

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass  
Part 52; Anamnesis, Mystery of Faith

Blessings to you all! As we continue through the Mass, here comes another big word: Anamnesis (commonly pronounced: Ann-amm-nee-siss), also known as the Memorial Acclamation. Now that Jesus is truly present on the altar and we have adored him quietly, what else should we do but raise our voices and proclaim our joy out loud? After the elevation of the chalice, the priest genuflects in adoration. When he rises, he says, “The mystery of faith.” These words invite one of three responses: “We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again”; or “When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again”; or “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.”

A Charles Belmonte writes, “The Anamnesis is a prayer of remembrance in which the Church calls to mind the Lord’s passion, resurrection, and ascension into heaven... We have just been asked to ‘proclaim the mystery of faith.’ And what is this mystery? Precisely the redeeming sacrifice of Christ celebrated in these rites” (Understanding the Mass, p. 145).

Christ’s Sacrifice: A Past Event Made Present

The Diocese of Peoria points out, “As the Second Vatican Council teaches, the Mass perpetuates the Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until Jesus Christ comes again in glory. The Mystery of Faith announces three main points: past, present, future. It recalls the event of the Cross [We proclaim your Death, O Lord], a present reality [and profess your Resurrection] and a future anticipation [until you come again]. The redemptive sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is of infinite and eternal value. Therefore, redemption isn’t an historical event—it is a present reality! At the celebration of the Mass, then, the Cross is remembered in such a way that it is rendered present. We are not spectators of a theatrical re-enactment, but of a sacramental re-presentation” (“A Study of the Mass,” pp. 15–16).

This teaching highlights for us that having Christ truly present in the Mass really stretches us beyond our limits of space and time. At a point in history, we know that Jesus carried the Cross and offered himself in sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Yet, the Mass allows us to touch that offering, not just as something that happened in the past but as truly present—the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus there before us.

A Memorial That Leads Us into the Mystery

Continuing with the Diocese of Peoria, “How does this happen? On the altar of the Cross, Jesus Christ offered himself to the Father ‘for you and for [many for the forgiveness of sins].’ At the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the way in which we would celebrate this redemptive sacrifice, he said, ‘Do this in memory of me.’ The anamnesis (memorial) of the Eucharistic prayer calls to mind the Paschal Mystery—the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord. As the catechism teaches, ‘the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God’ (CCC 1363). Thus, the sacred events are made present and real at the Mass. As the Paschal Mystery is made present to the Father, the Church, through the Holy Spirit, is united with Christ in his perfect sacrificial offering” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 16).

Perhaps this helps us more clearly understand what we mean when we say “Memorial.” The Biblical understanding of memorial is much more than remembering. For us, we might look at an old photo album and recall from the pictures the joy of a certain day. The beauty of the Mass as sacrificial memorial is that it brings us into that certain day. This reality leads us into the meaning of “Mystery.”

Mystery: An Invitation to Grow Deeper

I think the word mystery is one we don’t always fully grasp. Through the years, I have heard people say, “It is a mystery,” as a reason to leave one of our teachings at a distance. Maybe for them, saying a certain truth is a mystery is a way of saying, “This is beyond my understanding, so I’m not going to worry about it.” Certainly, one meaning of the word mystery is that something is difficult to explain or understand. But from our faith perspective, it really is an invitation to grow deeper. We know that God is infinite and we are not. We know that the truths of God can sometimes feel beyond our daily lived observation and experience. We also know that God has revealed himself to us in love and that Jesus has given himself in sacrifice out of love. The Mystery of Faith really invites us to meditate with joy on the realization that God loves us and brings many truths and realities together at once to show the abundant generosity of that love.

A quote from Mother Teresa might help us meditate on how the Last Supper, the Cross, and the Mass are together the one perfect and loving sacrifice of Jesus: “If Jesus had not established the Eucharist we would have forgotten the crucifixion. It would have faded into the past and we would have forgotten that Jesus loved us. There is a saying that to be far away from the eyes is to be far away from the heart. To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love... When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

For Reflection:

1. Next time you participate in Mass, arrive early enough to take time to reflect on the crucifix in the church. Be attentive to the crucifix while the Mass unfolds as you deepen your awareness of the relationship between Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross and his Eucharistic Presence.
2. How do you memorialize significant events in your life? Consider participating in Mass on those important anniversaries and reflecting on how the Liturgy of the Word and the prayers of the Mass relate to your history.

This article was written by Fr. Luke Spannagel and published on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog Webpage.

Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only	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
Contact Parish office for more information					



Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024



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Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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10:00am - 4:30pm



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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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
CHAPEL

The Chapel is available to anyone 24/7 if you would like to spend time to visit with Jesus in the Eucharist. To get the door code contact the parish office or Fr. Andrew.

