



[Jesus said,] "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."

JOHN 6:51

Food for the Day

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as the darkest of nights brings out stars we might never notice otherwise, so is it that when we find ourselves lost in the dark of life's deserts, the slightest kindnesses can bring us to a brief oasis in a day otherwise oppressive. Most often such moments come as gifts, unearned—even undeserved. Yet they are blessings to us.

Psychologists tell us that if we find ourselves down in the dumps and depressed, we can find hope by naming three things that happened that day that were pure gifts—a phone call from a friend, a compliment, a free cup of coffee, a good bill of health from the doctor. Remembering them at the end of the day and giving thanks for them may not solve the issues that burden us, but they can put them in perspective, reminding us that life is a mix of both the good as well as the not so good.

Moses urged the people to recall all that God had done for them—bringing them out of Egypt, guiding them through the desert, leading them to water, and feeding them with manna. Amid their grumbling, their remembering offered them hope and the courage to go on.

Thus, what psychologists suggest is what God has been doing for us for thousands of years—that God feeds us daily in large and small ways, all without our deserving it but out of his great generosity. Remember, then, how God has fed you. ●

Reflect

Tonight, will you think about your day and give thanks for three ways you were blessed?



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Painting Parties by Lucy

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Cherry, on June 26th at 6:00 pm \$30pp
Personalize your cross. Over 25 paint colors to choose from!
Book online: www.paintingpartiesbylucy.com
Minimum of 10 ~ Maximum of 30 people

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 12, 2023

Monday	6/12			+ No Mass
Tuesday	6/13	9:00 am	STM	+ David Rutgens
Wednesday	6/14	5:30 pm	HT	+ Michael Campbell
Thursday	6/15	9:00 am	HT	+ Jerry Joiner
Friday	6/16	9:00 am	STM	+ John Balma

Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 17-18, 2023

Saturday	6/17	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Minnie & Dan Cattani
Sunday	6/18	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ For All Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Laurence Fonderoli
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ No Mass

A Reflection on the Feast of Corpus Christi

Lord of the Eucharist, we venerate You with heads bowed, as the old form of worship gives way to the new. With faith providing for what fails the senses, we honor the Begetter and the Begotten, loving back at what loved us first, apprentices in the school of love.



Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that the most necessary sacrament was Baptism but that the most excellent was the Holy Eucharist. This most excellent sacrament has been, for some, too excellent. In the Gospel of John, when Jesus tells His disciples that they must eat His body and drink His blood, many are incredulous and walk away. But Jesus does not compromise or say He was misunderstood. He lets them keep on walking. This initially hard teaching for the few was destined, over time, to be lovingly welcomed by the many.

We naturally desire to leave a part of ourselves to our loved ones. We send photos, solemnly pass on a cherished memento, or give a baby a family name. Soldiers used to carry a locket holding a few strands of their wife's or girlfriend's hair. We need to be close, physically close, to those we love in concrete, tangible ways. Jesus desired the same, and, not being constrained by the limitations of human nature, He did the same, and more. He has left us Himself! That dogma processing down the street is a person! And that dogma behind the golden doors of the parish's tabernacle is the same person! So bend that body low and set that heart on fire, for the Saving Victim opens wide the gate of heaven to all below. We stand as close to Christ in the Holy Eucharist as the Apostles ever did on Mount Tabor.

Traveling Monstrance at St. Patrick Church

On Mon, June 12th the holy hour will begin at 6:30 pm.

While eucharistic adoration is at the heart of the holy hour, it also includes Scripture, a reflection, and Benediction.

Members of all churches are urged to take some of their precious time to participate in this diocesan-wide holy hour.

Family Vacations

It's that time of the year for family vacations. We would like to wish all our parishioners a fun and safe time during your travels and enjoying the time with family. Also please put your church on your to do list, and send your envelopes in to help with the expenses.

Thank you.

Fr. Thaddeus will be going on vacation starting June 16th. During his absence Fr. Michael Schaab will help us again this year by covering weekend masses until June 24th. Fr. Glenn Fontana from Wonder Lake, IL will be covering Sunday masses on June 25th. Please note that during this time there will be NO 5pm Sunday mass.

Also, since there will be no confessions available during Fr. Thaddeus' absence, parishioners are encouraged to make their confessions at an area church.

*Vacation
Time*

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JUNE 4TH

HT – \$971.00
SP – \$696.00
STM – \$1,144.25

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Remember in prayer,
family and friends of
Mike Bacidore - St Patrick

CONFESSIONS

THERE WILL BE NO
CONFESSIONS ON
JUNE 17TH AND 24TH

Dear Padre,

I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
Weekday	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Cor 1:1-7 Mt 5:1-12	2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 5:17-19	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	2 Cor 5:14-21 Lk 2:41-51	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 14, 2020

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