

Third Sunday of Easter



Why We Do What We Do

Every so often someone will ask me, "why is there a piece of host in the chalice/cup when I receive Communion? . . . Is it supposed to be there?"

During the Lamb of God, the priest breaks off a small piece from the main host and places it in the primary chalice silently saying the following prayer: "May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." (*Sacramentary/Roman Missal*) This action reminds us of the unity of the body and blood and the unity of the Precious Body and Precious Blood of Our Lord that we receive in the Eucharist.

In Roman Catholic churches, the two elements or species are consecrated separately. Eastern Catholics and the Orthodox combine the Precious Body and Precious Blood together. They receive the Eucharist from a special spoon. Separating versus combining comes from different historical, theological, and cultural viewpoints.

"In Eastern Catholic Churches the Eucharist is always received under both species (bread and wine), as was done at [Mass](#) also in the West until the opposite custom came into use, beginning in about the twelfth century. With the change from receiving the Eucharist under both kinds to receiving under the form of bread alone, it also became customary in the West to receive the Host placed directly on the tongue, rather than on the hand, but this was prescribed neither by the [Roman Missal](#) nor by the Code of Canon Law." (*Catholic Encyclopedia, Wikipedia*)

The Early Church mainly followed the traditions of the Passover Meal/Last Supper they are received separately. One of the reasons for combining was, and still is in most Eastern and Orthodox churches, infants receive their First Communion at the time of Baptism (along with Confirmation).

"Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the relationship between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom... (However,) Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and consequently that as far as the effects are concerned, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any of the grace that is necessary for salvation." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 281-282*).

At times, some parishes have done intinction, "partly dipping the Host in the Chalice before distributing it." (*Wikipedia*) The Church instructs that this should only be done at the pastor's direction and by the Eucharistic Minister, not the person receiving Communion.

U.S. Catholic History



"Arriving in New York from Haiti in 1787 with his owner, Jean B^arard, Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) is apprenticed to a New York hairdresser. He becomes a friend to the city's aristocracy by dressing the hair of wealthy women.

"When B^arard dies penniless, Toussaint financially supports B^arard's wife, nursing her through emotional and physical ailments. She grants him his freedom in 1807. His stable income allows him to buy freedom for his sister and his future wife, and to be generous

with many individuals and charities, including an orphanage and school for black children. He cares for the ill when yellow fever sweeps the city and opens his home to homeless youth, teaching them violin and paying for their schooling.

"A case for his beatification has since been opened in Rome. He would be the first black American saint." ("Timeline of Black Catholic history," *U.S. Catholic*, 2008)

🌸 Prayer 🌸

One of the great prayers we can offer before or after Communion is the Anima Christi (The Soul of Christ): "Soul of Christ, sanctify me/Body of Christ, save me/Blood of Christ, inebriate me (*refresh me*) Water from the side of Christ, wash me/Passion of Christ, strengthen me/O good Jesus, hear me/Within Thy wounds hide me/Separated from Thee let me never be/From the malicious enemy defend me (*from the malignant enemy defend me*)/In the hour of my death call me/ And bid me come unto Thee/That I may praise Thee with Thy saints and with Thy angels (*That with thy saints I may praise Thee*) Forever and ever. Amen." "This well known Catholic prayer dates to the early fourteenth century and was possibly written by [Pope John XXII](#), but its authorship remains uncertain." (*Wikipedia*)

Calling all young adults



Join us for our second young adult gathering on Wednesday, April 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you are between the ages of 19-30, please come and join us. What better way to get to know other young adults in the parish. We hope to see you there.



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected April 11 th	\$5,707.49
Difference	+\$ 357.49
Second Collections	
Second collection April 11 th "St. Vincent de Paul".....	\$1,883.26
Campaign '10 Pledges:	
Total donations made (from pledges) as of 03/21/10.....	\$91,753.33
April 11 th collection.....	\$ 0
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$91,753.33

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal which supports missions here in the United States. But did you know that it also provides funding to the global Archdiocese of Military Services, which sends 982 chaplains to offer Mass, sacraments, counseling, and the comforts of faith to American Catholic soldiers and their families on 220 military bases around the world? The Appeal helps build community within the Church in the United States and works for the common good of Catholics. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/hm.

Cover Contest

At the begging of the New Year St. Clement's sponsored a contest to redesign the front cover of the bulletin. We have selected three designs as winners and will honor each on the cover of the bulletin in upcoming issues. We thank everyone for their hard work and input on the reconstruction of the cover, and hope to have a permanent design soon.



