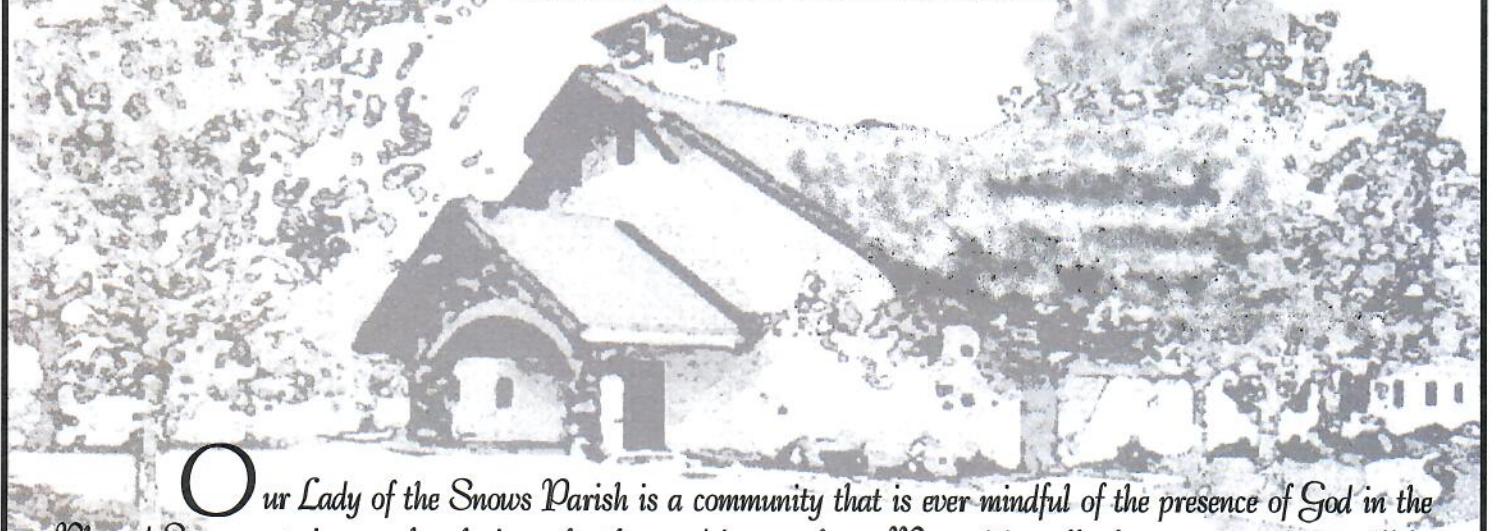


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PASTOR  
Rev. Fr. Joshua Sia

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### Good News

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A) Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 / John 6:51-58**

Just as the darkest of nights brings out stars we might never notice otherwise, so is it that when we find ourselves lost in the dark of life's deserts, the slightest kindnesses can bring us to a brief oasis in a day otherwise oppressive. Most often such moments come as gifts, unearned—even undeserved. Yet they are blessings to us.

Psychologists tell us that if we find ourselves down in the dumps and depressed, we can find hope by naming three things that happened that day that were pure gifts—a phone call from a friend, a compliment, a free cup of coffee, a good bill of health from the doctor. Remembering them at the end of the day and giving thanks for them may not solve the issues that burden us, but they can put them in perspective, reminding us that life is a mix of both the good as well as the not-so-good.

Moses urged the people to recall all that God had done for them—bringing them out of Egypt, guiding them through the desert, leading them to water, and feeding them with manna. Amid their grumbling, their remembering offered them hope and the courage to go on. Thus, what psychologists suggest is what God has been doing for us for thousands of years—that God feeds us daily in large and small ways, all without our deserving it but out of His great generosity. Remember, then, how God has fed you.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

### dear Padre

*I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?*

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration.

However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern wafer-like host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158).

Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of His own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey.

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

### OLS News

#### Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

The 2nd collection this weekend and each second weekend of the month supports Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for your help!

