

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 36; Bread and Wine

Continuing our review of the Offertory and the gifts of bread and wine, we take time to address a few common questions.

Why do we use bread and wine and not something else?

During my years on campus, I recall meeting a student who had grown up in an Asian country. He said that, early on in his Christian journey, he would think of “daily bread” as a portion of rice, since that is what he was most familiar with. His question was a practical one: Why didn’t the Church adapt what was used for Mass as the Church spread throughout the world? For a short answer, the Church has stayed consistent with what Jesus used at the Last Supper. As Fr. Guy Oury says, bread and wine would have been “daily fare” for the people of the Holy Land and “were particularly suitable to convey [Christ nourishing us with true and everlasting life] because they were typical nourishment. Obviously, Jews at the time of Christ consumed other food and drink besides bread and wine, and indeed, on the table of the Last Supper where the Passover meal was celebrated, lay a lamb... But Christ made a choice of bread and wine, and the Church has scrupulously conformed to what he instituted, using only bread from wheat and wine from grapes. The Church has never felt itself authorized to modify what it has received from the Lord himself” (The Mass, p. 78). This has been true as the Church spread to places where different grains as well as other drinks were common. In many places, missionaries brought with them wheat seeds and grape seedlings so that what was needed for the wine and hosts could be grown locally.

Why do we use unleavened bread?

Similar to the use of wheat, Fr. Guy Oury observes that the Church wishes to honor the tradition handed down to us. “At the time of Christ the ancient feast of Azymes had been merged with the feast of Passover. On the eve of Passover unleavened breads were prepared to commemorate what had happened when the Hebrews fled from Egypt: in their haste they could not have their dough leavened... At the Last Supper (according to the Synoptic Gospels, but not John) Jesus observed the Passover ritual, which called for unleavened bread” (The Mass, p. 80). We should note that in some places in the early Latin Church, as well as still currently in Eastern Rite and Eastern Orthodox Churches, leavened bread is used for the Eucharist. Each Rite within our Church is able to determine certain details for the celebration of the Mass. However, the core elements of the Mass will always be present and consistent.

What about the wine?

“The symbolism of wine is as rich as that of bread... Among Jews wine conveyed the idea of feasting and rejoicing... Wine has no doubt become less meaningful than it was [for Christians of earlier times. For them, wine was] thought to nourish the body, restore health, prevent sickness, help digestion, maintain bodily temperature, clarify ideas, dilate the arteries, rest the brain, halt congestion of the liver, chase away the ‘blues,’ as well as being useful for washing and cleansing wounds” (The Mass, p. 81–82). While the natural elements of wine may do these things for the body, doesn’t the Blood of Christ do so many more powerful things for body and soul?

Lastly, why do we call the bread we use at Mass “hosts?”

Charles Belmonte teaches that “originally, ‘host’ (from Latin hostire, to strike) referred to any animal about to be sacrificed” (Understanding the Mass, p. 112). Since the bread is the offering made for the sacrifice of the Mass, it is fittingly called by the name host. To be proper and reverent, after the bread has been changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, hosts should be called “Consecrated Hosts” or “Sacred Hosts,” out of honor for Jesus Christ, who is now truly present.

Next time, we will consider the question: Does it seem like sometimes the priest is talking to himself up at the altar? Let’s find out what he is praying!

For Reflection:

1. Pray with Psalm 104 in praise of God’s provision for human needs, including “wine to gladden their hearts... and bread to sustain the human heart” (Ps. 104:15). Consider the life-giving role bread and wine have played in your life.
2. Have you ever baked bread or made wine? Reflect on your experience of each phase of this process. If you have the opportunity, visit a bakery or vineyard to learn more about bread and wine.
3. Some religious communities make hosts. Find out if anyone in your diocese facilitates these experiences, and see if you can visit to observe the process.

This article was written by: Fr. Luke Spannagel and posted on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog website.



Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	Pastoral Visit: 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office

No one has greater love than this, to lay down
one’s life for one’s friend.

John 15:13



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



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**WEEKLY PARISH
ACTIVITIES**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español)
Thursdays 7:00PM (English)
R.E. building

**LA HORA DE DIOS
PRAYER GROUP**
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us?
Ask the ushers for a registration form, welcome to the parish.
If you would like to become involved with one of the ministries or organizations here, you can find contact numbers on this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
ALL Mass intention requests should be submitted to the parish office.
For Intentions to appear in the Bulletin they must be submitted by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY (Vigil) 5:30PM
SUNDAY (en Español) 8:00AM
10:00AM & 12:00PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday (en Español) **5:30PM**
Wednesday–Friday **8:30AM**
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM
Friday Daily Mass 6:30PM

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Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAY

May 4, 2024

5:30PM: 1st Holy Communion Mass

SUNDAY

May 5, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Irma Perales (Family)

†Javier Martinez (Elisa Garcia & Family)

Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Cora Hernandez (Marcos & Elsa Ortiz)

†Santos Garcia Jr (Mom and Brothers)

†Adan Flores Sr. (Carlos & Pam Rossel)

Special Intentions for Trey Acosta (Crawley Family)

12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)

†Adrian G. Flores (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)

Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

TUESDAY

May 7, 2024

5:30PM: Special Intentions for John and Veronica Martinez

WEDNESDAY

May 8, 2024

8:30AM: for the parishioners of Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY

