

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 53; Offering

Continuing through the parts of the Eucharistic Prayer, this week we look at the Oblation, where the Church “offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father... as well as our very selves” (GIRM, 79). We certainly have a lot to be excited about, especially Holy Communion, which is coming. Lest we lose focus and let our attention fade, the prayers that follow the Memorial Acclamation help us to recall the Mass as the one perfect sacrifice, as well as our participation in that sacrifice.

Placing Ourselves on the Altar with Christ

Perhaps you will recognize these words from Eucharistic Prayer I: “We, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.” According to the Diocese of Peoria, “As we offer to God the gifts, we offer to Him ourselves—as Christ did, we offer Him our very lives. As we offer ourselves, we do so with the entire Church, here on earth and in heaven, and we ask that we, too, may share in their fellowship... Our praise and worship is always united with theirs, as the entire Church is present at every Mass” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 16). As we hear in Eucharistic Prayer II, “Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.”

This offering also reminds us: “We are not mere spectators; we are participants. Even though it is the priest who offers these prayers in the name of the community, all present at the Mass can offer their silent prayers with the priest. This is a most opportune time to ‘place our intentions on the paten’ and unite our offering with our Lord” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 16). You may recall how previously we shared that Mother Teresa would imagine placing her heart and intentions on the paten on the altar. What Mother Teresa understood was that at this time of the Mass, all the eyes of heaven are focused on the altar before us. With all the saints and angels gathered around giving glory to God, they are praying with us and for us, making this time a great moment to be joined together with Christ.

Offering Ourselves to God

The Eucharistic Prayers remind us that we not only offer our prayers in union with Jesus, the perfect offering, but we also offer ourselves to God: all that we are and all that we have to give, both to God and to others. This part of the Mass reminds us that we participate in the life of Jesus and that we should live out that participation every day. Charles Belmonte writes, “Following the footprints of Jesus, our life becomes a prolonged Mass. Here is a summary or program of life by which we can achieve this ideal:

To remember Christ’s passion and death. It delivered us from the real evil—sin; and merited for us all true good.

To experience constantly the joy of his resurrection.

To proclaim his resurrection and ascension, through our words and deeds.

To center our day on this holy sacrifice, while we look forward to Christ’s coming” (Understanding the Mass, p. 147).

So, instead of thinking about that nice meal that is going to follow the Mass, the fun day you have planned, or even what the next week will look like, why not thank God for the gift of Jesus present and remind ourselves to “live out the Mass”? In that mindset, maybe the meal or fun activity becomes a joyful offering. Maybe our work week or school schedule becomes a sacrificial offering. How different might our work be if, instead of putting in the time or getting our homework done, we are joined with Christ in making an offering to God?

For Reflection:

1. Apply Charles Belmonte’s “program of life” to your own circumstances, and consider how you can witness to the joy of the Resurrection and Ascension in your daily life.
2. As you make your plans for the day or week, reflect on what follows immediately after your participation in Mass and how to bring the graces you have received into the rest of your day.

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	<i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office
Contact Parish office for more information					



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024



Immaculate Conception Church

Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



"Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."
John 6: 68

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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 24, 2024

5:30PM: Souls in Purgatory

†Guadalupe Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†David Solis Sr (Pat, David, Gabby)

†George Seeley (Rose De La Cruz)

†Candido Cuevas (Angie Cuevas)

†Juan Moreno Jr. (Solis Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Frank & †Catherine Schiesl (Family)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)

SUNDAY August 25, 2024

8:00AM: †Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Belinda Ortiz (Dora Hinojosa & Family)

†Gumerindo 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)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)

†Maria Oralia Cavazos (Cavazos Family)

†Emilio Peña Sr. (Family)

†Ray Villarreal Jr. (Family)

†Enrique Escobedo (Family)

TUESDAY August 27, 2024

5:30PM: Special Intentions for Lorman Family

WEDNESDAY August 28, 2024

8:30AM: †Ray Villarreal Jr (Elena Villarreal)

THURSDAY August 29, 2024

8:30AM: †Salvador Arnold Solis Jr., †Arnaldo & †Elvira Solis, †Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Virginia Solis)

FRIDAY August 30, 2024

8:30AM: †Teodoro & †Aurora Leal, †Feliciano Cavazos Jr.

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

Gabriel & Cindy Gomez

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection	\$2,054.00
Loose Collection	\$712.00
Children’s Collection	\$4.00
Assumption of Mary Envelope (Aug. 15th)	\$787.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Online Giving	\$335.00
Collection Total - August 17/18	\$3,897.00


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 	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

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD’S SERVICE

In the ancient world, “household” was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn’t think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the “households” of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, room-mates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many “strangers” every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are “next door” to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a “household” that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: St. Monica
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: St. Augustine
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 26:27-32

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mk 6:17-29

Friday:
1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:
1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23


CASAS AL SERVICIO DE DIOS

Antiguamente, la palabra “familia” tenía un significado muy amplio. Cuando Josué habla hoy de que su familia servirá al Señor, no se refería solo a las personas que vivían dentro de sus paredes ni a sus parientes de sangre o políticos; se refería a los esclavos o criados y sus familias y cualquier persona que estuviera en deuda con él por algún motivo. Incluso su ganado y demás bienes debían consagrarse a servir a Dios. En nuestro mundo, valoramos mucho la libertad de los individuos para elegir de qué manera vivir y no se nos ocurriría poner a nuestras mascotas al servicio de Dios. Pero, al discernir nuestra vocación como discípulos bautizados en Cristo, llegamos a comprender la diversidad de las “familias” de nuestra vida: la manera en que obramos con nuestros cónyuges, hijos, compañeros de habitación o con quien sea que vivamos; nuestro comportamiento con los vecinos o en público ya que cada día nos topamos con muchos “extraños” en los negocios o en la calle, quienes de repente se convierten en “el vecino”. ¿De qué manera podemos usar nuestro tiempo, recursos o dones con fines desinteresados en vez de con el fin de obtener algún beneficio personal? Sin importar en qué clase de vida demos testimonio de la Buena Nueva, todos tenemos una “familia” que debe consagrarse al servicio del Señor, nuestro Dios.

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.

HOUSE OF FAITH FOOD PANTRY



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

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Type or write our these words: “Today, I will serve the Lord.” Then tape this proclamation somewhere that you will see each and every morning. Say these words in the stillness of your heart each day, or if you prefer, say them out loud. Say them throughout your day in the caverns of your heart. Say them until they are no longer just words that you say but actions that you live out in your daily life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations for Religious Education Classes for the 2024-2025 Catechetical Year will be on Wednesdays, August 28 from 5-8pm in the Religious Education Building. There is a late fee of \$10 per student on Sept. 4th. The first day of classes will be on Wednesday, September 4th.

Class Times: Wednesdays

Kinder - 5th, RCIC 6:15pm - 7:15pm

6th - 12th 7:30pm - 8:30pm

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.

