. We continue that today. With Jesus’ strength we can teach all people about the Father’s love for them and how they can love each other.

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JUNE 5, 2022

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 20, 2022

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JUNE 20, 2022

Monday 9:00am	Angel Dariel Rodriguez Hernandez (D); Diosayri Mariel Rodriguez Hernandez (L) - Cumpleaños; Matilde Alix (D)
Tuesday 8:30am 12:00pm	
Wednesday 8:30am 12:00pm	Rafaela Rodriguez Guzman (D), Chanelle Berroa (D)
Thursday 8:30am 12:00pm	
Friday 8:30am 12:00pm	
Saturday 7:45am 7:00pm	Phero Luc & Maria Tu (D) Ramona Moreno Vinicio (D); Benera Suron, Petra Ortiz, Wilberto Rivera, Damaris Sanchez (D)
Sunday 8:00am 9:30am	People of SNT Ana Mena Adames (D); Miguel Angel Vicay Tovar (D); Marcus , Lucia, Amaely, and Emma Guara (D)
11:30am 1:30pm	Gioanbaotixita Chau (D)

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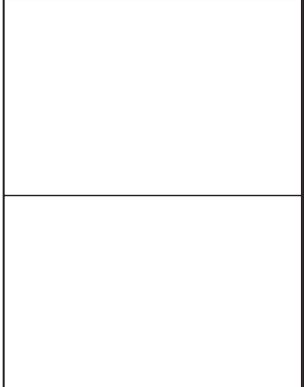
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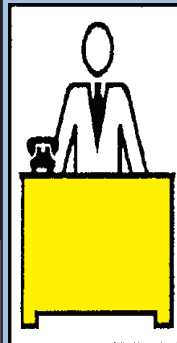
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