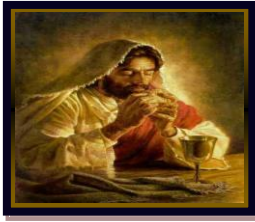


*Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ*



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the priests of the Catholic Church, changes bread and wine into His body and blood. Every time we celebrate the Last Supper (which is what we celebrate when we gather for Mass.

We believe this is a gift He gave to His Church, beginning with the Apostles, and continuing today—an ongoing, living memorial and pledge of His love.

We believe in the words of Christ: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (*Jn 6:54*) "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (*I Cor 11:24-25*)

St. Theodore of Mopsuestia (350-428/29) points this out emphatically: "The Lord did not say: This is symbol of my body, and this is a symbol of my blood, but rather: **This is my body and my blood.** He teaches us not to look to the nature of what lies before us and is perceived by the senses, because the giving of thanks and the words spoken over it have changed it into flesh and blood." The substance—the true reality—has changed, even if it appears to be the same.

Sadly, people in the time of Jesus, and still today, judge mainly based on appearance. They could not believe that the Son of God became a man and took on human appearance and they do not believe that Jesus can offer Himself under the appearance of bread and wine.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-74) offers elegant words describing the Eucharist and the great gift contained inside: "I devoutly adore you, O hidden God, Truly hidden beneath these appearances. . . Sight, touch, taste are all deceived/In their judgment of you, But hearing suffices firmly to believe. I believe all that the Son of God has spoken; There is nothing truer than this word of truth. On the cross only the divinity was hidden, But here the humanity is also hidden. I believe and confess both, And ask for what the repentant thief asked. I do not see the wounds as Thomas did, But I confess that you are my God. . . O memorial of our Lord's death! Living bread that gives life to man, Grant my soul to live on you, And always to savor your sweetness." (*Adoro te devote*)

Pope John Paul II more than 800 years later writes: "Faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself."

Many Catholics sadly take the Eucharist for granted. Due to a lack of appreciation, a lack of respect, a lack of faith, or a lack of thankfulness, they do not approach the Eucharist with the proper readiness and seriousness. "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself. . . For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying." (*I Cor 11:27-30*)

The Catholic Church has believed since the Last Supper 2,000 years ago—from the Apostles to today—that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. When we receive Communion, we receive Christ. Christ enters our body and forms a union that is

meant to be forever. Believe what you receive. Believe in the One whom you receive.

"Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1419*)

 **Prayer** 

"The early Christians often called the Eucharist the medicine of immortality, the food and drink by which one was rendered immortal. Some Eastern Orthodox theologians refer to the Eucharist as a 'divine blood transfusion.' By truly encountering Christ in the Eucharist, we sacramentally become transformed into his image." (*David Bennett, The Eucharist: The Medicine of Immortality*)

"Ignatius of Antioch called the Eucharist 'the medicine of immortality, the antidote we take in order not to die but to live forever in Jesus Christ.' (Letter to the Ephesians, 20:2b)" (*Wikipedia*)

O Jesus, present in the sacrament of the altar, teach all the nations to serve you with willing hearts, knowing that to serve God is to reign. May your sacrament O Jesus be light to the mind, strength to the will, joy to the heart. May it be support of the weak, the comfort of the suffering, the wayfaring bread of salvation for the dying and for all the pledge of future glory. Amen. (*Pope John XXIII (1881-1963)*)



"2010" Weekly Budget.....	\$5,350.00
Offertory collected May 30 th	\$5,730.18
Difference	+\$ 420.18

Second Collections

Second collection May 30th " No Collection".....\$ 0

Campaign '10 Pledges:

Total donations made (from pledges) as of 05/09/10.....	\$93,947.33
May 30 th collection.....	\$ 325.00
New Campaign total donations from pledges.....	\$94,272.33

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's second collection will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.



STEWARDSHIP

During the summer we often see a slowdown of people offering their time and talents. There is the thought that since less is going on that less volunteers are needed. That is not true.

The summer is when we try to catch up on maintenance and repairs. We also are preparing for the next school year and need help with filing, general office assistance, registration, etc. We have events for our children where we need a lot of helpers, including Vacation Bible School, outings to Six Flags White Water Park and Stone Mountain, preparation for Catholic Heart Work Camp, etc.

This year we also need help with inventory activities and moving a lot of things into our storage trailer. We also hope to open our parish gift shop in the fall and need volunteers to help order items, to set up the gift shop, and then to staff the gift shop. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also urgently needs new members, especially those able to make home visits and work with clients. Please consider joining this charitable organization and formally helping the local poor and needy.

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First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought out bread and wine.

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 11:23-26

For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

They all ate and were satisfied.

Living the Paschal Mystery

The first reading related the priest Melchizedek's bringing out gifts of bread and wine and blessing Abram. The last line of the reading records Abram's response: "Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything." Like Abram, we've been given many gifts, surely not least being the Eucharist. Our response, like Abram, must be to "tithe" ourselves, to share those gifts with others. We proclaim the death of the Lord when we are the "body that is for [others]." Death leading to new life lies in giving of ourselves. If we dare to share in the sublime gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, then we must also dare to die to ourselves and share our abundance with others. Gift demands response. Sublime gift demands ultimate response-dying to ourselves so that we might share Eucharistic life with the world. ~Living Liturgy

Stewardship Thought

Both the first reading and the Gospel remind us powerfully that every breath we take is a gift from God. How conscious and I of this first and most precious gift? Am I a good steward of the life and time with which I have been blessed?

