

Take This: Eat and Drink

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

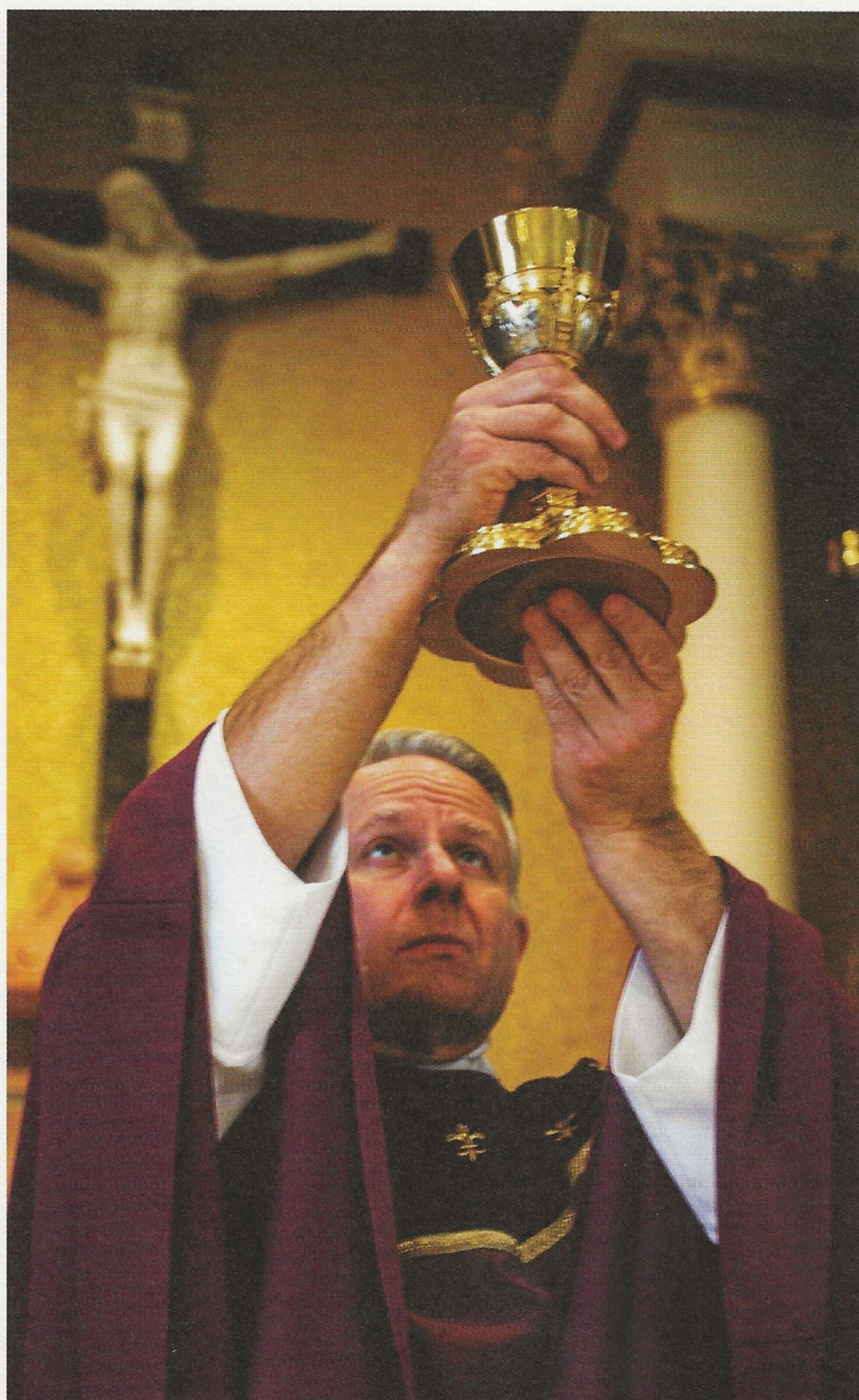
All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *The word Eucharist means "giving thanks."
How grateful are you for the privilege to participate in this wondrous event?*



He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

HEBREWS 9:12



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June 6, 2021 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Please call Fr. Schmitter to make appointments for: Baptism, Anointing of Sick, Confession, parish registration, Communion to homebound, marriage preparations (9 months in advance), jail visits, and house blessings and information about the Church.