Congratulations and God's blessings to Catherine and Finn McHugh, who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend! Thank you to Bishop Soto for being here. Thank you to RCIA instructors Debbie and Larry Rives, and to sponsors Nita Jimenez and Bill Quadrio.

Pancake Breakfast! June 18th after the 9:30 am Mass, courtesy of the OLS Men's Group. No charge--donations accepted.

COMING IN AUGUST: The OLS Men's Group will serve a barbeque dinner on Saturday, August 12th after our 5pm Mass. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so that we know how much food to prepare. Hope you can attend!

Bible Study meets each Wed. from 10am to 11:30 am in the Social Hall. Our topic is "The Bible and the Church Fathers," presented by Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center. Join us!

To our Summer/Seasonal Parishioners: You are members of our "parish family," year-round, even if you are only here part of the year. We would love having you join any and all of our activities and parish groups, as well as serving as lectors or Eucharistic ministers if you would like to. We are blessed to have you in our parish!

Please take a moment and say a prayer for all of our sick parishioners.



## Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

### Liturgical Tidbits: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

As we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, we remember that an important dimension of the Mass is that it is a *sacrifice*. Many ancient religions (if not all) are very familiar with the term “sacrifice.” A sacrifice can take the form of a bloody or unbloody sacrifice. Ancient practices of religion, most notably the Israelites, included either the offering of livestock (lamb, cattle, etc.) or their harvest to God. They would make sacrifices usually for three basic purposes: First is for *reconciliation*, because they are aware that they offended God through an act of sin and so seek repentance. Second is as an act of *thanksgiving*. If they had been blessed with either a good harvest, wealth, children, etc. they seek to give back something to God through a sacrifice. Finally, as a *petitionary* action. When the ancient people wanted to make a request from God, they would offer something to Him.

Now, as Christians, we no longer have to make a bloody sacrifice, because the *definitive* and *ultimate* sacrifice is offered every Mass—Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Notice how throughout the Mass, all three dimensions of a sacrifice are being fulfilled: we first seek *reconciliation* at the beginning of Mass during the penitential rite. We also *give thanks* to God during the Eucharistic Prayer (*eucharistia* in Greek means thanksgiving). Also, we ask *petitions* from God for the needs of our brothers and sisters during the Prayers of the Faithful.

So every Sunday we are invited to be a part of the *representing* of the *definitive* and *ultimate* sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Remember to always come into Mass keeping in mind what you want to offer up as *reconciliation*, *thanksgiving*, and *petitions*.

### Weekly Offerings

Sunday June 4th	\$ 1,362.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,600.00
Mortgage Pledge	\$ 10,000.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 50.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 180.00

### This Weekend's Ministry Schedule

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>		<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday 5:00pm	Toni Pleau	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30 am	Debbie Rives	Jeffrey Janus

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From May through October, there is a 2nd collection at each weekend Mass: 1st, 3rd, and 4th weekends for Maintenance; 2nd weekend of the month for Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center. We appreciate your support.

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### Weekly Mass Intentions

June 10	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre †
June 11	Sunday	9:30 am	Ed Doyle † And Thornton Hinman †
June 12	Monday	-----	NO MASS
June 13	Tuesday	8:30 am	Joseph Wheatley †
June 14	Wednesday	8:30 am	Ita Moran †
June 15	Thursday	8:30 am	Tom Wheeler †
June 16	Friday	8:30 am	Pat Branda

### OLS News continued--

THANK YOU to Janice Carleton for leading a beautiful, inspiring, and encouraging Women's Retreat at Our Lady of the Snows last Saturday, June 3rd.

Friday, June 16th is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. Consider attending Mass on this day.

Online giving is a great way to support Our Lady of the Snows! You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift; you can donate to our General Fund or to the Maintenance Fund. On our website ([ourladyofsnowsparish.org](http://ourladyofsnowsparish.org)), click on “Donate Now” -- or you can load the app on your phone. Pick up an information card in the Social Hall.

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to lessen your burden.