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



"Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soil ever so richly, it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains. "The devil only tempts those souls that wish to abandon sin and those that are in a state of grace. The others belong to him; he has no need to tempt them. The greatest of all evils is not to be tempted, because there are then grounds for believing that the devil looks upon us as his property. I tell you that you have less to suffer in following the cross than in serving the world and its pleasures." (St. John Vianney)

Saturday June 5, 5:30pm.....	Ed Hermsen (RIP)
Sunday, June 6, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 6, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 6, 11:30 am.....	Sam DeFalco (RIP)
Sunday, June 6, 1:00pm.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 6, 7:00pm.....	Our Parish Family
Monday, June 7, 10:00am.....	Daily Mass
Tuesday June 8, 12:15 pm.....	Daily Mass
Wednesday, June 9, 12:15pm.....	Daily Mass
Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 pm.....	Rosary
Thursday, June 10, 12:15 pm.....	Communion Service
Friday, June 11, 7:30pm.....	No prayer group this day
Saturday June 12, 5:30pm.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 13, 8:30am.....	Our Parish Family
Sunday, June 13, 10:00am.....	(Spanish Mass) Our Parish Family
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U.S. Catholic History



In 1519, on the feast of Corpus Christi, "Spanish explorer [Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda](#) discovered a lush semi-tropical bay ([Corpus Christi Bay](#)). The bay took the name of the feast day celebrating the 'Body of Christ.'" (Wikipedia) The city of Corpus Christi was officially incorporated in 1852. The Diocese of

Corpus Christi was established in 1912. Texas has 15 dioceses and the state's Catholic population is rapidly growing.

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, Jaden Bates-health, Roy Davies- 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-chemo, Donald Hicks-health, Jeff Bigelow-health, Cindy Wilson-health, Audrin King-cancer, Bud Murphy-health, Geri Harper-breast cancer, Joanne Silvers-kidney cancer, Donna Ivey-surgery, Cory Ivey-surgeries, Pam Bagley-lung cancer, T.J. Rushing-tumor, Richard Parker Sr.- alzheimer's.



Thank you

The parish of St. Clement's would like to thank everyone who was able to brave the weather and attend the parish picnic. It was nice to see that even though the weather was not what we expected, that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We would also like to give a special thank you to those of you who planned, loaded trucks, grilled the meat, did the shopping, waived the flies, filled plates, clapped & coordinated games, and helped with set up and clean up. It is because of your efforts that the picnic was a success.

Congratulations to our May 22 & 29, 2010 First Communicants:

Brian Adame, Adriana Juarez, Jose Luis Juarez, Oday Garrido, Cristal Farias, Mauricio Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez, Victor Antonio Ambriz, Andrea Hernandez, Cristal Hernandez, Esmeralda Hernandez, Julisa Aguilar, Lesly Aguilar, Litzzy Cachola, Xochilt Dominguez, Alexis Trejo, Arelth Tirado, Daysi Santana, Vanesa Casares, Guadalupe Tirado, Brenda Perez, Randy Perez, Alan Castillo, Ricky Castillo, Ramon Garcia, Cristina Luna, Priscila Camacho, Kevin Palacios, Kevin Tirado, Rosa Bibian, Janahi Contreras, April Cabrera, Rosalba Hernandez, Yajaira Hernandez, Jaqueline Hernandez, Fabian Hernandez, Flavio Hernandez, Cristian Pena, Jaime Reyes, Eduardo zalva, Elena Reyes, Carmen Guzman, Anai Guzman, Christian Chavez, Laura Garza, Alex Lima, Angelica Martinez, Fernando Martinez, Cristopher Ruedas, Jenifer Becerra, Elizabeth Munoz, Marco Munoz, Bulmara Ortiz, Sandy Ortiz, Valeria Magna, Margarita Rivera, Artemio Lopez, Luis rodriguez, Cristopher Rodriguez,



Jenifer Gutierrez, Linda Ortiz, Elvis Jacobo, Francisco Rodriguez, Herlinda Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Ariel Mendez, Melody Mendez, Melisa Garcia, Xochil Becerra, Jose Becerra, Giselle Tirado, Lizeth Cornejo, Manuel Ponce, Guadalupe reyes, Salvador Reyes, Jaqueline Rodriguez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Kobe Reyes, Randy Reyes, Brenda Escobar, Osbaldo Ortiz, Gilberto Tirado, Uriel Pena, Luis Pena, Julian Beltran, Ricardo Beltran, Gisselle Beltran, Karen Perez, Lisbeth Guzman, Gisselle Gonzalez, Luis Gutierrez, Guillermo Brito, Emanuel Pena, Francisco Pena, Gabriel Galindo, Marisol Aguilar, Jenifer Contreras, Brayan Contreras, Diana Guerrero, Soledad Gonzalez, Jaqueline Alvarez, Lizeth Rodriguez, Jose Mendez.

May they always receive the Body and Blood of Christ with the same vigor as on the day of their First Communion.