



THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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JUNE 22, 2025



The SOLEMNITY of CORPUS CHRISTI

**“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”**

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

JUNE 22, 2025 / THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Genesis 14:18-20 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / Luke 9:11b-17

It was reasonable for the disciples to think that it will be impossible to provide food for the entire crowd of over five thousand. All they have are five loaves and two fish. Not even one percent of that crowd would be satisfied with such little food. But on this day the crowd learns the abundance of God's generosity. We may be overwhelmed by the few resources we have to address such huge needs—hunger, malnutrition, disease, poverty, homelessness—in poorer countries especially, but also right here in our nation and even in our communities. May this Gospel remind us that when we become the body of Christ we can see miracles happen.

Question of the Week: During the week ahead, how will I offer myself in imitation of Jesus to nourish or sustain someone else?

Gospel Meditation

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

– Father John Muir
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CORPUS CHRISTI

Celebrating the real
presence of Jesus in the
Eucharist.

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,

What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.

Amen.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 21 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR
 JUNE 21 4:00 PM JOHN SANTORO
 JUNE 21 4:00 PM JOSEPH MCBRIDE
 JUNE 22 9:00 AM ROSINA EMKEY
 JUNE 28 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE
 JUNE 28 4:00 PM FRANK DIGIACOMO
 JULY 6 9:00 AM ROBERT NADEAU
 JULY 19 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR
 JULY 26 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE
 AUG 9 4:00 PM ROSE SANTORO
 AUG 16 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of May and June will go to Catholic Charities. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Adoration Adoration will be held each Wednesday from 12 noon to 6pm. We would like to invite parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of their choice on any Wednesday. Sign up boards are at the entrance. This will continue the whole Jubilee year.

Jubilee Day Mass

On Jubilee Day (June 22nd) the Bishop will celebrate the Mass at 9am. We want to welcome the Bishop and hopefully you can make it. **PARKING NOTE:** We have secured the previous Masciarelli Funereal home and Conrads for parking for the event. Please consider parking there to allow church parking for those with mobility issues.

Knights of Columbus

In Service to One. In Service to All. The St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council meets in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Any catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights can attend the meeting, contact us at kofc16480@gmail.com, or talk to any member to get more information.

Jesus King of all Nations

You are invited to attend an evening prayer, in honor of “**Jesus King of All Nations.**” At St. Bernard’s Parish at St. Camillus Church on 6/25/25, at 333 Mechanic Street, Fitchburg, MA. Holy Mass commences at 6pm, Prayers and veneration of the image of “**Jesus King of All Nations,**” will be after Mass. Religious items will be available for purchase. A free will offering would be appreciated. Thanks for your assistance!

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June 8

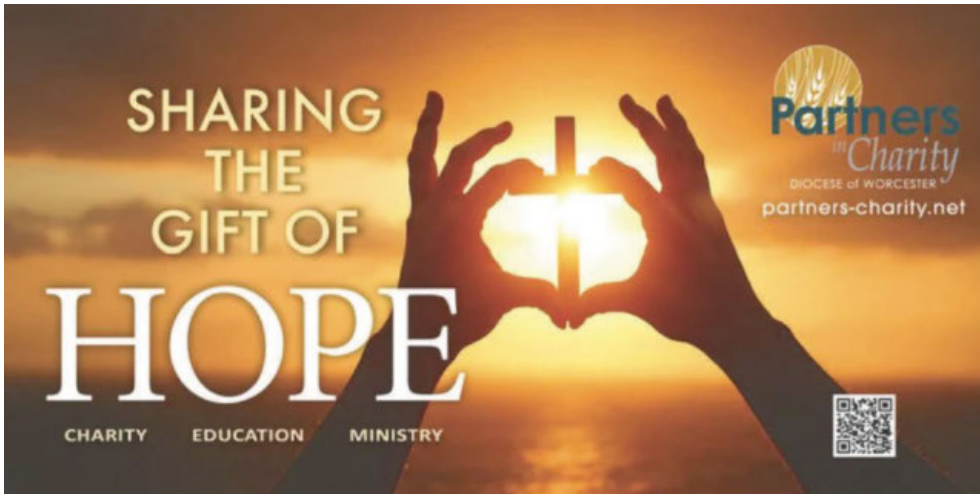
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Who first called the church “Catholic?”

If you’ve ever wondered where the word Catholic came from, you’re not alone. Many Christians today use the term, but few know its origins—or how early it was used to describe Christ’s one, true Church.

The first recorded use of Catholic to describe the Church comes from St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop, martyr, and disciple of the Apostle John. Around the year 107 A.D., while being transported to Rome for execution, St. Ignatius wrote several letters to Christian communities. In his letter to the Smyrnaeans, he wrote:

“Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.”

This was just a few decades after the death of the last Apostle. The early Christians didn’t invent new denominations or start separate churches—they were part of one, visible, united Church, led by bishops and rooted in the teachings of the Apostles.

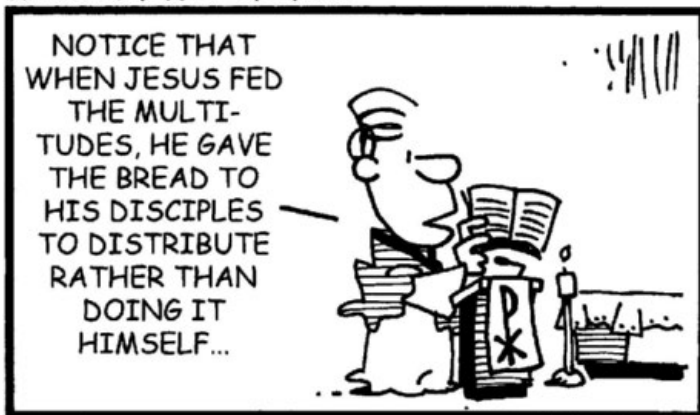
The word catholic itself comes from the Greek *katholikos*, meaning “universal” or “according to the whole.” From the beginning, this Church wasn’t local or tribal—it was for everyone, everywhere, offering the fullness of truth handed down by Christ Himself.

St. Ignatius’ use of the word shows us something powerful: from the earliest days, the Church understood itself as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. That’s not just a line in the Creed—it’s a historical reality.

So the next time you say you’re Catholic, remember: you’re part of a Church that’s been called by that name since the first century—a Church founded by Christ, spread by the Apostles, and still proclaiming the truth to the whole world.

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