

The New Jerusalem
Gustave Doré (1832-1883)

The Precepts of the Church

The five precepts of the Church are, essentially, the minimum that is required of each of us to practice our faith. To find all five, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2041-2043. If you aren't yet familiar with these precepts, I highly recommend looking at them since it is a super short read.

Today, let us focus on just two of these precepts: attending Mass on Sundays and receiving Communion.

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints; in the first place, by participate in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. ...

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy. (CCC 2042, emphasis added.)

To learn more, read on...

Sacrifice of the Mass

A pure sacrifice by which we participate in Christ's passion.

By Joe Heschmeyer, published by Catholic Answers on January 13, 2019.

The first-century *Didache* sees in the Sunday Eucharist a clear fulfillment of Malachi 1:11: "For this is that which was spoken by the Lord: 'In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations.'"

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022



Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo



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This week's office hours: Tuesday through Friday 1—6 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Joseph Mission at 4:00 pm (May 21st)

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am

Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Thursday & Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on each of these days at 11:30 am.

Mark your calendars!

Annual Parish Picnic

Boettcher Park, Polson

June 12th, 2022

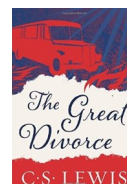
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Knights of Columbus



BOOK CLUB

Book club is currently reading C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 24th,
from 6:00 to 7:00 pm



2022 DIOCESE OF HELENA ORDINATIONS

JUNE 3rd: Ordination to the Diaconate



Kyle Tannehill



JUNE 24th: Ordination to the Priesthood

Dcn. Matthew Christiaens

Dcn. Tyler Frohlich



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood!

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The sacrifice is prefigured by the ancient Passover sacrifice, which consisted of two parts: the killing of the Paschal lamb on Preparation Day, Nisan 14 (Exod. 12:5-6, Lev. 23:5), followed by the Passover Meal on Nisan 15 (Exod. 12:8, Lev. 23:6). In the Passover meal, each household (or cluster of households, if a family was too small) was instructed to "eat the flesh that night, roasted" and to "let none of it remain until the morning" (Exod. 12:8, 10). In eating the flesh of the lamb, the people participated in the sacrifice, thereby completing it.

This prefigures Calvary and Holy Thursday and the sacrifice of the Mass. St. John refers to Good Friday as "the day of Preparation of the Passover" (John 19:14), while Jesus called his Last Supper the "Passover" (Matt. 26:18, Mark 14:16, Luke 22:8), with Jesus himself as our "Paschal Lamb" (1 Cor. 5:7). While Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary was done "once for all," he instructed the apostles to continue the sacrifice of the Mass, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

St. Paul explains that, in this way, we participate in Christ's sacrifice: "are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar?" (1 Cor. 10:18). Paul's argument, contrasting the "table of the Lord" with the Jewish temple sacrifices and the "table of demons" (i.e., demonic altars), makes sense only if there is a "true and real sacrifice of the Mass" (Council of Trent).

How often should I receive the Eucharist?

Just because I've showed up at Mass doesn't mean I should be in the Communion line.

By Philip Kosloski, published by Aletheia on April 10, 2017.

When it comes time for the distribution of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass, the typical scene in the United States features an orderly procession of most all those present, shuffling down the main aisle to receive the Eucharist from a priest or lay minister. If a parishioner can't make it down the aisle, someone comes to place the Eucharist in their hand or mouth.

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Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Fresh produce, including garden produce, are accepted. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.



"Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, He often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore, look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow in a particular virtue and a promise by God that you will be successful, if only you stand fast."

"The best way to prepare for death is to spend every day of life as though it were the last."

"There is nothing the devil fears so much, or so much tries to hinder, as prayer."



Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21st

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Repose of the Soul of Frenchy Deranleau/

Repose of the Soul of Fern Deranleau

Sunday, May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish /

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Thursday, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest /

The Ascension of the Lord (celebrated Sunday, May 29th)

Vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Helena

Friday, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Helena

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Traven & Marisa Hoyt, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Bill Posivio.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May



Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Hayden Petterson, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, Alex Ramirez, James Semling.

It is extremely common in the United States for everyone in the church, without exception, to receive Holy Communion every Sunday of the year.

For most Americans this is typical, and the question of "How often should I receive the Eucharist," seems like it doesn't really need an answer. However, the Church in her wisdom has set out specific guidelines that are meant to help us along the path toward Heaven.

Strictly speaking Catholics are only required, at the bare minimum, to receive the Eucharist once a year.

"After [receiving their First Communion], each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year" (Canon Law #920).

