

Jesus said,
 "This is my blood
 of the covenant,
 which will be shed
 for many.
 Amen, I say to you,
 I shall not
 drink again
 the fruit
 of the vine
 until the day
 when I drink it new
 in the kingdom
 of God."

MARK 14:24-25



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



JUNE 6, 2021

In presenting the still-familiar four-fold "Shape of the Eucharist"—Jesus takes / blesses / breaks / gives (Mark 14:22)—Mark omits Matthew's specification of purpose "for the forgiveness of sins," and Luke's "for the remembrance of me." But Jesus does recall the covenant, Israel's liberation from Egypt's slavery. And could the disciples—or we—fail to recall that, in Mark's earliest verses, Jesus sits at table "with tax collectors and those known as sinners" (2:15)? Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' passion and pledge of our share in his future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to his disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup he would drink" (10:38–39). Soon he would beg his Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic cup, Jesus promises a day when he would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup he—or we—will drink. The cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the cup of the Kingdom of God.

WORSHIPING AND SERVING

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (*EG*, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (*EG*, 270).

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Today's Readings: Ex 24:3–8; Ps 116:12–13, 15–16, 17–18; Heb 9:11–15; Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
 and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
 you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Diane & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Marty Blahitka. Diane Stanley (Wife of Ed Stanley). Ulysses Cormier (Brother of James Cormier). Rev. Octavio Suaraz 1938—2021.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Dawn Quinn, US Army (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P. Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel: This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 6/05 Barry Simoncelli+ (Mary Catalano)

Sun 6/06 Rusty Anderson+ (Ruddie)

Tue 6/08 NO MASS. Fr. Mike has doctor appt. in Tyler

Wed 6/09 Barbara White (K of C)

Thurs 6/10 Jeff Quinn+ (Ellis Family)

Fri. 6/11 Ron Szczepanski + (K of C)

Sat. 6/12 Ron Szczepanski + (K of C)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through May 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,434

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,603

Attendance 5/29 Saturday 60 5/30 Sunday 70

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for June:

The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

OUR SACRIFICE

Let us offer Christ the great universal sacrifice of our love. For he offered his cross to God as sacrifice in order to make us all rich.

—St. Ephrem

SACRIFICE

Today the Church focuses on the Eucharist. Today's readings remind us how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering our unbloody sacrifice. The reading from Exodus describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews turns us from those ancient animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship the living God. Our sacrifice is the body and blood of the Son of God. Because of Christ we have a new covenant. The Gospel from Mark retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice as it is here, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation. Jesus gave his body and every drop of his blood for us.

Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

June Second Collections:
5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance Fund"; 19th & 20th: "Priest Pension Fund of the Diocese" 26th & 27th: "Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953. The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

True Vine Brewing Company 7-9 pm



Join us the first Thursday of every month for Pints with a Priest, a young adult ministry in Tyler!

The St. Philip Institute would like to invite all young adults (ages 18-39) to join us on the first Thursday of every month for Pints with a Priest, a young adult ministry in Tyler. Pints with a Priest meets at True Vine Brewing Company, from 7-9 pm for a formational talk and

fellowship with priests and other young adults from throughout the diocese. For more information visit stphilipinstitute.org/events.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. We are in the need of pudding, jello and fruit cups; pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.

Thank you,
*Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

Do you have a child or grandchild that is graduating from High School or College?

We would like to share their exciting information in our bulletin. Please e-mail or leave a message at church with their name, where they're graduating from and where they're moving to from here.

Info needed by noon on Tuesday, June 15. Thank You, Bridget



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS AND USHERS

TRAINING CLASS IS CANCELLED. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR REVISED DATE IN SEPT. 2021.

If you have been involved in one of the ministries' above, you still need updated training. If you signed-up or you did not get a chance to sign-up, you may attend the training.

OUR CHURCH IS COMPLETELY OPEN WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES

Liturgies During COVID-19: Because of the progress being made against the COVID-19 pandemic in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has announced that he is increasing the capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent and lifting his mask requirement for the state.

Governor Abbott said that COVID-19 has not disappeared and that "removing state mandates does not end personal responsibility." The governor stressed that removing these mandates doesn't abandon safe practices. The same applies to our churches. We are still in a pandemic that has tragically caused over 500,000 deaths in the United States and there is still a virus that can easily spread if we are not careful.

I ask and expect all clergy and faithful to continue to take measures to keep everyone safe. This is essential in order to protect the health of our communities and so that we do not lose the progress that, by God's grace, has been made against COVID-19. In light of the actions taken by the governor, I issue the following updates and instructions: **Dispensation:** The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Day of Obligation that I issued in March of 2020 is withdrawn as of March 10, 2021. Many have already returned to Mass, and I encourage everyone to do so now, aware of the centrality of the Mass to our lives as Catholics and the obligation attached to it. One does not have an obligation to attend Mass if you are sick or in a high-risk category for COVID-19; if you were recently in contact with a sick person; if you care for the sick or homebound; if you are pregnant; or if you have a significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass. **Seating at Mass:** Pastors may open additional pews in churches, but all must be responsible for observing social distancing (6-feet between households) according to CDC guidelines. Depending on the church, seating every other pew may still be the best way to maintain social distancing, per the Texas Minimum Standard Health Protocols for churches. Pastors should consider making special areas available for vulnerable persons. **Masks:** While there is no requirement to wear masks, and it is an individual choice, I encourage all to continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC. **Holy Communion:** Churches in the diocese will continue to distribute Holy Communion only under the form of bread. Ministers of Communion must continue to observe the practices that are currently in place. **Holy Water and Hymnals:** Parishes may make holy water, hymnals, and misalettes available. Holy water should be changed, and fonts/stoups cleaned frequently. **Events:** Parish social events, classes, and other activities are permitted if CDC guidelines can be followed. **Other:** Parishes should continue to observe heightened sanitization and hygiene standards for common surfaces. Hand sanitizer should continue to be made available.