Please call or have someone call Fr. Phil if you or a loved one is in the hospital or is incarcerated.

Office Hours: Currently closed to the public

MASS SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m.: Public Welcome!

Live Streamed via website: Fr.Schmitter's FB Page

WELCOME ~ CELEBRATE

NO NOON MASS UPCOMING MID-WEEK

No Friday MASS: 9:00 am

Mass Intention & Candle Remembrance Today

MARY ELLEN MOLLAY

Requested by Dianne J. Johnson

06/13 – KPCLA Court #90: 78th Anniversary

Req. by Robin L. Johnson / KPCLA Court #90

06/20 – Samuel D. Stewart III – Req. by The Stewart Family

06/27 – Fr. Philip Schmitter and Family – Req. by All of us

"We Love You, Dear Fr Phil"

Introduction to the Celebration

Our Lord was challenged in the desert to change stones into bread, but instead, he became Bread.

Stewardship

We are all one body, so how are we using our gifts to build up the body of Christ?

Catholic Charities ~ Hope in A Box

Need of the Month: June 2021

Laundry Soap



WITHOUT PRAYER, WE ARE NOTHING



Please hold these brothers and sisters in prayer for healing:

Camille Turner, Bob and Linda Davison, Barbara Logan, Bill W., Barbara Staton, Jennie, Robert and Aurelia LaValley, Patricia Gardner, Lorene Ferguson, Eula Collier, Irene Tomlinson, Tamara Crupi, Sherri Woodard, Dorothy Swift, Nina Poole, Tracy French, Scott Baker, Sue Kelly, Jason Rogers, Judy Ridley, Michelle Cwiklinski, Lia Jensen- Abbatt, Roberta Rouse, Mary Yaklin, Amber Donajkowski, Kathleen Lyon, Dr Joan Martin, Joe Rowler, Mama Sol, Rose Murphy, Lynn Steelman, Sr Joanne Fedewa, Virginia Rochelle, Douglas Bland, Nancy White, Carolyn Shannon, Kristen Smith, Jim Ryan, Michael Raymond Garland, Stevie Hoffman, Evan Little, Lamar Hill, Wanda Nichols, Fr Patrick Isichai, Nancy May, Joan Renard, John Prince, Robert DuLong, Mike, Darlene Verdun, Carl Weiskittel, Ray Jenrow, Debra Tinsley, Minerva Witt, Tom Blondin, Peter Arquin, David Eccles, Joe Forlenza, Mary Ann Wheeler, Judy Garrison, Ollie Brown, Hilda Mitchell, Eric Dellenbech, Mark Frases, Robert Hartfield, Loretta Washburn, Luther Evans, Debroah Metcalfe, Erika Badour, Monika Gauthier Crystal Mayfield, Ryan O' Connor, Bob Arnold, Robert Carrizales, Michael Haas, Sam Weller, Sherry Rhinegans, Rev Billy Jones, Fr Mathias Thelen, Msgr Dick Groschek, Nilah Ellis Cromie, Anita Myles, Miton Tucker and Ceclia Lujan.



May the risen Christ be your joy and peace.

May the joy of the risen Christ be your strength in your work, your way to the Father, your light to guide you, your Bread of Life.

Church Schedule for this week: NO MID-WEEK MASS

- **Fri., June 11th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: On this solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we remember that the love of Christ has filled our hearts with new life.**

My Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ the King,

Today, on the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, we focus on the gift that the Holy Eucharist is in our lives. I invite you to go through your spiritual memory as we reflect of the way that Jesus has been present in our lives through the Holy Eucharist. I remember the anxious longing that I had to be able to receive Communion for the first time. It was a beautiful spring day at mass in Ball-Dunn Funeral Home where St James Mason conducted mass until a church building could be built. So, a few other second graders and I received holy communion that day. I remembered that I felt joyful and very close to Jesus. I remember the sisters who came from the Cathedral in Lansing to prepare us for the sacraments of confession and communion. My mother and father both helped me to learn my prayers and to learn what communion meant. It was important to me to go as often as I could. To go every Sunday and Holy Day was important to me. We had no daily mass until I was in 5th grade. I was conscious of Jesus's presence and took that time to be aware of a Jesus and me moment during the mass. Even as a little tyke I paid attention to the sermon and tried to learn something about how I was to follow Jesus. I imagined Holy Communion as food for the journey.