May 9, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Linda Anaya

FRIDAY

May 10, 2024

8:30AM: Special Intentions for Christina Reyna

SATURDAY

May 11, 2024

5:30PM: †Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Minerva Lopez)

†Concepcion, †Ester and †David Rangel (Danny Rangel)

†Margarito & †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

SUNDAY

May 12, 2024

8:00AM: Mother's Day Novena

†Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Irma Perales (Family)

10:00AM: †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Frank Hernandez (Sylvia & Rogelio Zuniga)

†Santos Garcia Jr (Mom and Brothers)

†Ernest, †Roy & †Meisha Hinojosa (Family)

†Diana Flores, †Maria Flores, †Lucille Spriggs & †Margie Reed


12:00PM: †Janie Galvan (Family)



†Adrian G. Flores (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Juan Flores Jr. (Family)

Special Intentions for Adrian, Alex & Jose F. Flores (Lucy Guerrero)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP		
Envelope Collection	\$1,956.00	
Loose Collection	\$1,210.00	
Children's Collection	\$47.00	
Online Giving	\$190.00	
Collection Total - April 27/28	\$3,403.00	
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$539.00	
Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church. May God bless you now and forever.		
Special Collections for the Month of May		
4/5 - Building Fund		
11/12 - Catholic Communications Campaign	 Special Offering <small>© J.S. Fisher Co., Inc.</small>	
† Belief - Trust - Faith †		
Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.		
Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:		
Valerie Aleman, Guadalupe G Alvarado, Victoria Arredondo, Paula Avila, Rafael Baez Rosa Barrera, Estevan Cantu Jr., Elisa Claudio, Johnny Cruz, Sandra Davila, Dominic DeLeon, Nora Dishman, Yvonne Ellison, Adela Escobedo, Adan Flores Jr. Aurora Flores, Chris Flores, Eudelia Flores, Guadalupe Flores, Juanita Flores, Jesus Garza Jr., Xavier A. Gallegos, Violet Guerrero,	Esmeralda Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, San Juanita Hinojosa, Mr. Kalich Jerry Lopez Sr., Raul Lucio, Teresa Lucio, Jose Antonio Lopez Jr, Jaime Jimenez, Margie Medina Adolfo Menchaca Jr., Alejandro Mora, Anastacio Mora, Noemilio Mora, Augustin Moreno III, Angie Ochoa, Carmen Ortiz, Yvonne Ortiz, Anita Peña, Emilio Peña Sr., Luis Peña Jr., Ramiro Peña, Johnny Pereida,	Elva Rivera, Jerry Rivera Sr., Julia Rodriguez, Sergio Rodriguez, Yolanda G. Rodriguez, San Juanita Saenz, Bernice Sanchez, Adan Salazar, Armando Salazar, Gracie Salazar, Stephanie Salazar, Raymond Smith, B Solis, Dora Tagle, Gloria Treviño, Joe Treviño, Sara Treviño, Ramona Vasquez, Alex Zambrano Sr., Alex Zambrano Jr., Gerri Zambrano

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. May 11 Sun. May 12	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM		Juan
8:00AM	Elisa	Pedro
10:00AM	Jenevieve	Raymond
12:00PM		Alma

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours.

ÁMENSE UNOS A OTROS

En el Evangelio para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua nos encontramos con un desafío extraordinario. Jesús nos dice: “ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 15:12). La carta del apóstol san Juan retoma este mandamiento. Por supuesto, debemos amar a nuestros familiares, nuestros colegas, las personas que nos agradan. Pero la Sagrada Escritura aclara que también debemos amar a los que ignoramos, a los que evitamos deliberadamente e incluso a los que nos sentimos tentados de despreciar.

En la selección de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este domingo, Pedro nos muestra hasta dónde llega el amor de Dios y hasta dónde debe llegar nuestra respuesta de amor. Pedro comprende que Dios ya “no hace distinciones” y no comparte su amor divino exclusivamente con los judíos. Cristo ha revelado que el amor de Dios llega a todas las personas y lo mismo debe hacer el nuestro.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Envelopes for the Mother’s Day Novena are located in the Entrance of the Church and in your offering envelope mail-outs. The Novena will begin on Sunday, May 12th (Mother’s Day) During the Nine days Masses will be offered for All Mother’s Living or Deceased.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS!!

Timothy Aguilar	Sylvia Treviño
Aydan Alvarado	Nataly Vasquez-Castro
Isreal Chapa III	Aubree Perez
Elena Ellyson	Lyrick Rivera
Jazmin Flores	Eli Rodriguez
Madisen Flores	Mariana Salinas
Azalynn Garcia	Jocelyn Balderas
Matteo Reyes	Daisy Castillo
Amaya Reyna	Jose Garcia
Erin Saenz	Leonardo Garcia
Alexia Tiscareño	Mia Barrera

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church. You are welcomed to sign up for it more than once. The sign-up sheet is currently listed through November.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

When we experience a profound or intense conversion in our lives, it sometimes leads to a temptation to judge others for not being as holy as we are. Instead of sitting on a high horse or looking down on those who may not be on the same spiritual level as you, take a day this week instead to pray for that person or group, asking Christ to provide the grace they need to draw closer to His heart. Then taken another day to identify the graces in your own life that have led you to grow in holiness and humbly thank God for them, **recognizing that we are all works in progress.**

Love one another as I have Loved you.



Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.