



[Jesus said,] "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." —JOHN 6:56

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## Take and Eat

**M**any of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out: "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we "sophisticated" contemporary Christians to make of it?

The people of Jesus' time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus' discourse, but his reinterpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus' blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *The Eucharist is one of the foundational mysteries of our faith. A good Eucharistic prayer might be: "I believe; help my unbelief."*



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## Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

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## Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)  
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

JUNE 14TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

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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 June 2020  
+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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Sat, June 13,2020 +Angela Trujillo by Ross & Shelley Carter  
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|------------|-------------|-------------|
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**Lectors-Sanitizing after Masses**

Sat, June 20 Ross Carter- 5:00pm Rose Alford  
 Sun, June 21 Craig Reeves-10:30am Joann Padilla  
 Sun, June 21 Pat Crisp -1:00pm Sophie Arguello

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# Dear Padre,

## Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ's Body and Blood?

**T**oday's Gospel indicates that even before the Last Supper, Jesus' teaching about his Real Presence was met with skepticism. When Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," the reaction was, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:51-52). When Jesus continued, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains



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in me and I in him," his hearers shrugged: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:56, 60).

John's inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ's Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ's eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ

was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn't remain after the worship service.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, "This is my body...this is my blood," he meant exactly what he said. For Jews of Jesus' time, "body" meant the person, and "blood" was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, "This is my very self." Church teaching couldn't be more clear: in 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).

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Eucharistic worship also teaches us the right balance of values: not to put earthly realities in first place but heavenly goods; to hunger not only for material food, but also for "food that endures for eternal life" (John 6:27).*

—ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESES OF CESENA AND BOLOGNA,  
APRIL 21, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16

Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29

Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

JUNE 18

Weekday

Sir 48:1-14

Mt 6:7-15

### Friday

JUNE 19

Most Sacred Heart

of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11

1 Jn 4:7-16

Mt 11:25-30

### Saturday

JUNE 20

Immaculate Heart

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Chr 24:17-25

Lk 2:41-51

### Sunday

JUNE 21

Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

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