Let us continue to be mindful of the sanctity of the life of each person we encounter and, in love, do our part to keep our families, friends, and communities safe and healthy.

Last week, I wrote about the devotion of a Holy Hour and how Jesus' request for our companionship brings Him great consolation. I also want to introduce the great benefits that YOU receive from spending time with our Lord in adoration. Do you need restoration, sanctification, or reparation? Read what the saints have to say.

The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour. (St. John Paul II)

Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often! (St. John Bosco)

In order to convert America and save the world what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. (Blessed Mother Teresa)

Priestly, religious, and missionary vocations will stem from your holy hour. (St. John Paul II)

So, some benefits include: stronger family, abundant graces, repulsion of the devil, conversion of our nation and our world, more religious vocations and the list goes on. In my own life it has brought awe and wonder, peace, gratitude, and selflessness.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen explains it this way. First the Holy Hour is a sharing in the work of redemption. Our Blessed Lord used the words "hour" and "day" in two totally different connotations in the Gospel of John. "Day" belongs to God; the "hour" belongs to evil. Seven times in the Gospel of John, the word "hour" is used, and in each instance it refers to the demonic, and to the moments when Christ is no longer in the Father's Hands, but in the hands of men. In the Garden, our Lord contrasted two "hours" - one was the evil hour "this is your hour" - with which Judas could turn out the lights of the world. In contrast, our Lord asked: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?". In other words, he asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil; an hour of victimal union with the Cross to overcome the anti-love of sin.

Secondly, the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into his likeness. As Paul puts it: "We are transfigured into his likeness, from splendor to splendor." We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain.

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Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 2 June 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 28 May 2021) Submitted by: Randy Munoz.

The following statistics are an excerpt from an article on D-Day statistics by Barrett Tillman' D-Day Encyclopedia. (Available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble). The Normandy Invasion consisted of 5,333 Allied ships and landing craft embarking nearly 175,000 men. ... about 3,400 were killed or missing. ... The Allied forces for Operation Overlord comprised 23 infantry divisions ... 12 armored ... 4 airborne ... Air assets included 3,455 heavy bombers, 989 medium/light bombers, and 3,824 fighters. Allowing for aircrews, 7,774 U.S. and British Commonwealth planes were available for operations on 6 June (these figures do not include transports and gliders). Of the 850,000 German troops awaiting the invasion, many were Eastern European conscripts (there were even some Koreans). There were 60 infantry divisions and 10 panzer divisions, possessing 1,552 tanks, but not all were combat ready. In Normandy itself the Germans had deployed 80,000 troops, and 1 panzer division. Approximately 15,000 French civilians died in the Normandy campaign, partly from Allied bombing and partly from combat actions of Allied and German ground forces.

Have you ever wondered about June Brides and June Weddings? From a Bromberg's article (<https://brombergs.com/the-tradition-of-the-june-bride/>) *The Tradition of the June Bride – 1 June 2016*. When it comes to weddings, folklore and superstitions abound. Why is it that June is the most popular month to marry in western culture? The reasons are many, starting with the most practical of all: If a bride married in June, she was more likely to give birth to her first child in early spring, giving her plenty of time to recover before the fall harvest. Many sources say that the tradition of the June bride actually began in ancient Roman times. The month of June is named for the Roman goddess Juno. Juno, wife of Jupiter, was not only thought of in connection with feminine vitality, fertility and considered a protectress of Roman women, but also considered the equivalent of Hera, the Greek goddess of love and marriage. It is also often cited that the popularity of a June wedding in European tradition is because bathing was much less frequent during middle ages than in modern times. During this time period, bathing was thought by many to increase the chance of disease, so nobility tended to only bathe monthly or a few times a year. The peasant class might only bathe once a year, if that often and that bath usually happened in late spring. So it made sense to marry in June because people would have smelled better for their weddings. Brides also carried bouquets of fragrant herbs and flowers to help keep everything smelling sweet. Another reason for the popularity of June weddings stems from Europe during medieval times. Of course, because Europe was predominantly Christian, a wedding would not have taken place during Lent (which is still true in many modern churches) and the banns have been read over at least three consecutive regular Sunday masses. This meant one had to wait until late spring to marry, after the banns had cleared. {"The banns" was an announcement of the intention to marry and an opportunity for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place. Banns were (and still are in some places) read out in the main Sunday service in the parish where the bride lives as well as the church where the groom lived if in another parish.} Luckily, bathing came into vogue during the 18th century, but the tradition of carrying flowers was carried on; and during the Regency era, brides often wore flowered wreaths on their heads. During the Victorian era Floriography (the cryptological use of various flowers to communicate specific meaning) was gaining popularity in many parts of Europe and of course one would want to communicate the correct sentiments for one's wedding. Therefore, it stands to reason that weddings would most commonly take place when the best selection of fresh flowers would be available. The availability of fresh flowers continued influencing the season of weddings until fairly modern times, when flowers became available year round (through the use of airplanes in shipping). With the idea of locally sourcing fresh flowers coming back into fashion, we don't see the popularity of a June wedding going away anytime soon and we are excited to see the influx of wedding pictures on social media that are certain to be posted soon! Best wishes to all the soon-to-be June brides!



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