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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JUNE 7, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 8

8:30 a.m. Felix Remigio Batista,
Maria Tereza Alvarez, Jose
Ramon Garcia, Jose Ulises
Garcia (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9

8:30 a.m. Aida Brazoban (D)

12:00 p.m. All Souls

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Cesar Augusto Rojas
Mendez (D)

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11

8:30 a.m. Ana Luzon (D), Laura
Schenck (D), Joanne
Mack (L)

12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Maria Anita DeJesus
Robles Alaba (D), Stefanie
Meza (L) - cumpleaños, 12
años, Rafael Antonio
Gomez (D)

12:00 p.m. Margaret
Grossenbacher (D)

Saturday, June 13

7:45 a.m. Giuse Binh (D), Phero Sy,
Maria Kiem, Giuse Binh (D)

7:00 p.m. Maxima Dolores Reyes (D)
- 11 meses de fallecida,
Maria Agustino Ramos (D),
Felis Antonio Reyes
Ramos (D), Rigoberto
Garcia Altamirano (D),
Rafael Hierro, Elaine
Hierro (D), Rafael Rojas (D)
- 20 aniversario, Maria
Modesta Fabian, Adelina
Jesus Estrella (D), Maria
Anita De Jesus Robles
Alaba (D)

Sunday, June 14

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Carmen Marquez (D), Luis
Alberto Almonte
Romero (D), Romaldo
Garcia, Siria Flores (D)

11:30 am

1:30 pm Gioanbaotixita & Matta (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

"Do not forget the LORD, your
God,
who brought you out of the land
of Egypt,
that place of slavery." (Dt 8:14)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps
147)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Because the loaf of bread is one,
we, though many, are one body.
(1 Cor 10:17)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came
down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live
forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the
world." (Jn 6:51)

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Readings for the week of June 7, 2026

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

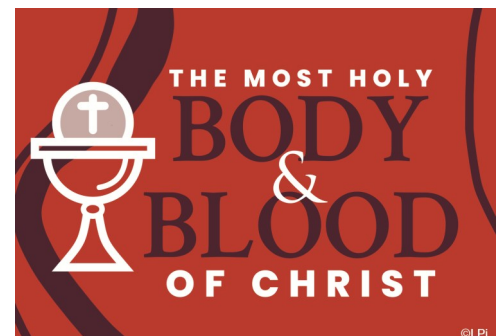
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ John 6:51-58

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: **"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."** (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: *the Eucharist*. We say: *the Body and Blood of Christ*. We say: *the Real Presence*. We say: *the Most Blessed Sacrament*. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

— *Father John Muir*

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: What is "true food" and "true drink," when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

True Food

Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I'm so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as "curvy" (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it's something good for me.

I'm so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is "true food" and "true drink," when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there's no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it's hampered. This isn't Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying.

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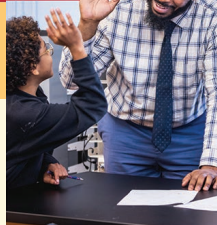
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