



St. Mary's Catholic Church



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains
in me and I in him." - Jn 6:56

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

6-22: Malta - 10:30 A.M.: For all Parishioners

Saco— 12:30 P.M. : Special Intentions r/b Lana Fortin

Dodson— 8:30 A.M. : Special Intentions r/b Lana Fortin

6-23: Malta— 8:30 A. M. : My Family r/b Lana Fortin

6-24: Malta - 8:30 A.M. : My Family r/b Lana Fortin

6-25: Malta— 8:30 A.M. : Dianne Salsbery /b Darlene Cummings

6-26: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Captain Cory Sticha, Chaplin 17th Anniversary r/b Brenda & Dave Rummel

6-27: Malta: - 8:30 A.M.: Repose of Helen Mears r/b Darlene Cummings

6-28: Malta -5:00 P.M.: Mike & Nancy Ereaux r/b Anonymous

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.

Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

6-22: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Genesis 14:18-20; Psalms 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

6-23: Monday in the 12th week of Ordinary Time; Genesis 12:1-9; Psalms 33:12-13, 18-20 and 22; Matthew 7:1-5

6-24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist; Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalms 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

6-25: Wednesday in the 12th week of Ordinary Time; Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalms 105:1-9; Matthew 7:15-20

6-26: Thursday in the 12th week of Ordinary Time; Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6-12, 15-16; Psalms 106:1-5; Matthew 7:21-29

6-27: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 23:1-3-6; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 15:3-7

6-28: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church; Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-50 and 53-55; Matthew 8:5-1

6-29: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles; Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Psalms 19:2-5; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Psalms 34:2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-1

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco— 12:30 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Emily Robinson, Ramona Kienenberger, Brian Shevlin, Dianne Salsbery, Ann Enya, Darlene Kolczak, Bob Kaluza, Cindy Davis, Jack Stenswick, Tammy Peterson, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Lee Stevens, Marie Phillips, Anita Green, Helen Mears, Lynn LaBrie, Leo Woods, Myrtle Hould, Digger Hanson, Mark Handley, the poor souls in purgatory and for the comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

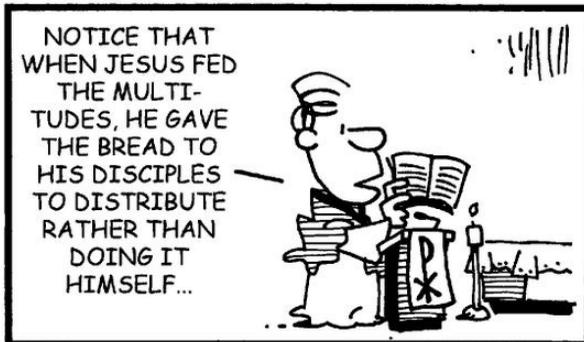
That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Fr. Felix

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C): Gn 14:18–20; 1 Cor 11:23–26; Lk 9:11–17

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

The theme of today's liturgy is centred on Christ's self-giving love in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment and a call to share His compassion with others.

Today's first reading presents Melchizedek, a mysterious priest-king, offering bread and wine to Abraham. Melchizedek appears without genealogy or background, offering not a sacrifice of animals, but bread and wine, a sacred meal that precedes both the Mosaic Law and the Levitical priesthood. The Church has always seen Melchizedek as a type of Christ. Psalm 110 even proclaims: "You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek." In Jesus, the priesthood and kingship converge perfectly. His offering is not grain or animals but His very self, under the signs of bread and wine. Just as Melchizedek blesses Abraham, so Christ blesses us in the Eucharist, feeding us not just physically but spiritually, inviting us into an eternal covenant. The Eucharist is not man reaching for God, but God coming to bless us with the gift of Himself, beginning a relationship of profound communion.

St. Paul recounts what he received: "That

the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread..." Paul isn't introducing a new idea; he's handing on a living tradition that goes back to Christ Himself. The Eucharist is not a symbolic ritual, but the memorial that makes Christ's death and resurrection present and effective. When we celebrate the Eucharist, the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ is made present for us, not repeated. Each time we gather for Mass, we are drawn into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return.

In the Gospel, Jesus welcomes the crowd, teaches them, and then, with compassion, feeds them. The disciples say, "Send them away." But Jesus says, "You give them something to eat." Their response? "We have only five loaves and two fish." This moment foreshadows the Eucharist in multiple ways: 1. Jesus blesses, breaks, and gives, the same pattern He will use at the Last Supper, and the same words the priest uses in the Eucharistic Prayer. 2. From scarcity comes abundance; what seems insufficient becomes more than enough, with twelve baskets left over. 3. The meal satisfies the people; they are not only fed but also filled. This is the heart of

what the Eucharist is. We bring what little we have, our time, our brokenness, our distractions, even our sin, and Christ takes it, blesses it, transforms it, and gives us Himself in return. He satisfies not just our physical hunger, but our deepest spiritual hunger—for love, for meaning, for God.

