

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This afternoon at 5 p.m., Mass — in Thai — will be celebrated by H.E. Archbishop Francis Xavier Arprondratana, 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!

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **Origin of the Feast:** The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) was established in the 12th Century, as a response to increased devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This led to a desire to ‘see’ Jesus in the consecrated elements. In 1220, in Paris, the practice of elevating the host began.
- ❖ **Is Mass Normal or Special:** 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; yet they soon grew tired of this manna. It became taken for granted.
[Q]: *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?*
- ❖ **One or Many Altars:** There were many temples in the city of Corinth. It was normal to take food and offer it to various gods and pledge allegiance to them. St Paul writes this is not to happen with Christians. At the sacred meal (Eucharist) we participate in and receive the Blood of Christ and the Body of Christ. It is not right to then join your body with worship to other altars and demons (1Cor 10, 21). Is my communion with Jesus real or superficial?
[Q]: *Does my lifestyle show I have many gods and altars that I worship at? What change may be necessary in my life?*
- ❖ **Replacing the Passover:** Jesus now replaces Moses and this event with his body. ‘Manna’ bread is now replaced with ‘Flesh’ bread. 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?
[Q]: *Do you believe in these words? This promise? What does receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus mean for you?*
- ❖ **Reflect** — on these scriptural lines of John 6 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 ...
- ❖ **Sunday Experience:**
[Q]: *Is your experience of the Eucharist one of looking, sitting, getting or becoming? How does this Sunday experience move into a Monday-and-the-rest-of-the-week experience?*

Pope Leo on the Eucharist, while on the road in Africa (Cameroon – 17th April, 2026)

What will you do to help the hungry? This question is posed to each one of us. It is posed to the fathers and mothers who care for their families. It is directed to the shepherds of the Church, who watch over the Lord’s flock, and also to those who bear social and political responsibility for the people and their wellbeing. Christ asks this question to the powerful and the weak, to the rich and the poor, to the young and the elderly, because we all hunger in the same way. Our necessity reminds us that we are creatures. We need to eat in order to live. We are not God, but where is God in the face of people’s hunger?

While awaiting our answers, Jesus gives his own: “Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted”. A serious problem was solved by blessing the little food that was present and sharing it with all who were hungry. The multiplication of the loaves and the fish happened while sharing: that is the miracle! There is bread for everyone if it is given to everyone. There is bread for everyone if it is taken, not with a hand that snatches away, but with a hand that gives.

The miracle he performed is a sign of this love. It shows us not only how God provides humanity with the bread of life, but how we can share this sustenance with all men and women who, like ourselves, hunger for peace, freedom and justice. Each act of solidarity and forgiveness, every good effort, becomes a morsel of bread for humanity in need of care. Yet this alone is not enough: the food that sustains the body must be accompanied, with equal charity, by nourishment for the soul — a nourishment that sustains our conscience and steadies us in dark hours of fear and amid the shadows of suffering. This food is Christ himself, who always gives his Church abundant sustenance and strengthens us on our journey by giving us his Eucharistic Body.

Sisters and brothers, the Eucharist that we are celebrating is the source of renewed faith, because Jesus becomes present among us. The Sacrament does not merely revive a distant memory; it brings about a “companionship” that transforms us because it sanctifies us. This very altar, around which we gather for the Eucharist, becomes a proclamation of hope amid the trials of history and the injustices we see around us. It is a sign of God’s love. In Christ, the Father invites us to share what we have, so that it may be multiplied in ecclesial fellowship.

The Lord embraces heaven and earth. He knows our hearts and all the situations that we experience. By becoming man to save us, he chose to share in the simplest and most everyday needs of humanity. Hunger thus speaks to us not only of our poverty but, above all, of his love. Let us remember this every time we see in their eyes a brother or sister who lacks life’s necessities. Through their eyes, the question that Jesus posed to his disciples is repeated: “*What are you going to do for all these people?*”

CALENDAR

MONDAY

June 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:1-6
Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

June 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:7-16
Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 10
Weekday
1 Kgs 18:20-39
Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 11
St. Barnabas,
Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3
Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 12
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Dt 7:6-11
1 Jn 4:7-16
Mt 11:25-30

SATURDAY

June 13
Weekday
1 Kgs 19:19-21
Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY

June 14
Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 19:2-6a
Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8

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

Good News!

June 7, 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) (A)

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Corinthians
10:16-17 / John 6:51-58

MIGUEL DULICK

The “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and-rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” ●

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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

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

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) 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: BREAD OF THE ANGELS (PLEASE SEE INSERTION)

**FINAL: O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY (PLEASE SEE INSERTION)
PLEASE STAND**

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year A)

Sunday, 7 June 2026

ENTRANCE: HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME (No. 615) 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 / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.

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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: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 147: PRAISE THE LORD, JERUSALEM.



1. Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you. (R)
2. He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you.
He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word! (R)
3. He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.
He has not done thus for any other nation;
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 10:16-17

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

GOSPEL: Jn 6:51-58

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to the Jewish 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."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "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. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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: BLESS THE LORD (No. 620)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Bread of The Angels

Inspired by Panis Angelicus

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1. "I am the liv - ing bread, that came down from hea - ven." All who re - ceive my Bo - dy and Blood shall live for e - ver - more.

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305 • O Sacrament Most Holy

Tune: FULDA (76 76 with Refrain) Text: I. Udulutsch

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4. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee; Come, live in us we pray,
5. O come, all thee who la - bor In sor - row and in pain;

Con - ceal thy might - y God - head In forms of bread and wine.
Whose pre - cious blood and bod - y Be - come our Sa - cred feast.
And with the saints and an - gels Our hum - ble hom - age bring.
That all our thoughts and ac - tions Be thine a - lone to - day.
Come, eat this bread from heav - en; Thy peace and strength re - gain.

Refrain:
O sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O sac - ra - ment di - vine,
All praise and all thanks - giv - ing Be ev - 'ry mo - ment thine!

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