



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

June 17-18, 2017

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Mass Confusion

“The man who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him”

—John 6:56

Jesus proclaimed: "The bread I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). This is a hard saying, and "the Jews quarreled among themselves" about it (Jn 6:52). "Thereupon Jesus said to them: 'Let Me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has life eternal and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is real food and My blood real drink' " (Jn 6:53-55). The Lord has made it very clear 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, 1374).

If we don't believe the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus, Who is God, then we shouldn't trust the Church, which has always taught this. If we don't trust the Church, we have little reason to believe the Bible, for the Bible was compiled, established, and interpreted by the Church. If we don't believe in the Eucharist, the Church, and her Bible, then we have no objective basis for believing in Christianity. We then exist in a subjective, new-age confusion or in the empty hopelessness of agnosticism. Instead, we must believe that the Eucharist is the body and blood of God.

Prayer: Father, make me so in love with Your eucharistic Son that I will be willing to risk my life to receive Holy Communion.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.
BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146
Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, June 18-----8:30 a.m.....+Tom Britten by Donna Burton By Fr. Gerardo (806-282-3317)
Monday, June 19----7:30 a.m.---- +Tom Britten by Donna Burton
Wednesday, June 21---6:00pm-----+Tom Britten by Donna Burton
Thursday, June 22----7:30a.m.--- +Tom Britten by Donna Burton
Friday, June 23----7:30a.m.---- +Tom Britten by Donna Burton
Saturday, June 24 -----5:30p.m.----- +Tom Britten by Donna Burton

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....	\$1780.00
Loose.....	\$ 268.00
Children.....	\$ 14.00
Total.....	\$2062.00

Building Fund

Individual.....	\$ 10.00
Loose.....	\$ 10.00
Total.....	\$ 20.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

June 17/18 Jerod and Tami Keesee
June 24/25 Joanie Kling Family
July 1/2 Clifton and Susan Britten
July 8/9 Nick Weinheimer family
July 15/16 Mike, Marla, and Caroline Britten
July 22/23 Alice Kuehler

Birthdays

June 17th Joe Britten
June 18th Nicole Barnett Longbine
June 20th Phillip J. Miller
June 23th Brock Britten
June 24th Brin Bueno & Kelvin Ollinger

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for June

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Melanie Hinson, Krista Johnson

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Carri Weinheimer

Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Trace

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten

Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Carri Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Kacie

Lectors: Gary Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten

Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zadny

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr

Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Lauren and Grace

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Cody and Carrigan

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

Announcements:

Church Property: New sod has been planted around the Parish Hall and Church yard. The sod will take some time to establish and will be watered on a daily schedule. Please help by staying off the grass during this grow-in period. Parents please assist by letting your children know. If you see others on the premises during the day please stop and let them know that we would like to stay off the property during this time. **Thanks for your help with this matter.**

TYM TEEN ACTS RETREAT June 29th through July 1st- TYM will pay for \$75 and we have a donor that has offered to pay the rest!!

CAMP OLOG Jr. High students TYM WILL PAY FOR THIS! You choose the date you want to go ANY kids can go 4th grade and up. Please ask for an application to any of these from Kathleen

TYM is caught up with our jobs and can take on more. If you have something you need help with just let us know!

Why do we speak of the "Body of Christ" in more than one sense?

First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, a resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine. Secondly, as St. Paul taught us in his letters, using the analogy of the human body, the Church is the Body of Christ, in which many members are united with Christ their head (1 Cor 10:16-17, 12:12-31; Rom 12:4-8). This reality is frequently referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ. All those united to Christ, the living and the dead, are joined together as one Body in Christ. This union is not one that can be seen by human eyes, for it is a mystical union brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Mystical Body of Christ and the Eucharistic Body of Christ are inseparably linked. By Baptism we enter the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and by receiving the Eucharistic Body of Christ we are strengthened and built up into the Mystical Body of Christ. The central act of the Church is the celebration of the Eucharist; the individual believers are sustained as members of the Church, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, through their reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Playing on the two meanings of "Body of Christ," St. Augustine tells those who are to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Be what you see, and receive what you are" (Sermon 272). In another sermon he says, "If you receive worthily, you are what you have received" (Sermon 227). The work of the Holy Spirit in the celebration of the Eucharist is twofold in a way that corresponds to the twofold meaning of "Body of Christ." On the one hand, it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the risen Christ and his act of sacrifice become present. In the eucharistic prayer, the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the gifts of bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ (a prayer known as the epiclesis or "invocation upon"). On the other hand, at the same time the priest also asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the whole assembly so that "those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit" (Catechism, no. 1353). It is through the Holy Spirit that the gift of the eucharistic Body of Christ comes to us and through the Holy Spirit that we are joined to Christ and each other as the Mystical Body of Christ. By this we can see that the celebration of the Eucharist does not just unite us to God as individuals who are isolated from one another. Rather, we are united to Christ together with all the other members of the Mystical Body. The celebration of the Eucharist should thus increase our love for one another and remind us of our responsibilities toward one another. Furthermore, as members of the Mystical Body, we have a duty to represent Christ and to bring Christ to the world. We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Christ not only by our words but also by how we live our lives. We also have a responsibility to work against all the forces in our world that oppose the Gospel, including all forms of injustice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).