It may seem a bit odd that we are only asked to receive the Eucharist once a year during the Easter season. However, this precept of the Church is meant to remind us of the necessary conditions that we must fulfill in order to receive the Holy Eucharist in a worthy manner. The USCCB gives a succinct explanation that is often found in the back of a parish's missalette.

"As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all."

The Church has stressed in recent years the frequent reception of the Eucharist, but it is never to be isolated from the sacrament of Confession. Basically, if after a proper examination of conscience you feel that you are free of any grave sin, then the Church suggests that you should receive the Eucharist, the "source and summit" of our faith.

However, if you are conscious of a grave sin, then the Church asks you to refrain from receiving Holy Communion and either remain in the pew, or approach the priest with arms crossed over your chest as an indication that you would prefer a blessing instead of the Eucharist.

The Church would hope you go to confession as soon as you are able, in order to bring your relationship with God back in order.



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

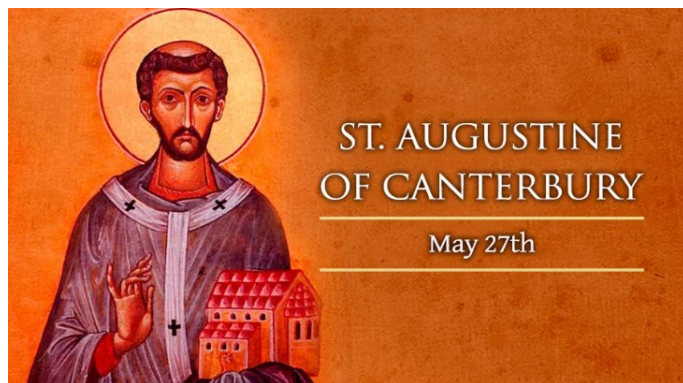
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Friday at 9:00 am



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"Ask God to lead you by faith. Only God, seek only Him."



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon:

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

Collect:

*Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Alleluia Verse: Jn 14:23: Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men. (CCC 747)

Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$169,607 of \$170,000 (99.8%!)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$35,302 of \$44,500 (79%)



Thank you for your generosity!

May 20, 2022

Dear Parish Faithful,

I want to begin by asking if you maybe noticed that the church was a little more chilly than usual these past number of months? If you thought so, you were not imagining things...the sacristy in fact was down right frigid.

During the last service visit from Temp Right of Missoula (our service and maintenance provider for our heating and air conditioning), it was discovered that four of our six heat pumps had died.

Close to five years ago, or a little less, we contracted with Temp Right to service our system. Temp Right began providing our service with a rebuild of our heat pumps and they told us that given the age of the system we might reasonably expect to get about five more years of function out of them. It turns out that they were quite correct. Our heat pump system has been a topic of conversation during a number of our quarterly Parish Finance Council meetings and so this new development does not come as a surprise.

After the system was rebuilt some five years ago we did immediately enjoy a significant decrease in our energy bills, both electric and propane, but this past year, even with an increase in costs, our energy bill was still a bit high and back to the previous levels before the rebuild. Our costs this past year from October 1st through March 31st were close to \$3,500 higher than the previous year. An indication that our system was failing.

During our last meeting on May 18th the Parish Finance Council unanimously agreed to two motions, which is the purpose of my communicating with you. The first motion was to accept a bid from Temp Right to replace all 6 heat pumps at a cost of \$52,000.00, and the second was to ask the parish to assist in this project by contributing \$25,000.00 for the replacement.

I know that this request comes at a time of difficulty and uncertainty for many, but at the same time you have never disappointed me when I have presented a genuine need. In fact, you have always exceeded my requests, and such has been your constant generosity.

It is the hope of the Finance Council that we can raise the necessary funds and realize this project before the close of the current fiscal year which ends on June 30th. Yes, I will be contributing to this project, but I too have been hit by federal taxes, insurance and other charitable contributions of urgent need. At this time I can afford about \$500, maybe for just a start, and ask if that would be possible for you or more if you are able...perhaps 1 to 5 thousand.

It would be preferable to raise the money in these next four weeks so that we don't have a capital project of this size straddling two fiscal years. Please make your contributions payable to the parish and clearly mark "Building Fund" on your check or envelope. You may mail in your contribution or drop it in the collection basket.

Later this summer I do want to give you a summary of things that have been taking place in the parish with regards to the Finance Council and things that are pending. I am happy to report that your offertory giving has been a great blessing and we are holding steady with a very consistent annual offertory income based on historical averages of these past 10 years. So thank you very much!

I wish to thank you in advance for your thoughtful and generous response to this appeal. And by way of FYI the Finance Council is made up of Pete Ridgeway (outgoing chairman), John Winegart (incoming chairman, July 1st), Clint Fischer, Paul Laisy (special projects), and Trey Moran. Thanks again and have a great weekend.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson