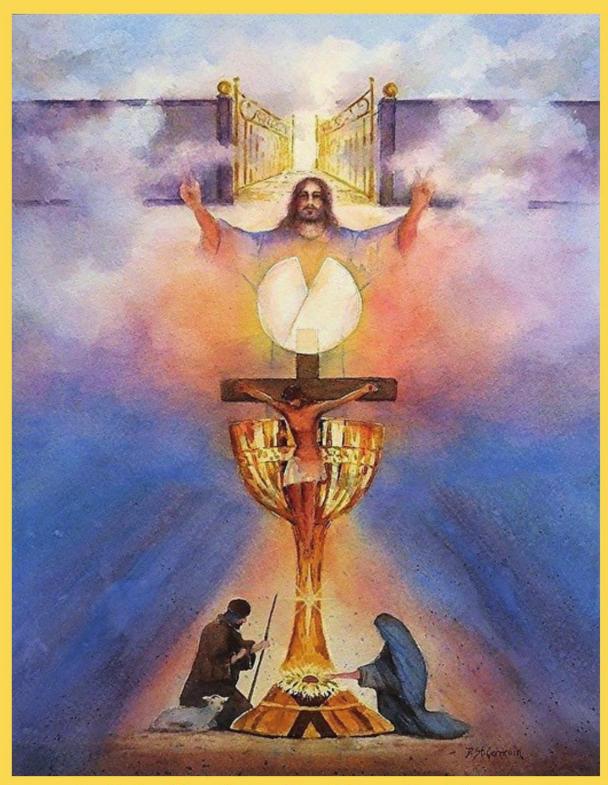
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## ABOUT OUR PARISH

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Mass
Tue 8:00 a.m.
Wed 6:30 p.m.
Thu 8:00 a.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m.

#### HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

#### SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Thursday**: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

#### RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m. Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.

Or by request

#### YOUR CLERGY

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#### Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

#### SACRAMENTS

#### **Baptism**

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

#### Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least <u>six months</u> in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

#### Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

#### Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.



# MONTH OF MAY WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES Ordinary Income 19,344.50 Extraordinary Income 907.10 Expenses 19,211.93 Total \$1,039.67

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

Antonians—Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday beginning with mass at 8:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 500 p.m.



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#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Riley Richard, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Camila Dest

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, June 3

(2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12)

No Mass Scheduled

#### Tuesday, June 4

(2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17)

8:00 a.m. Gustave & Viola Wahl†

#### Wednesday, June 5

(2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

#### Thursday, June 6

(2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34)

8:00 a.m. Noel Cusimano, Sr.†

#### Friday, June 7

(Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Jn 19:31-37)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

#### Saturday, June 8

(2 Tm 4:1-8; Lk 2:41-51)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Ron delBianco†, June P. Magner†, Earline Garitty†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Sylvia Prejean†

#### Sunday, June 9

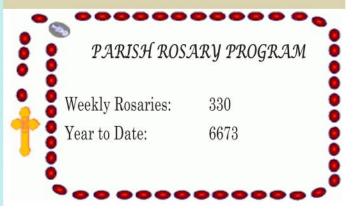
(Gn 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†,

Matthew Brown, Ruth DeBlanc†

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



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## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JUNE

We pray for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

# Deacon Pat & Cathy Downey

Anniversary

#### WHAT'S NEW?

I never noticed it before, but our reading from Mark's gospel is similar to the story in John's gospel of the wedding feast at Cana. They begin with a problem presented to Jesus: Lack of wine (John) and a place for Passover meal (Mark.) They both involve jars of water. Jesus responds to both by giving orders: to the waiters (Jn) and to the apostles (Mk.) And both have miraculous changes: water into wine (Jn) and bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood (Mk.)

Now the wedding feast showed Jesus using the water meant for purification and changing it to wine for a wedding. The Jews needed to purify any dishes in order to keep the kosher laws. But Jesus replaced those laws with a new one, the law of love, symbolized by the wedding. In our gospel today, Jesus replaces ordinary food with spiritual food. He is doing something new, beyond the requirements of the Old Testament.

What does that mean for us? Jesus is showing God's love for us in a new way. You might say he is replacing the way he comes to us. The bread and wine at the last Supper were signs of Jesus' body being broken and his blood poured out for us on the cross. When he gave his life for us, he rose from the dead to give us hope. And now we have the Eucharist, in which he becomes our new food and drink. Just as the Passover meal became a sign of Jesus' real death on the cross, our Eucharist is the sacrament of his real presence among us today.

Do we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Son of God? The way to measure that is to ask, how has Jesus changed your life? Do you love others more because you know God loves you? Do you have less fear of the future, because the Holy Spirit gives you courage? Do your children know Jesus, because you share your faith with them? In the Eucharist, God gives us a new way to be with him. Let us look forward to being renewed in spirit whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Tom Schmidt

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

A new name for this feast, long known as *Corpus Christi* or "Body of Christ," points to an important recovery of Communion from the shared chalice, the Precious Blood, in the Roman Catholic liturgy. For many centuries, only the priest received from the chalice. Now, over the last forty years, the cup has been offered more frequently to the faithful. Sadly, perhaps because it is not offered at all Masses, or because people are free to pass by the offered cup, it can be seen by some as a "take it or leave it" option.

Some important meanings surface, however, when we drink from the common cup, such as our desire to participate in the pouring out of Christ's love. Bread is the staff of life, eaten by necessity even in times of pain. Wine, on the other hand, is the mark of festivity, a pledge of joy, a sign of unity between our altar table and the banquet feast of heaven. The center of the Gospel today is Jesus speaking of the pouring out of his blood, and his offer of a cup of blessing to be shared as a sign of his love. There is no better response than to take and drink, and no better way to mark this feast.

-Rev. James Field

#### PANIS ANGELICUS / BREAD OF ANGELS



Music is a way to express emotion when words are otherwise limited. As I have always found prayer difficult, I've been trying to better develop my relationship with God through various aids. One recent example is investing in piano lessons for my children, with the hope that this will result in a skillset that they can use to praise God. Have you

ever stopped to take in just how important music is in the Church? How many beautiful hymns can you recall word for word?

Panis Angelicus is one of my favorite hymns about the Eucharist. I remember growing up listening to the version by then 10-year-old Charlotte Church. In English, the hymn is translated as "The Bread of Angels", and originates from a longer hymn by Saint Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ).

Bread of Angels, made the bread of men; The Bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols: A thing wonderful! The Lord becomes our food: poor, a servant, and humble. We beseech Thee, Godhead One in Three That Thou wilt visit us, as we worship Thee, lead us through Thy ways, We who wish to reach the light in which Thou dwellest. Amen.

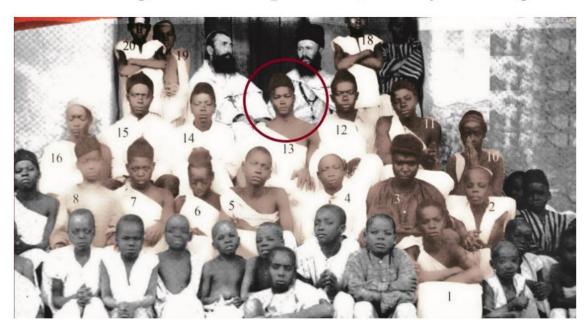
The Feast of Corpus Christi is about understanding the importance of the Eucharist, that which can only happen through the Mass. Understanding the value and importance of the Mass is so important, especially since it is so often taken for granted. It is a battle against the distractions of this world to prioritize Mass, particularly when multiple family members need convincing.

Becoming one with Jesus when receiving Communion is a mystery that can be hard to grasp. But as Saint John Vianney declared, "If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy!" Jesus gave us this most awe-inspiring Gift of Himself. It is difficult to capture with human emotion, but is a reminder that He is always with us, nourishing us in times of both prosperity and weakness, until the end of the age.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

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# Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs of Uganda



## **Know your martyrs**

#### By Sr. Elvira Ma Garro, S.H.M.

Africa has given to the Church countless saints, martyrs, confessors, and virgins such as St. Augustine, St. Athanasius, St. Cyril, St. Cyprian, the martyrs St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, the Scillitan and Carthaginian martyrs, and martyrs from the Vandal persecution. Along with these, in the nineteenth century we have the Ugandan martyrs Charles Lwanga and his twelve companions. The photograph was taken in the Bukumbi Mission in Tanganyika (Mwanza), in September or October 1885. The 20 future martyrs went to welcome and congratulate the new Bishop of Uganda, Leon Livinhac.

