

LIVINGTHEWORD

- The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) began as a response to increased devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the 12th Century. This led to a desire to 'see' Jesus in the consecrated elements. In the year 1220, in Paris, the practice of elevating the host began.
- God's journey with his people in the desert involved difficulties but also God's providence and care. You were hungry and I fed you with manna – 'a food unknown to you' (see Ex 16). Providing food is a basic expression of care for your children. It creates a bond. And yet they soon grew tired of this manna. It became taken for granted. How could you reawaken a deeper sense of appreciation for God feeding us with the Word, and the Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass? Is it normal or special? How?
- There were many temples in the city of Corinth. It was normal to take food, offer it to various gods and pledge allegiance to them. St Paul writes this is not to happen with Christians. At the sacred meal (the Eucharist) we participate in and receive the Blood of Christ and the Body of Christ. It is not right then to join your body with worship to other altars and demons (1Cor 10,21). Is my communion with Jesus real or superficial? Does my lifestyle show I have many gods and altars that I worship at? What change and purification may be necessary in my life?
- Moses was greatly revered for feeding people with bread from heaven (1st reading). Jesus now replaces Moses and this event with his body. 'Heavenly bread' is now replaced with 'flesh'. It is no accident that the words flesh and blood are repeated 10 times in this text. *'How can this man give us his flesh to eat'* is a question that leads to layers of questions. Is Jesus a man or the Divine Son of God? Is the real question 'how' can this happen or 'who' is making this promise? Do you believe in these words? This promise? What does the Mass bring into the life of the world and the Church? And what does it offer to you personally? Meditate / reflect on the following scriptural lines and allow a conversation to begin with God:
 - The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world ...
 - My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink ...
 - Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you ...
 - Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them ...
- Is your experience of the Eucharist one of looking, sitting, getting or becoming? Does it progress from Sunday into Monday (*and beyond...*)?

— Communion with the Lord —

[St. Teresa of Ávila: *Way of Perfection* 34]

Join with the Lord, then, daughters, in begging the Father to let you have your Spouse today, so that, as long as you live, you may **never find yourself in this world without Him**. Let it suffice to temper your great joy that He should remain disguised beneath these accidents of bread and wine, which is a real torture to those who have nothing else to love and no other consolation. Entreat Him not to fail you but to prepare you to receive Him worthily.

If, then, you are really surrendering yourselves to God, cease to be anxious for yourselves, for He bears your anxiety, and will bear it always. It is as though a servant had gone into service and were anxious to please his master in everything. The master is bound to give him food for so long as he remains in his house, and in his service, unless he is so poor that he has food neither for his servant nor for himself. However, God is, and will always be, rich and powerful. It would not be right for the servant to go to his master every day and ask him for food when he knew that his master would see that it was given him and so be sure to receive it. His master would quite properly tell him that he should look after his own business of serving and pleasing him, for, if he worried himself unnecessarily, he would not do his work as well as he should. So, sisters, those who will may worry about asking for earthly bread; let our own task be to beg the Eternal Father that we may merit our heavenly bread, so that, He may reveal Himself to the eyes of the soul and may make Himself known to us as another kind of food, full of delight and joy, which sustains our life.

Do you suppose that this most holy food is not ample sustenance even for the body and a potent medicine for bodily ills? I am sure that it is. I know a person who was subject to serious illnesses [St Teresa herself] and often suffered great pain; and this pain was taken away from her in a flash and she became quite well again. The Lord had given this person such a lively faith that, when she heard people say they wished they had lived when Christ walked on this earth, she would smile to herself, for she knew that we have Him as truly with us in the Most Holy Sacrament as people had Him then, and wonder what more they could possibly want.

When you have received the Lord, and are in His very presence, try to shut the bodily eyes and to open the eyes of the soul and to look into your own hearts. I tell you that if you practise this habit of staying with Him, whenever you communicate, and strive to keep your conscience clear so that you can often rejoice in this, your Good, He will not come so much disguised as to be unable to make His presence known to you in many ways, according to the desire which you have of seeing Him. So great, indeed, may be your longing for Him that He will reveal Himself to you wholly.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1-9
Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY

June 24
*The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist*
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

WEDNESDAY

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18
Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16
or 16:6b-12, 15-16
Mt 7:21-29

FRIDAY

June 27
*The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus*
Ez 34:11-16
Rom 5:5b-11
Lk 15:3-7

SATURDAY

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1-15
Mt 8:5-17

SUNDAY

June 29
*Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles*
Acts 12:1-11
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19

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.

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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 : 08:30 – noon
Sun & public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

June 22, 2025

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote). ●

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HOLY (No. 263)

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. **PLEASE KNEEL**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

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 (No. 374)

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 (No. 391)

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

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

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: TASTE AND SEE (No. 930)

TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

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

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

Sunday, 22 June 2025

ENTRANCE: PANIS ANGELIGUS PLEASE STAND

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum, Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum;
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum, Pauper, Pauper, servus et humilis, Pauper, Pauper, servus et humilis. (Repeat)

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: Gn 14:18-20

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 110: YOU ARE A PRIEST FOR EVER

You are a preist for_ ev er, in the line of Mel-chiz - e - dek.

1. The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool." (R)
2. The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst of your enemies." (R)
3. "Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you." (R)
4. The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 11:23-26**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:**

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) 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: Lk 9:11b-17

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go

and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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: YOU SATISFIED THE HUNGRY HEART (No. 940)

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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER