

## Blessed and Given: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: a priest-king comes from Jerusalem (see Psalm 76:3), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes.

By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His body and blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant."

Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see Hebrews 6:20–7:3).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel, again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist.

Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see Luke 22:19) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see Luke 24:30).

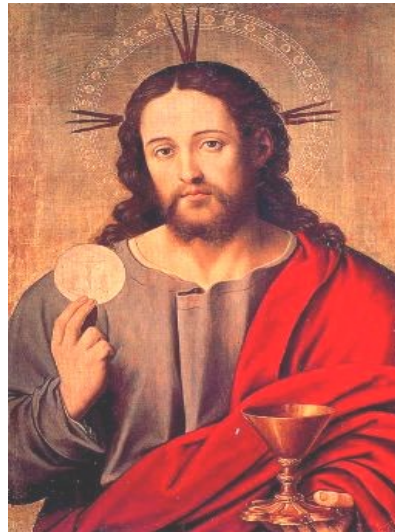
The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus.

It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread—in commanding them on the night He was handed over:

"Do this in remembrance of Me."

Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile.

And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.



# Welcome to our parish!



*St. Augustine Mission  
98 Church Lane  
Wheelwright, MA 01094*



*St. Aloysius Church  
64 Church St., PO Box 542  
Gilbertville, MA 01031*

### Mass Schedule

St. Aloysius Church: Saturday 4 P. M.

Sunday 7:30 A.M.

St. Augustine Mission: Sunday 9:00 A.M.

*For weekday Mass times please check the detailed schedule inside the bulletin.*

Rev. Richard A. Lembo, Pastor

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#### **Safe Environment**

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact our diocesan office of Healing & Prevention at **508-929-4363** (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

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**Judith Audette 508-726-2880**

*"We, the faith community of the St. Aloysius Church and St. Augustine Mission, as part of cluster 36 and the Worcester Diocese, who in union with the Catholic Church throughout the world, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ, as we strive to fulfill our Baptismal covenant, by nurturing our individual and spiritual growth in our care for one another."*

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Saturday June 21

4:00pm - **Bebe St. George**

by Richard St. George

Sunday, June 22

7:30am - **Robert T. Bessette** by family

St. Augustine

9:00am

Tuesday, June 24

8:00am - **Souls of Purgatory**

Wednesday, June 25

8:00am

Thursday, June 26

8:00am

Friday June 27

8:00am

Sunday, June 29

10:00am -



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of **Arthur R. Frost** by Marilyn.

If you are interested having a loved one or special intention remembered, please let us know. Donation is \$5.00 per candle.

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*"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (Luke 9:17)* The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

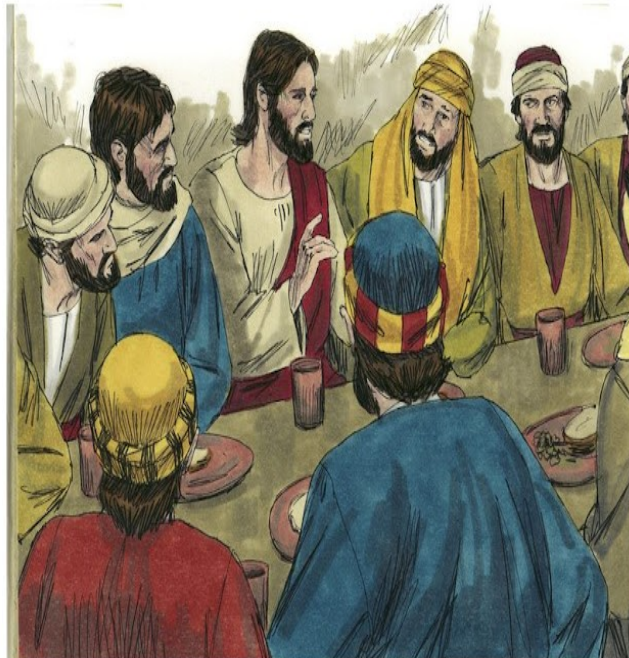
### Offertory Collection\*\*

June 14 & 15, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$1,099.00

St. Augustine - \$652.00

\*\*This includes all envelopes given in the collection



June 21 & 22, 2025

## Sunday June 29, 2025

**St. Aloysius & St. Augustine Mission will come together for a joyful celebration of Mass on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 10:00am.**

**This is the only Mass this weekend.**



**Corpus  
Christi**

*What he did at supper seated,  
Christ ordained to be repeated,  
His memorial ne'er to cease:*

*And his rule for guidance taking,  
Bread and wine we hallow, making  
Thus our sacrifice of peace.*

*This the truth each  
Christian learns,  
Bread into flesh he turns,  
To his precious blood and wine:*

*Sight has fail'd,  
nor thought conceives,  
But a dauntless faith believes,  
Resting on a pow'r divine.*

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