- First place:** *Sacred Heart of Mary* Juan Miranda
- Second place:** *Sacred Heart of Jesus* José Miranda
- Third place:** *Garden of Eden* José Miranda

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First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

We are witnesses of these words as is the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 5:11-14

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and in like manner the fish.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Risen life has its demands but Jesus gives us all we need in terms of abundance and nourishment in order to meet those demands. The incredible thing about our God is that God provides us with all we need, beginning with offering us a new life. Accepting the abundance that God offers means that by following Jesus we ourselves become Jesus' risen presence, those who lead others to him. Every day we must take care that our actions announce God's blessings at the same time that they speak of God's goodness and care. Leading others to Jesus doesn't mean doing big things; it means doing the little things well and so reflecting the new Life dwelling within us. ~Living Liturgy

Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

- Saturday April 17, 5:30pm.....Faye Tate (RIP)
- Sunday, April 18, 8:30am..... Michael McGuffey (Baptism)
- Sunday, April 18, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Claudia Hernandez (RIP)
- Sunday, April 18, 11:30 am..... Our Parish Family
- Sunday, April 18, 1:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Alex Roel Esquivel Vasquez
- Sunday, April 18, 7:00pm.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
- Monday, April 19, 12:15pm.....Daily Mass
- Tuesday April 20, 12:15 pm.....Daily Mass
- Wednesday, April 21, 12:15pm.....Daily Mass
- Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 pm.....Rosary
- Thursday, April 22, 12:15 pm.....Ana Morena Rivas(RIP)
- Friday, April 23, 7:00pm.....Prayer Group/ Adoration
- Saturday April 24, 5:30pm.....Eleanor Schwark (RIP)
- Sunday, April 25, 8:30am..... Our Parish Family
- Sunday, April 25, 10:00am.....(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
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SPIRITUAL WARFARE



Satan desires to destroy families, good friends, and the Church. If He destroys all priestly vocations and there are no priests, then there is no Eucharist. If there is no Eucharist, we cannot receive the Body and Blood of Christ and the multiple graces offered in this sacrament.

If there are no priests, there is no one to hear confessions and absolve sins. The people of God would then stay in their sins and might miss out on Heaven (although God could conceivably find another way; but maybe not if we do not do our part and work with Christ to defeat Satan).

Satan also seeks to destroy the Sacrament of Marriage and the unity of couples in marriage. Casual attitudes towards sex and marriage almost always combine with casual attitudes towards God, spiritual things, and the consequences of immoral choices. Selfishness and pride are the things Satan uses to lead people into sinful choices—like living together before marriage or having children out of wedlock.

The pain caused by separation and divorce, broken families, and other relational breakdowns often is passed on and has a multigenerational impact. We now have families with three and four generations of divorce.

The solutions begin with Christ and include renouncing our pride, loving and forgiving, better discerning and decisionmaking (especially in making life decisions), believing in Godly values, and defending Christ. It includes growing in our resistance of temptation and in being on guard against "the wickedness and snares of the devil."

Please pray for the people who are suffering:



Donna Thibault - respiratory illness, Barbara Smith- cancer, Marty McKinnon- ovarian cancer, Cayla Johnson-hydrocephalus, Joe Campbell-follicular lymphoma, Tonya Isham-tumor, Curtis Lunt-ill health, Melissa Silva-health, Juanita Rochester-cancer, Chuck Terry- prostate cancer, June Macejkovic-heart condition, Fr. Denis Kolumber-health, Ernie -leukemia, Maria Farias- breast cancer, Jeanne Walraven-health, Jean Seitz-cancer, Angie Defalco-health, Erna Wyatt-health, Jim Rorer-special intention, Michael Llop-brain tumor, Erik Bigelow-special intention, Janice Miller-health, Lou Brown-brain cancer, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- safety, The people of Haiti & Chile-health & safety, Chris Wable-health, Jim Wable-lung cancer, Marilyn Clayton-health, Ashlie Warren-health, Jenna Proctor-health, Jeff Elder-health, Serge Kastorsky-cancer, Terry Alan-bladder cancer, Lisa Clark-failed surgery, Betty Maddox-health.

...Today we pray for the repose of the soul of Pearl Turner. Pearl lost her battle with MSA on the morning of Thursday, April 15, 2010. May the Lord's presence be of comfort to her loved ones in their time of need.

Our Newly Baptized



The parish of St. Clement's would like to welcome our newest member Cecilia Cristina Kolterman. Cecilia was baptized into the Catholic Faith on Sunday, April 11, 2010. May the Lord protect her and her family as she begins her walk with Christ.

STEWARDSHIP

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Archdiocesan News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS silent reflective weekend preached RETREAT April 23-25 at the Jesuit Retreat Center at Ignatius House. Retreat director Richard Stoltz will offer for consideration and prayer those aspects of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola that focus on the many relationships men encounter as disciples of Jesus. Contact: (404) 255-0503,