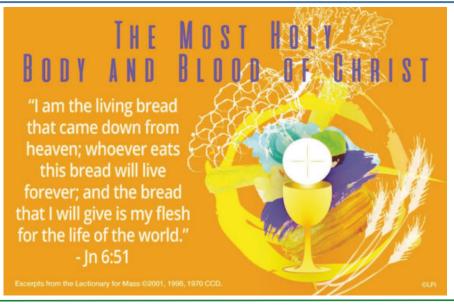


June 11, 2023

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Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm - In Person Sunday Masses:

9:00am

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,

14b-16a;

Psalm 147;

1 Corinthians 10:16-17;

John 6:51-58

First Reading:

At the end of their forty-year journey in the desert, Moses instructs the Israelites not to forget how God taught them to depend on Him alone. How might you remind yourself of this important lesson in life?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians that through the body and blood of Christ, the community of believers are

"one body." Who in your life needs to hear this unifying message?

Gospel

Jesus teaches the crowds that through his body and blood believers will obtain eternal life and be raised on the last day. This is the core of our Catholic belief about Jesus. *How do you think we can best celebrate this gift of eternal life?*

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.

Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Aside from life itself, the most precious gifts God has given us are His Word and His Body and Blood. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of these two sublime gifts.

In our first reading, from Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that God "let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna... in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord. Do not forget the Lord your God." Our Heavenly Father is such a good teacher. He reminds His people that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through a lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important.

God's Word is alive and He intends for us to feed on it daily. Yet, it is a gift that is easy to neglect. In this noisy modern world, it can be challenging to even recognize our spiritual "hunger pangs." And it is easier to feed them with the junk food of mindless distraction and entertainment. As Christian stewards, we must recognize our dependence on God's Word, and treasure this priceless gift — out of gratitude to the Giver and so that we can share it with others.

Our Lord reveals the full meaning of this gift in our Gospel passage from John. He says to the crowds, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In the Old Testament, God fed His people with manna. Now, He feeds us with the very Flesh and Blood of His Son.

And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist.

Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." Notice that Christ does not say those who partake of His Body and Blood will have eternal life, but that they have eternal life — right here and right now! It is no wonder then, that the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Eucharist as the "source and summit of our faith" (1324).

In the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward them well with all our hearts, always.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	6/11	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
Mon	6/12	2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tue	6/13	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Wed	6/14	2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thu	6/15	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-14; Mt 5:20-26
Fri	6/16	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Sat	6/17	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51
Sun	6/18	11 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; FATHER'S DAY Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

MASS INTENTIONS

	Mon	6/12	8:30 am	Stephen Perun (special intention)
	Tue	6/13	8:30 am	Fr. Greg Kimm (Ordination Anniversary)
	Wed	6/14	8:30 am	Bishop Pierre DuMaine †
	Thu	6/15	8:30 am	Tammy Brocket (healing)
	Fri	6/16	8:30 am	Josephine Gallo †
S	Sat	6/17	8:30 am	Mike and Josephine "Lou" Ray (Wedding Anniversary)
	Sai	0/1/	5:00 pm	John, Phyllis and Jack Murtagh †
Sı			9:00 am	Steven Wilson †
	Sun	6/18	11:00 am	Tom Franceschi †
			5:00 pm	Thomas Rice †

OUR FASCINATING FAITH: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every year the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on the first Friday after the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The devotion to the Sacred Heart comes from a French nun, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, to whom Jesus showed his heart in June 1675. He told her that his heart burned with love for human beings but Christians only offended him with insults, ingratitude, and indifference. Thus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is shown with a flame of fire and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

How many times have we, as the Church or as individuals, pierced the heart of the Lord, our Spouse? Even so, the image of the heart of Jesus, pierced with thorns and aflame with love for us, continues to sing and call to us to be completely his. If we return to him, Jesus promises twelve blessings of peace, consolation, fervor, and other graces. The promises are generally for the good of our families, the conversion of sinners, and an increase in the faith. All of these promises focus on the infinite love of Jesus, who has our names engraved on his heart because of the love he has for us. Christ manifests himself as a spouse who desires the best for his bride, the Church. He commits himself to her and seeks to inflame her with love.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc



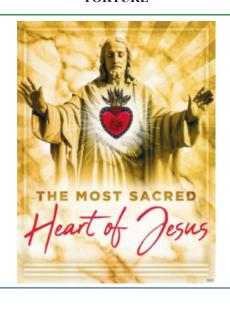
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we even do it on social media?

> POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JUNE FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE



FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Lifestyle

"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Cor 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a Stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Vic LoBue, Jr.; Chuck Blalock; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon; Ederlina Nacion

For those who have recently died:

Joseph Perrone; Ed Kelly; Anna Miceli; Delores Simone; Lorreene Giansiracusa; Terry Harper; Bishop PJ McGrath; Elizabeth "Betsy" Doyle; Donald McNeil; Sara Babarczy; Robert Hapgood Cowden

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary's! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please see us on the parish website under at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

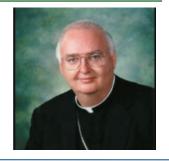
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VOTIVE CANDLES IN THE CHURCH

The Present Situation

PROBLEMS:

Cost: Candles are expensive. In the last fiscal year (2021-22), we had a shortfall of over \$1,500.

Candle Management: 1) Candles must be ordered and reordered constantly to keep up with demand. Our business manager takes care of this job, along with her many other responsibilities. 2) Someone must also monitor the candles in the church, taking away the empty containers and replacing them on a regular basis, as well as making sure that there are sticks available for lighting the candles and cleaning up any messes. Currently, we have one person doing this job as a volunteer. 3) Note that because of the high cost of candles and the loss of money due to a lack of payment by candle users, we are now limiting the number of candles available.

Safety: As anyone can imagine, it is not safe to keep burning candles anywhere when they are unattended. By Church law, we are required to keep one candle burning near the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Christ. Additional candles increase the fire hazard. While we no longer keep the church open for visitors during the day, the church is open for substantial periods of time on Sundays and when there are special occasions, making it possible for dangerous events to occur, either intentionally or unintentionally.

The Proposal

I propose the installation of hybrid candles. They are safe, neat, easy to maintain, and require just a small amount of electricity. In addition, many more candles will be available for those wishing to light a candle.

Another benefit of the hybrid candles is that parishioners will be able to make a one-time donation for a perpetual candle in memory of a loved one or for any other intention. This candle will remain lit 24/7 and have a small plaque in front of it with an inscription of the donor's choice.

My hope is that the donations for the perpetual candles will cover the initial cost of building and installing the candle racks.

Questions? Comments?

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

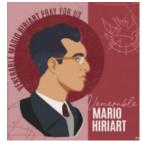
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ordinary Time beckons, and so on this Sunday we surrender the last glimmers of paschal joy as we celebrate the renewal of our life around the table of the Eucharist. This feast reminds us that the goal of the catechumen's journey through Lent is not the baptismal font at Easter, but rather the experience of Pentecost. It is all about life lived in the Spirit's embrace in relationship to the Body of Christ, which is found both "on the table" and "at the table."

The season of confirmation is also drawing to a close, and this feast serves as a reminder that this sacrament, a solemn sending from font to table, is keyed to renewed vigor. Confirmation has sometimes been sadly misunderstood as a kind of graduation from religious formation, but it is nothing of the sort. It is about being led by the Lord Jesus to the place where the Spirit flourishes, and where the gifts of the Spirit are most easily detectable. After next week we will resume our consideration of the sacrament of confirmation, its rich and somewhat tangled history, its challenging theology, and its changing celebration.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: VEN. MARIO HIRIART



Venerable Mario Hiriart Pulido was born in Santiago, Chile, in 1931. Born with fibroids on his neck and torso, he had to undergo multiple surgeries throughout his life.

After receiving his engineering degree and teaching for a time, Mario spent 3 years in formation with the Schoenstatt movement in Brazil. During that time, he led a silent and prayerful life, thoroughly working through the Schoenstatt spirituality and committing himself to the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Brothers of Mary in Brazil. Following his personal consecration to Mary in the shrine of the Bellavista in Chile, he worked as a lecturer and teacher in the Department of Engineering at the University of Santiago. As a civil engineer and devout Catholic, he wanted to help shape the world, stating in a letter that, "I want to be a personified encounter between heaven and earth!"

Mario went on to co-find the Schoenstatt Youth in Chile. He helped develop the Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement in South America. In his early 30's, Mario was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. He passed away while in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for chemotherapy treatment on July 15, 1964, at age 33. Pope Francis conferred on him the title of Venerable in 2020.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



5TH GRADE STATE FAIR

The 5th grade students really did a wonderful job presenting their states. The students told stories about their state, many of which tied into the United States history they are learning in class.

We appreciate all of the family (several generations) and friends who came out to support our 5th graders on their journey!





CHRISTMAS IN MAY!

The 8th grade class pranked the 7th grade class by decorating their homeroom with the Christmas decorations, trees and treats!

A fun tradition our students love to participate in!







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