

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**This afternoon at 5 p.m., Mass — in Thai — will be celebrated by Cardinal H.E. Francis Xavier Kriengsak Kovitvanich, followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the Cathedral.**

**You are cordially invited to participate in this celebration in honour of the Blessed Sacrament!**

- ❖ The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) was instituted following increased devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, in the 12th Century. It is celebrated on either the Thursday or Sunday after Pentecost.
- ❖ Deeper than a contract, a covenant is a blood bond to death. Moses conducts a sacrifice which seals the bond between God and Israel. Blood = life. Life = God. Everyone sprinkled is bound by the covenant: the Law of The 10 commandments. God is willingly bound to the Covenant by the blood on the altar and the people of Israel are bound by being sprinkled with the same animal's blood. The word 'Testament', also means 'Covenant', so we can say 'First Covenant' for the 'First Testament'. How do we make life-long bonds today? What connections do you see in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, the Eucharist and the Blood of the Covenant?
- ❖ The Letter to the Hebrews explores Numbers and Leviticus to help us understand Jesus both fulfilled and replaces the High Priest in the Temple. The Feast of the Atonement ('at-one-ment' Lev:16) involved God forgiving sins through the action of blood being rubbed on the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies, the Tabernacle. Life represented by blood rubs out death represented by sin. Blood brings forgiveness and the ashes of the sacrifice were sprinkled onto water which became waters of purification for blessing and making people clean. What links can you see to Holy Water as we enter Church? Receiving the Blood of Christ from the chalice? Any other connections? Reflect on the Cross and the Blood of Jesus. What would help you experience this covenantal reality of Christ's commitment to you more deeply?
- ❖ The Jewish Passover involved a special meal with a lamb (sacrifice), bread (remembering unleavened bread, the quick escape from Egypt and the manna in the desert) and cups of wine (the 3rd cup remembered passing through the Red Sea, from Egypt into the desert). Jesus changes the words and actions instituting a new sacred meal. His words over the bread and wine teach us this new meaning. He no longer only looks backward in history, but forward to the next day of his death on the cross. The unleavened (not risen) bread will become his body broken on the cross. The 3rd cup of wine becomes Jesus' blood poured out. Jesus, fully God and fully Man, unites in Himself within the Trinity, both parties to the covenant, ensuring it can never be broken again. Can you recognise the beauty and eternal significance of the Eucharist? Reflect that one name for it is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do more questions arise about the Eucharist? Who could you ask?
- ❖ Holy Communion can become ordinary. The Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus invites us to revisit the importance of the Mass in our lives. Do you accept Christ's invitation to a covenantal relationship with God? How can you maintain balance in prayer and action? Will you participate in building God's Kingdom of peace and justice? Are you willing to imitate Christ; to live for God and love people to the extent that your body is broken and your blood poured out? What invitation do you hear as you receive Jesus?

***Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, so we fast forward in Pope Francis' teaching document on the Liturgy — *Desiderio Desideravi****

For this service to be well done, it is of fundamental importance that the priest has a keen awareness of being, through God's mercy, a particular presence of the Risen Lord. The ordained minister is himself one of the types of presence of the Lord which render the Christian assembly unique, different from any other assembly. The assembly has the right to be able to feel, in those gestures and words, the desire that the Lord has, today as at the Last Supper, to eat the Passover with us. So, the Risen Lord is in the leading role.

The priest himself should be overpowered by this desire for communion that the Lord has toward each person. It is as if he were placed in the middle between Jesus' burning heart of love and the heart of each of the faithful, which is the object of the Lord's love. To preside at Eucharist is to be plunged into the furnace of God's love.

Having become instruments for igniting the fire of the Lord's love on the earth, priests should allow the Holy Spirit to work on them, to bring to completion the work he began in them at their ordination. The action of the Spirit offers to them the possibility of exercising their ministry of presiding in the Eucharistic assembly with the fear of Peter, with the powerful humility of the suffering servant, with the desire "to be eaten" by the people entrusted to them in the daily exercise of the ministry.

In the Eucharistic prayer — in which all of the baptised participate by listening with reverence and in silence and intervening with the acclamations — the one presiding has the strength, in the name of the whole holy people, to remember before the Father the offering of his Son in the Last Supper, so that that immense gift might be rendered newly present on the altar. In that offering, he participates with the offering of himself. The priest cannot recount the Last Supper to the Father without himself becoming a participant in it. He cannot say, "*Take this, all of you and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you,*" and not live the same desire to offer his own body, his own life, for the people entrusted to him. This is what happens in the exercise of his ministry.

***So we come to the end of Francis' insightful and generous teaching on the Liturgy. I am struck by the rich and wondrous Mystery that is the Eucharist. Francis so intimately and intuitively grasps the reality that the Eucharist is the prayer of the whole assembly, the prayer of the people, who are led by the presiding priest, in their name. We are one Body, one Church.***

John P Murray osa



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

June 3  
*St. Charles Lwanga  
and Companions,  
Martyrs*  
2 Pt 1:2-7  
Mk 12:1-12

### TUESDAY

June 4  
*Weekday*  
2 Pt 3:12-15a,  
17-18  
Mk 12:13-17

### WEDNESDAY

June 5  
*St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr*  
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
Mk 12:18-27

### THURSDAY

June 6  
*Weekday*  
2 Tm 2:8-15  
Mk 12:28-34

### FRIDAY

June 7  
*Most Sacred Heart  
of Jesus*  
Hos 11:1, 3-4,  
8c-9

Eph 3:8-12, 14-19  
Jn 19:31-37

### SATURDAY

June 8  
*Immaculate Heart  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary*  
2 Tm 4:1-8  
Lk 2:41-51

### SUNDAY

June 9  
*Tenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Gn 3:9-15  
2 Cor 4:13-5:1  
Mk 3:20-35

## COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

*John P. Murray OSB  
Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community*

***Our website:***  
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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.  
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by  
mass  
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.  
English 10:00 hrs.

### BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.  
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am  
mass.

### CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).  
English before 10:00 am mass.

### CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite  
the entrance of the Cathedral.

### Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.  
Sat, Sun : Closed  
& public holidays

# Dear Padre

June 2, 2024

***Do we need both bread and wine to receive  
Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only  
the host—not the Precious Blood—am I  
participating fully in the Eucharist?***

By only taking the host you are participating fully. And if you only drink from the chalice, you also are participating fully. Christ is always fully present in each form.

Many times, it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation. There are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially a person who is very ill, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier.

In the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, we are invited to receive both. The *Eucharisticum Mysterium* (32) says it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a feast that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the kingdom of God is established in its fullness. In John 6, Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully by taking the host. Both forms are always present, because the priest must always receive both. ●

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN**

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (No. 932)**

**FINAL: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS! (No. 949) PLEASE STAND**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year B)  
(Solemnity)**

Sunday, 2 June 2024

**ENTRANCE: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING (No. 598) PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

**Priest:** I confess to almighty God,

**All:** and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

*– and, striking their breast, they say –*

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

**GLORY TO GOD**

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

**FIRST READING: Ex 24:3-8**

**A reading from the Book of Exodus:**

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses

took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116: I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION**



**℟. I will take the cup of sal-va-tion, and call on the name of the Lord.**

1. How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. (R)
2. Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. (R)
3. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. (R)
- 4.

**SECOND READING: Heb 9:11-15**

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:**

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, 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. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**GOSPEL: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**Priest:** A reading from the Good News according to Mark.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** I believe in God,

**All:** the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**"Lord our Saviour, hear us!"**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (No. 712)**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**