Jesus showed the disciples and us that when we give ourselves, however limited we feel, Christ can work miracles through us. The Eucharist is not the end of our Christian life; it is its beginning. From the altar, we are sent into the world as the

Body of Christ to feed, to heal, to love. On this Feast of Corpus Christi, the Lord draws us into the great mystery of His Body and Blood: Like Abraham, we are blessed with a gift beyond price. Like the early Church, we are drawn into communion with Christ through His sacrificial love. Like the disciples, we are sent out in mission, to give what we have, trusting God to multiply it. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Announcements for June 29 , 2025

- **July 6th is Patron Saints Day at the Sacred Heart Church in Dodson. Mass will be at 12:30 p.m. and Saco's Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Vacation Bible School will be July 14-17. Check the bulletin for more information. Application forms are in the back of the church. There are only 30 slots available. Please have applications in by the end of the week. All campers will need to bring a sack lunch.**

Vacation Bible School ©LPI

St. Mary's is joining Malta Lutheran Church again this summer for Vacation Bible School. Come and join the fun.

July 14-17, 2025

Malta Lutheran Church

Grades 1-6

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

There are only 30 slots available. Applications should be turned in by July 1st. Applications are in the back of the church. For questions or to turn in applications, contact Brenda 406-301-0936

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS – St. Mary's

| DATE | Event/Details | Contact |
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| July 14-17 | Vacation Bible School | Brenda Rummel |

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions



Sacrificial Giving for 6-22-2025

6-22-2025

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| Malta: | \$2,803.50 |
| Dodson: | \$247.00 |
| Saco: | \$N/A |

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(Practicing) Catholic

BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: Stupid, you've done it again.

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

“As the day was drawing to a close,” it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hangry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, “Finally”? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

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Catholic Q & A

Communion

Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic “requirements” for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true “Bread of Life.” It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of

reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

Body and Blood of Christ

Question:

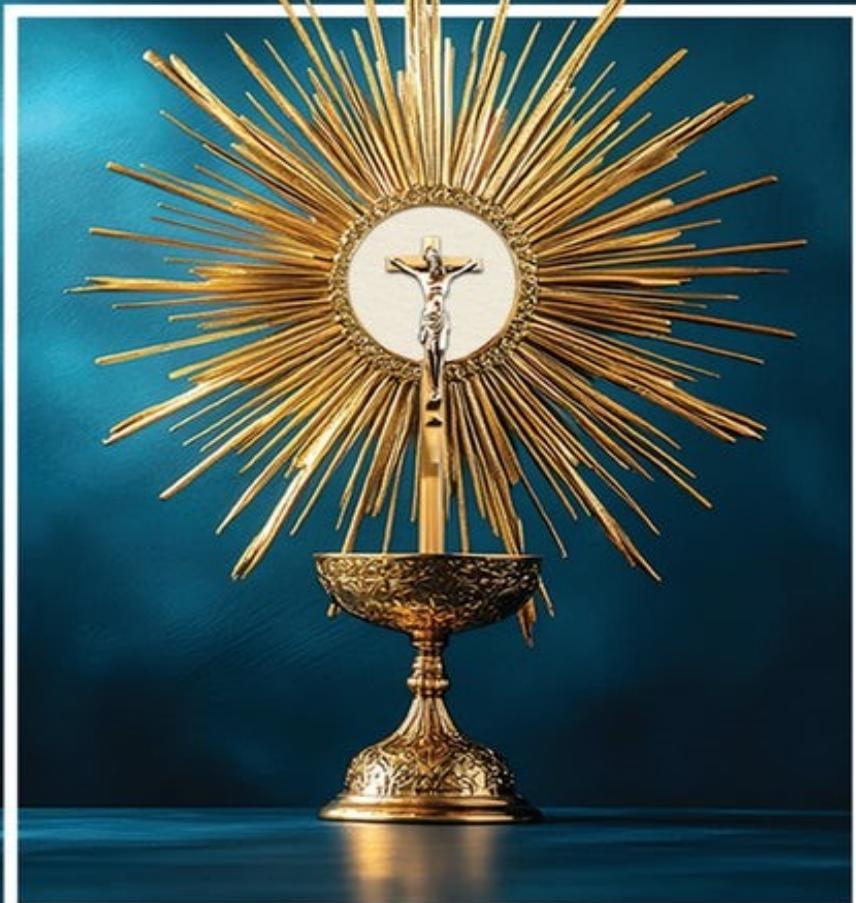
One of my coworkers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

Answer:

We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is

when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Mass as the “Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ” (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the “source and summit” of Christian life (#1324).



CORPUS CHRISTI

Celebrating the real
presence of Jesus in the
Eucharist.