1. Mukasa Kiriwawanvu 2. Andrea Kaggwa (Kahwa) 3. Yozefu Mukasa Balikuddembe 4. Anatori Kiriggwajjo 5. Mbaaga Tuzinde 6. Ponsiano Nngondwe 7. Yakobo Buuzabalyawo 8. Dionizio Ssebuggwawo 9. Atanansi Bazzekuketta 10. Adolfu Mukasa Ludigo 11. Gonzaga Gonza 12. Ambrozio Kibuuka 13. Kaeoli Lwanga 14. Akileo Kiwanuka 15. Bruno Sserunkuma 16. Matia Kalemba Mulumba 17. Luka Baanabakintu 18. Kizito 19. Muggaga 20. Gyaviira

The evangelization of Africa took place in several stages. During the first centuries, Christianity reached Egypt and North Africa. During the second and third centuries, Christian life developed and became very strong in the northern regions of Africa. A second phase took place during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries in the continental regions situated south of the Sahara. The third phase, which began in the nineteenth century, was characterized by extraordinary missionary efforts led by great apostles and supporters of the African missions such as Daniel Comboni and Charles Lavigerie, founder of the White Fathers.

Lwanga and his companions were young men between the ages of fourteen and thirty who belonged to King Mwanga's royal court. As neophytes or followers of the Catholic faith, they died because they rejected the impure desires of the king. Charles Lwanga, Master of the Pages, stood out for his zeal after his conversion to Christianity thanks to the missionary efforts of the White Fathers. The witness of his life and words brought others to the faith. He exercised great moral authority over the pages, some of whom were already Christians while others prepared for baptism, like Kizito, who was only fourteen years old.

The King of Uganda, Mwanga II, was enraged when he discovered that his pages embraced Christianity and rejected his lustful advances, and so he began a persecution against "those who pray," the name he gave to Christians. He convoked a council and ordered for the Christian pages to be called forth. He ordered them to deny the faith. He also ordered that anyone not willing to renounce the faith should step forward. Charles Lwanga was the first to step forward, then the others followed him.

Perplexed, the king asked them, "Do you still want to be Christians?" The young men courageously answered, "Yes, we will be Christians until death." Mwanga, full of anger, ordered them to be taken to prison and burned alive on the hill of Namugongo. "You can burn our bodies but not our souls." Charles said.

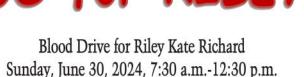
In prison, Charles Lwanga baptized those who had not yet received baptism, including fourteen-year-old Kizito, who showed great fortitude, and Mabaga, the son of the chief executioner. Magaba's father visited him and begged him to apostatize. Magaba firmly rejected the proposal because he preferred martyr-dom to denying Christ.

There was about a forty-mile distance between the hill of Namugongo and the royal palace, which the martyrs walked on foot. When they reached the site of their martyrdom, their hands and feet were tied, they were covered in bamboo mats, and like lambs were placed on a fire to be burned. Their mouths did not utter complaints or cries, but rather prayers. "The whispering of their prayers grew in the measure that their sufferings increased, until their voices ceased and the victims flew to heaven," eyewitnesses later related.

Charles Lwanga and his companions were beatified by Benedict XV in 1920. In 1934, Charles Lwanga was declared patron of Catholic Action and of African youth. On October 18, 1964, Paul VI canonized Charles Lwanga and his companions, selecting June 3 as the date for their feast day.

A beautiful shrine was built at the site of the martyrdom. Paul VI consecrated the altar of the shrine in July 1969 during his trip to Uganda. "In this place, the cross of Christ shines with a special brightness. This was a dark place, but the light of Christ made it shine with the great fire that consumed St. Charles Lwanga and his companions. The light of this holocaust will never cease to shine in Africa," the Pope said. The Catholic Church in Africa is now vibrant and flourishing. The blood of martyrs is the seed of new Christians.





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