

Take This: Eat and Drink

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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.

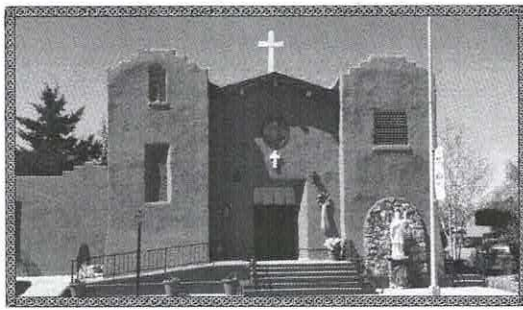
HEBREWS 9:12



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FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *The word Eucharist means "giving thanks." How grateful are you for the privilege to participate in this wondrous event?*



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Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

JUNE 6TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday (Bilingual Mass) 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1st Saturday 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered **May & June 2021**  
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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>at, June 5</b>                      | +Lelia Cordova<br>+Nancy Ambroggio                      | by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                            |
| <b>un, June 6</b><br>(OLOG)<br>(OLOG)  | +Gloria Crane<br>+Robert Alexander<br>+Liana Bonin      | by JoAnn Padilla<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| <b>at, June 12</b>                     | +Lelia Cordova<br>+Jerry Swagerty                       | by Andrea Naranjo                                                        |
| <b>un, June 13</b><br>(OLOG)<br>(OLOG) | +Anthony Gallagher<br>+Robert Alexander<br>+Liana Bonin | by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long       |
| <b>at, June 19</b>                     | +Jerry Swagerty<br>+Nancy Ambroggio                     | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                     |
| <b>un, June 20</b><br>(OLOG)<br>(OLOG) | +Robert Alexander<br>+Liana Bonin                       | by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                     |
| <b>at, June 26</b>                     | +Nancy Ambroggio                                        | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                 |
| <b>un, June 27</b><br>(OLOG)<br>(OLOG) | +Robert Alexander<br>+Liana Bonin                       | by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                     |

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|           | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| May 29-30 | \$1,482.00 | \$ 713.00   |
| May 22-23 | \$1,417.80 | \$ 261.00   |
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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
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**Announcement**

Thursday, June 10th there will be no Mass and no Adoration  
Friday, June 11th there will be no Mass

Imagine a person who receives Communion, accepts the Host when the priest says, "The Body of Christ," says "Amen," and then breaks off a piece, hands it back, and says, "Except this piece, Father!" This is what the person who rejects other people may as well do. In receiving Christ, we are to receive the whole Christ, in all his members, our brothers and sisters, whether convenient or inconvenient, wanted or unwanted, born or unborn.

As St. John remarks, Christ was to die "to gather into one all the scattered children of God." Sin scatters. Christ unites. The word "diabolical" means "to split asunder." Christ came "to destroy the works of the devil" (1Jn.3:8). The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, "Come to me, feed on My Body, become My Body." Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says, "Go away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way!" Abortion attacks the unity of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion.

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, June 12– Sammie Wood
- Sun, June 13– Sandy Vaughn
- Sat, June 19– Shelley Carter
- Sun, June 20– Laekyn Wagner

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

**Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.**

**F**undamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshiping community forms a unified "body of Christ."

Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received.

The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the *General Instruction of The Roman Missal* advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices,

to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The Eucharist satisfies our hunger for material things and kindles our desire to serve. It raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also his hands, to be used to help feed others.*

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMILY, JUNE 14, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 7

Weekday

2 Cor 1:1-7

Mt 5:1-12

### Tuesday

JUNE 8

Weekday

2 Cor 1:18-22

Mt 5:13-16

### Wednesday

JUNE 9

Weekday

2 Cor 3:4-11

Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday

JUNE 10

Weekday

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6

Mt 5:20-26

### Friday

JUNE 11

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9

Eph 3:8-12, 14-19

Jn 19:31-37

### Saturday

JUNE 12

*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Cor 5:14-21

Lk 2:41-51

### Sunday

JUNE 13

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

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