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Mass Intentions For The Week

**SATURDAY August 17, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Souls in Purgatory  
†Guadalupe Moreno (James & Mona Lacour)  
†Diana Schicker (Family)  
†Cora Hernandez (Lupe & Dora)  
†Francis Bill (Rose De La Cruz)  
†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)  
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Minerva Lopez)

**SUNDAY August 18, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Juan Manuel Lozano (Family)  
†Placido Garcia †Nicholas Rodriguez(Dolores Lara & Family)  
†Gumercindo Montes & †Carmela Solis (Moreno Family)

**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)  
†Ernest, Roy & Meisha Hinojosa (Family)

**12:00PM:** †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Adrian G Flores (Family)  
†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)  
†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)  
†Emilio Peña Sr. (Family)  
†Ray Villarreal Jr. (Family)  
†Alfonso C & †Candelario C Zavala (Family)

**TUESDAY August 20, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Special Intentions for Teague Thompson

**WEDNESDAY August 21, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Aracely Salazar

**THURSDAY August 22, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Cheryl Long

**FRIDAY August 23, 2024**  
**8:30AM:** Special Intentions for Maria Campa Garza

**SATURDAY August 24, 2024**  
**5:30PM:** Souls in Purgatory  
†Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)  
†David Solis Sr (Pat, David, Gabby)  
†George Seeley (Rose De La Cruz)  
†Juan Moreno Jr. (Solis Family)  
†Frank & †Catherine Schiesl (Family)  
†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez  
†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)

**SUNDAY August 25, 2024**  
**8:00AM:** †Richard Ortiz (Family)  
†Juan Manuel Lozano (Family)  
†Belinda Ortiz (Dora Hinojosa & Family)  
†Gumercindo Montes & †Carmela Solis (Moreno Family)

**10:00AM:** †Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)  
†Santos Garcia (Family)  
†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza, †Rachel Hinojosa (Family)

**12:00PM:** †Janie Galvan (Family)  
†Lelia Guzman (Family)  
†Adrian G Flores (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP	
Envelope Collection	\$1,730.00
Loose Collection	\$706.00
Children’s Collection	\$9.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Online Giving	\$185.00
Collection Total - August 10/11	\$2,680.00

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 September

7/8 - Catholic University of America

14/15 - Disaster Relief Collection

21/22 - Building Fund

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† 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:

Names remain on the prayer list for two (2) months; after which they are removed, to add/remove a name contact the parish office.

Valerie Aleman,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo,	Jorge Hernandez,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Paula Avila,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	San Juanita Saenz,
Rafael Baez	Jaime Jimenez,	Bernice Sanchez,
Rosa Barrera,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Adan Salazar,
Elisa Claudio,	Alejandro Mora,	Gracie Salazar,
Johnny Cruz,	Anastacio Mora,	Raymond Smith,
Sandra Davila,	Noemilio Mora,	B Solis,
Adela Escobedo,	Augustin Moreno III,	Dora Tagle,
Aurora Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Gloria Treviño,
Chris Flores,	Carmen Ortiz,	Joe Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Anita Peña,	Sara Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Luis Peña Jr.,	Gerri Zambrano
Juanita Flores,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	
Violet Guerrero,	Julia Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS SCHEDULE		
Sat. Aug. 24 Sun. Aug. 25	Lector Lectors	Extra Ordinary Ministers
5:30PM	Chelo, Gabby	Juan
8:00AM	Armando	Carmen
10:00AM	Gabriel	Cindy
12:00PM		Lucy

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don’t change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today’s first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel’s central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Pass-over meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our Eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the “Bread of Life” discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

ESTA FIESTA EUCARÍSTICA

Ciertos aspectos de la naturaleza humana nunca cambian, ni siquiera en el transcurso de varios siglos. Cuando celebramos una fiesta, comemos; cuando celebramos un acontecimiento importante, damos un banquete. En la primera lectura de hoy, la Sabiduría está preparando un banquete, un símbolo de la celebración de la alianza que Israel tiene con Dios. La conmemoración central de su alianza salvadora del Éxodo es la comida de la pascua judía. Por lo tanto, es natural y no casual que la celebración cristiana de la nueva alianza sellada por la sangre de Cristo en la cruz sea una comida, nuestra Eucaristía, la cual primero fue ofrecida por Jesús durante la conmemoración de la pascua judía. Algunas veces nos resulta fácil olvidar el rico origen religioso y humano de nuestro banquete eucarístico de pan y vino que son el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús. Hoy y en los próximos domingos que escuchemos el discurso sobre el “Pan de Vida” por boca de Juan, recordemos la generosa alianza que Dios forja con nosotros y llenémonos de alegría con este maravilloso banquete al que somos invitados.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: St. John Eudes  
Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: St. Bernard  
Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: St. Pius X  
Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: St. Rose of Lima  
Ez 37:1-14, Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: St. Bartholomew  
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Make it a point to attend Mass and receive the Precious Body and Blood of Christ more than once this week. Check the daily Mass times here and at nearby parishes, and set time aside in your schedule to attend on a weekday

HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be OPEN again on Wednesday, August 28th from 4pm until we run out of supplies.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for August

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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 December. Currently the image is scheduled to be picked up at the church on Saturday or Sunday and dropped off back at the church by Saturday (around the time of confessions).

Pray for the following families that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week

Armando Garcia

CREATING AND MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CMSE)

The Diocese of Corpus Christ requires that any and all persons who volunteer at the parish (or any parish) are required to complete a background check and safe environment course for the safety of our children and other vulnerable adults. If you are an active volunteer in a ministry/organization in the parish, please check to see if your blue card is up to date. They are to be renewed every three (3) years. For more information or to begin the process contact the parish office. Courses can be done online or in-person. An in-person course is currently being scheduled in the coming weeks.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations for Religious Education Classes for the 2024-2025 Catechetical Year will be on Wednesdays, August 21 & 28 from 5-8pm in the Religious Education Building.

The first day of classes will be on Wednesday, September 4th.