When we traveled, my father always made sure that there was a mass we could attend. Alaska, northern Canada, the countries of Europe...we always found a mass that we could attend. To this day, I admire my father for saying: "That is a non- negotiable reality." It was presented as too important to miss. My Dad obviously looked upon mass as really important.

67 years later, after my first communion, I reflect on my hunger for the Eucharist, how faithful I am in receiving it, and how much I let Jesus Christ change me into his instrument in the World. As a priest I have been sad that some find little meaning in the Eucharist. Attendance and participating have been pushed aside as not very important. Some have become so convinced that the mass must be celebrated in a certain way (like it must be in Latin or must have this certain kind of music, or wear a certain kind of vestments, etc.) or they choose not to participate in it. Or some decide that a person who sins in this way or that way must be denied the Eucharist. That becomes dangerous territory because God is the one who judges such things, not human beings.

For my personal faith life, I ask the Holy Spirit to keep me from self-deception where my behavior does not represent Jesus and His mission well. I am still in need of continual repentance. But Jesus still offers His very Self to me in the Eucharist. May we all become what we eat!!

Dear Lord, let every opportunity I have to celebrate the Eucharist and to receive it be a choice for me. May I let Jesus change me rather than allow reception to become a routine ritual that I open myself to, for Jesus to change my heart. May I not dwell of the worthiness of those around me lest I make reception an act of religious hypocrisy. May the Eucharist free me from being judgmental of others. Thank you, Jesus for coming to me; thank you for coming to us.

Yours in the heart of Christ,

Fr. Phil

Mission Statement: Christ the King Flint Roman Catholic Church is a faith community founded in the African American culture to answer God's "Call" to be a guiding light and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and talents, we strive to evangelize and minister to our entire multi-ethnic community.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FLINT: MASS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH



Catholic Community of Flint Welcome Back Mass

As our dispensation from the Sunday and Holyday obligation ends, the Flint parishes (Christ the King, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Vianney, St. Matthew, St. Pius X) are celebrating the great gift of the Mass in our lives. To do this, these parishes will be celebrating an outdoor Mass on Sunday, June 13, at 11:00 a.m. at Powers Catholic High School to celebrate our faith, witness our joy at the gift of the Eucharist, and enjoy fellowship with each other. After Mass there will be lunch and music to continue the celebration.

This will be the **only** Mass for those parishes on June 13th.
(Saturday evening Masses will be held as usual).
Please mark your calendars to join in this festive event!

Welcome Back Mass Details

Date: Sunday, June 13, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Powers Catholic High School, 1505 W. Court St., Flint 48503
Outdoor Mass

Note: This will be the ONLY Sunday Mass at Flint parishes on this date.
Fellowship, lunch and music to follow.

LET US COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE!

Dear Padre,

Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.

Fundamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshiping community forms a unified "body of Christ."

Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received.

The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the *General Instruction of The Roman Missal* advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices,

to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Eucharist satisfies our hunger for material things and kindles our desire to serve. It raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also his hands, to be used to help feed others.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMILY, JUNE 14, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 7

Weekday

2 Cor 1:1-7

Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

JUNE 8

Weekday

2 Cor 1:18-22

Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

JUNE 9

Weekday

2 Cor 3:4-11

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

JUNE 10

Weekday

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6

Mt 5:20-26

Friday

JUNE 11

*The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus*

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

Eph 3:8-12, 14-19

Jn 19:31-37

Saturday

JUNE 12

*The Immaculate Heart of
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Cor 5:14-21

Lk 2:41-51

Sunday

JUNE 13

*Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

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