



**1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8**

**Responsorial Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18**

**2nd Reading: Heb 9:11-15**

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

June 6, 2021



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

“This is my body.” “This is my blood.” gives us the gift of sacrifice and covenant. In his words over the bread and the wine at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals his desire to become a complete self-gift in the sacrifice of his body and blood. “This is my body which will be given up for you...” Here ordinary bread becomes extraordinary as the broken, sacrificial death of Jesus become the Bread of Life in the Eucharist.

Jesus celebrated the Passover in the Jewish tradition, recalling and renewing their covenant with God by sacrificing a lamb or other animal. The word for covenant in Hebrew is *berith*, meaning to “cut until blood flows”, and so the covenants between man and God were sealed with an offering of an animal. In his words, “... this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant,” Jesus gives himself as the sacrificial Lamb, coming before God by way of his own blood to sanctify man’s heart forever, sealing the covenant between man and God.

Today this gift is still present to us in the Body and Blood of Jesus consecrated at the altar, consumed by the faithful, and reserved for adoration and worship. We continue to live into this redemption through our own share in the Body and Blood of Christ. We who have received the Lord in bread and wine are called to become the Body of Christ for others. (Living Liturgy 2021)

### Reflection Questions

How do you attend to your covenant relationship with God each day?

We know the Eucharist is “the source and summit of Christian life.” How is this true in your faith journey?

### Family Reflection

To celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, share with your child remembrances of his or her First Communion day. If your child has not yet received the Sacrament, talk about what that day will mean for him or her.

### This Week

**June 9 St. Maximian of Syracuse (Italy!) [Learn more here.](#)**

### June 11 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

### The Global Rosary Relay for Priests begins at the stroke of midnight

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will again take place on June 11, 2021, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will be its twelfth year, involving more prayer locations than ever, having grown from 24 single prayer locations in June 2003 its first year to 2,600 in 2020. Each of the participating prayer location countries prays a particular mystery of the Rosary at a specific allocated time on the day in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implores the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. With the coming of midnight on June 11, 2021, the entire world will by then have been encircled yet again in prayer on this The Worldpriest Annual Rosary Relay Day.

Visit <https://www.worldpriest.com/annual-global-rosary-relay/>

## The ABCs for Fostering Vocations

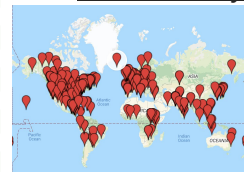
**S** Share the story of your own vocational choice with your children. Celebrate the occasion of your wedding anniversary as you share the story of your vocation to married life.



**YouTube**

*What is the Eucharist Corpus Christi - Cycle B*

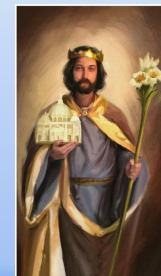
### Global Rosary Relay for Priest - June 11



Join the Global relay by praying the rosary today!

[Yourcatholicguide.com](http://Yourcatholicguide.com):

*A rosary for priests*



### Where in the world...

**FLY** around the diocese to find the Traveling Icon and learn more about our diocese!

**A GOOGLE EARTH ACTIVITY**

June 5 - June 12

The Source and Summit of Our Faith  
Saint John Vianney was right when he said:

*If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy.*

The Eucharist is such a fundamental aspect of our faith but unfortunately, one that we can easily take for granted. It is said that if Angels could envy humans, they would envy our ability to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When we receive Communion, Christ is closer to us than ever! We should never take this precious gift for granted.

## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[catholicicing.com](http://catholicicing.com) - *Monstrance Crafts for Kids* (Children Faith Builder)

[catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org) - *Corpus Christi* (Adult Faith Builder)

[TeachingCatholicKids.com](http://TeachingCatholicKids.com) - *Corpus Christi: How God Feeds us* (Children & Family Faith Builder)

[Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com](http://Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com) *Sacred Heart Strawberry Brownie* (Family Faith Builder)

