

# **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**

*June 6<sup>th</sup>/June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026: Corpus Christi (English)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Latin)*



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## **SACRAMENTS and LITURGY**

**English Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:00 p.m.

**English Sunday Mass:** 9:00 a.m.

**Traditional Latin Sunday Mass:** 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**English Weekday Masses:** 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

**Latin Weekday Masses:** 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. on First Friday

**First Saturday Latin Mass:** 8:30 a.m. with confessions beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Mass:** As Announced

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30-3:55 p.m., Sunday 7:00-7:25, 8:30-8:55, and 10:15-10:40 a.m.

**Baptisms:** By Appointment

**Marriage Arrangements** must be made with the Pastor **at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Talk to the Pastor before making any firm wedding plans. No destination weddings.**

**COVID-19 RESPONSE, MASS & DEVOTIONS:** We have an additional Sunday Latin Mass at 7:30 a.m., to aid in social distancing, and continues on a provisional basis.

**NOTE ON CONFESSIONS:** If there is a significant line for confession, Fr Booth might say part of the formula of absolution while the penitent recites the act of contrition. The full formula of absolution is always said, but the first part might be said softly during the act of contrition. Thus, you might only hear “and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

**WELCOME** to all of our visitors: We are glad you have attended Mass with us. To join Blessed Sacrament, please pick up a parish census form in the vestibule at the back of the church.

**IN MEMORIAM:** For Julia V. Bryant, the sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of her soul from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>. The sanctuary lamp will burn for the repose of Julius Lee from June 14<sup>th</sup> until June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**REST IN PEACE:** Jeffrey Brown, father of Ryan Hill, passed away on June 1<sup>st</sup>. His funeral will be at Our Lady of Sorrows beginning with visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**FIRST SUNDAY:** This Sunday is the first Sunday of June. Instead of coffee and donuts there will be potluck brunch following the 9:00 Mass.

**THIRD SUNDAY:** The potluck following the 10:45 Mass on third Sunday will be moved to next Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Sacred Heart and our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will not be a potluck on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SACRED HEART:** The American bishops will consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in honor of our nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Bishop Raica has chosen to transfer the liturgical celebration of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart from Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. This applies only for this year and is intended to broaden the participation in this feast and the nation’s consecration. All Masses on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, both Latin and English, will be for the Sacred Heart while liturgy on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, will be for Friday of the 10<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time.

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS:** Please pray for our seminarians: Collins Hess, Hunter Limbaugh, Francisco Rodriguez, Justin Brouillette, Cameron Huhlein, Patrick Letterle, Wilson Moin, Joshua Callahan, Franz Mercado, Thomas Rogers, Nick Smith, Benjamin Caruna, Matthew Pickard, Maximilian Waldron, Fernando Casillas, Jack Lyons, Jorge Martinez, Jonathan Ruscoe, Deacon Dominic Rumore, Matthew Gagnon, Friar Apollo, and Owen Sederstrand.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE:** Please pray for Sister María Josefa of the Divine Providence and Jessica Saville.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** The collection last week was \$6820 and \$6110 was given for the Preservation Fund. As always, many thanks for your generosity.

**CONTINUATION OF FOOD DRIVE:** The food drive begun in Lent benefitting the Franciscan Poor of Jesus Christ, who have a ministry to the homeless, and a local food bank will continue on an ongoing basis. If you have further questions, please contact Shannon Dunaway (ssullivan7606@gmail.com) or Steve and Brandy Katona (Katonafamily@yahoo.com).

**NOTE ON MASS INTENTIONS:** There is large backlog on Mass Intentions. Therefore, until further notice, Mass Intentions will only be accepted on a one Mass per family per week basis. No exceptions. The Mass Intentions for this week date from July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:** (\*Masses in the Rectory Chapel)

Sat, June 6:	8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Cindy Durham (by Amanda Lang)
	4:00 p.m.	† Julie Wang Kelly (by Kevin Kelly)
Sun, June 7:	7:30 a.m.	Special intention for Cheryl Spitzer (by Amanda Lang)
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Kent Graves (by Amanda Lang)
Mon, June 8:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Lloyd Young (by Amanda Lang)
Tues, June 9:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Harri Hailala (by Amanda Lang)
Wed, June 10:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Teresila Valencia (by the Hall Family)
Thur, June 11:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Martin Carranza (by the Hall Family)
Fri, June 12:	*8:30 a.m.	Special intention for Rose Marie Ritz (by the Hall Family)
Sat, June 13:	4:00 p.m.	† Charlene Brown (by Lynn Bryant)
Sun, June 14:	7:30 a.m.	† Fr Larry Shinnick
	9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	10:45 a.m.	Special intention for Lucrecia Hall (by Alyssa Tyler)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** especially for Suzanne Vickery, Casey Daniel, Kathy Newman, Daniel Flemming, George Sampedro, Jesse Hernandez, Jose Mariano Hernández Avila, Stan Hartdegen, Kent Graeve, Justin Meadows, Rachel Maxwell, John Minjares, Sr., Virginia Elmer, Pedro Antonio Triana, John Davis, Chorbishop Richard Saad, Deb Rankin, Paul Trussel, Paul Caruso, Mary Simmons, Linda Henry, Lisa DeKam Nicholls, Ronnie Buchanan, Barbara Williams, Bob Wiseman, Eve Moore, Carol Brandley, Eddie Hunter, Jerry Joiner, Beryl Curtis, Linda Cooper, Kay Dorion, Krissy Chism, Lamar Smith, Wayne Little, Andrea Little, Fran Costanza, Christine Cover, Thatcher Kerzie, Malcolm Perry, Koslyn Chism, Kathleen Strawmeyer, and Stephanie Perry.

**NEXT WEEK'S MASS READINGS**

4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart	Dt 7:6-11, 1Jn 4:7-16, Mt 11:25-30
7:30 a.m. Sacred Heart	Eph 3:8-12,14-19, Jn 19:31-37
9:00 a.m. Sacred Heart	Dt 7:6-11, 1Jn 4:7-16, Mt 11:25-30
10:45 a.m. Sacred Heart	Eph 3:8-12,14-19, Jn 19:31-37

## *Melchizedek*

Melchizedek is an interesting and obscure figure in the Old Testament. He suddenly appears during the life of Abram (before God renamed him Abraham). Melchizedek has no ancestry or length of life mentioned, which is odd in the Old Testament. Almost always anyone of any significance is mentioned in terms of his lineage – of the tribe of so-and-so, son of whomever, father of such-and-such – and the longevity of the man is commonly mentioned, especially for a king. He is mentioned once in Genesis: “*Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High*” (Gen 14:18). Melchizedek was certainly a king, the king of Salem, which was later known as Jerusalem. Melchizedek is mentioned only twice in the Old Testament: once in Genesis as noted above and once in Psalm 110. And all that is said of Melchizedek in the psalm is “*You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek*” (Ps 110:4). Forever references the lack of any ancestry or length of days, implying immortality. The word ‘order’ is often translated as ‘line’ meaning that Melchizedek is not a one-off priest. The implication here is that Psalm 110 applies to David, King of Jerusalem and priest apart from the line of Aaron son of Levi and apart from the Law of Moses, a priesthood that predates the Jewish Temple priests by 800 years.

David was the priestly King of Jerusalem, and God promised that his line would have no end, he was to have a son on the throne for ever. Psalm 132 tells us of this promise: “*The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: ‘One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies which I shall teach them, their sons also for ever shall sit upon your throne.’*” (Ps 132:11-12). However, the last enthroned king of David’s line died almost 590 years before Jesus. God’s promise was not fulfilled by earthly kings reigning in Jerusalem because those kings were unfaithful to God’s covenant. Instead, this promise to David is fulfilled uniquely in Jesus. St Paul in the Letter to the Hebrews makes the point that Melchizedek prefigured Jesus. Like Melchizedek, Jesus has no beginning in His personhood and no end. He is a Priest but not of the line of Aaron or the tribe of Levi. Humanly speaking, Jesus was of the tribe of Judah and the Son of David. Jesus needed a human ancestry to be a Son of David while remaining the Son of God without ancestry or length of days. And like Melchizedek, Jesus offered bread and wine.

The primary offering of Jesus was His life on the cross. At the Last Supper Jesus links His offering of bread and wine to His offering on the cross. “*This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in remembrance of me... This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you*” (Lk 22:19-20). In other words, the sacrifice of the cross is inseparable from Jesus’ offering of wine and bread, a priestly sacrifice first offered by Melchizedek symbolically but offered by Jesus truly and substantially. And this is not a one-off offering of His Body and Blood. No, it is to be offered in remembrance of Jesus. Not just to recall the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross, but offered as a remembrance offering: He says do this in remembrance of Me. A remembrance offering was not about calling to mind a past event. No, it was to participate in that past event even if that event happened hundreds of years prior. It was also a sacrifice offered by a priest.

So what Jesus does at the Last Supper is to replace the various sacrifices of the Old Testament with one sacrifice, a sacrifice that we participate in through the priesthood He established at the Last Supper. This is a priesthood not by descent from Aaron or Levi, not even of a Jewish line of priests, but according to the line of Melchizedek. And it is a participation in the one sacrifice of Christ.

Thus, the Eucharist is truly a sacrifice – the re-presentation of Jesus’ unique sacrifice – offered that we might die with Jesus and rise again with Him. Indeed, the Eucharist is a participation in Jesus’ passion, death, resurrection, ascension, and His eternal life in heaven. It is little wonder that Jesus says “*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*” (Jn 6:53-54).

- Fr Booth