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# Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St. James Roman Catholic Church, a diverse community rooted in vibrant Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need in partnership with others.**

***Saint James Church is staffed by the priests and brothers of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity***

## SUNDAY MASS
9:30 a.m.
(On-line)

## DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
( On-line)

## OFFICE HOURS
**Monday - Sunday**
Closed until further notice

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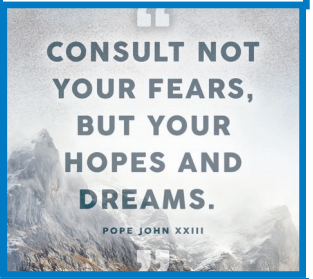
# The Most Holy Body AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:57

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## ON THE WAY……

May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

On Holy Thursday the Church remembers the institution of the Holy Eucharist by Jesus at the Last Supper. However, there is a lot of other things happening during Holy Week that caused some Catholics to feel that the gift of the Eucharist was not given enough prominence. In the thirteenth century the great medieval theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, inspired perhaps by the visionary, Saint Juliana of Liège, urged the Pope to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist. The Feast of Corpus Christi was born. In Catholic countries it is traditional to hold a procession joined by the whole populace through the streets of a town with prayers and singing to honor the Blessed Sacrament. Leading the procession, the consecrated host is displayed in a monstrance held aloft by a member of the clergy. He is shielded by a decorated cloth canopy held aloft by four poles which four men (and it is men) carry. At the end of the procession, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at one or more altars decorated with banks of flowers. Clouds of incense mark the procession. Of course, you always conclude the Corpus Christi procession with a great meal!

It is somewhat ironic to be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi at a time when people are unable to receive Holy Communion due to the coronavirus. But perhaps this circumstance provides the opportunity to look at the Eucharist with fresh eyes. The Jesuit theologian, Karl Rahner, reflected once about the fact that sometimes we don't feel like celebrating, that our hearts are too heavy to enjoy the flowers, the incense, the songs. That heaviness should help us remember that in the Holy Eucharist we are commemorating a death. "When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes in glory." So when he recalled the Corpus Christi processions for his youth in Germany he had this thought: "Look at these people walking in procession. Where are they going? If one has the courage to ask and the courage to answer the question seriously, in all its aspects, completely and without illusions, can one avoid one answer, even if it is only part of the complete answer: they are going forward to death?"

The Eucharist which leads the Corpus Christi procession, however, serves as a reminder that death does not get the final word for us as Christians. Just as we have a share in the death of the Lord in the bread that is broken and the wine that is shared we also share in Christ's resurrection. Jesus became our life by triumphing over death. At the Last Supper he prepared his disciples for his coming passion in the gift of the Eucharist. When we receive Holy Communion we partake in that sacred meal with the one who died and who lives. Human life might be an inevitable procession toward death but in the Holy Eucharist the procession turns around to lead us to life. That is the true meaning of Corpus Christi.

**In the Most Holy Trinity,**
**Fr. John Edmunds, S.T**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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| **Sun 06/14** | **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** | |
| | 9:30 a.m.<br>† | Mass (On-line)<br>https://zoom.us/j/622647147<br>***Carmen Bertucci - requested by Josie Bertucci*** |
| Mon 06/15 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (On-line)<br>Meeting ID: 844 260 686<br>Password: SJDAILY |
| Tues 06/16 | 7:30 a.m.<br>† | Mass (On-line)<br>Meeting ID: 844 260 686<br>Password: SJDAILY<br>***Sr. Barbara Rastatter - requested by Lou*** |
| Wed 06/17 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (On-line)<br>Meeting ID: 844 260 686<br>Password: SJDAILY |
| Thur 06/18 | 7:30 a.m.<br>† | Mass (On-line)<br>Meeting ID: 844 260 686<br>Password: SJDAILY<br>***Carmen Bertucci - requested by Josie*** |
| Fri 06/19 | 7:30 a.m.<br>† | Mass (On-line)<br>Meeting ID: 844 260 686<br>Password: SJDAILY<br>***Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel*** |
| **Sun 06/21** | **12th Sunday In Ordinary Time** | |
| | 9:30 a.m.<br>† | Mass (On-line)<br>https://zoom.us/j/622647147<br>***Carmen Bertucci - requested by Josie Bertucci*** |

## Join us for Daily and Sunday Mass!

Daily Mass:

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Meeting ID: 844 260 686
Password: SJDAILY

Sunday Mass:

https://zoom.us/j/622647147

Meeting ID: 622 647 147

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:
"Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD." (Dt 8:3b)

### PSALM:
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147) or Alleluia

### SECOND READING:
Because the loaf of bread is one,
we, though many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:17)

### GOSPEL:
"For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:55-56)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

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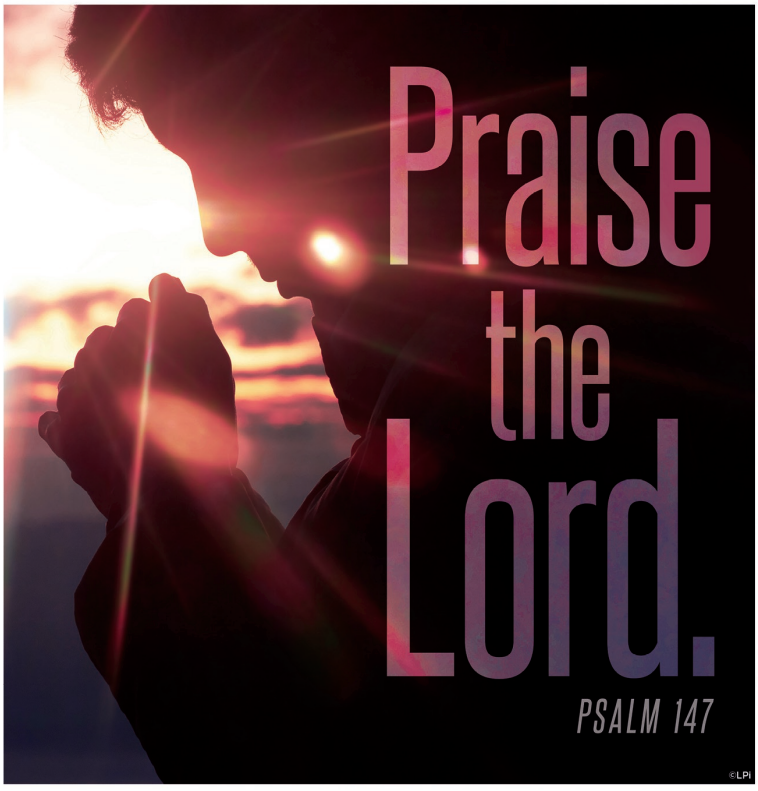
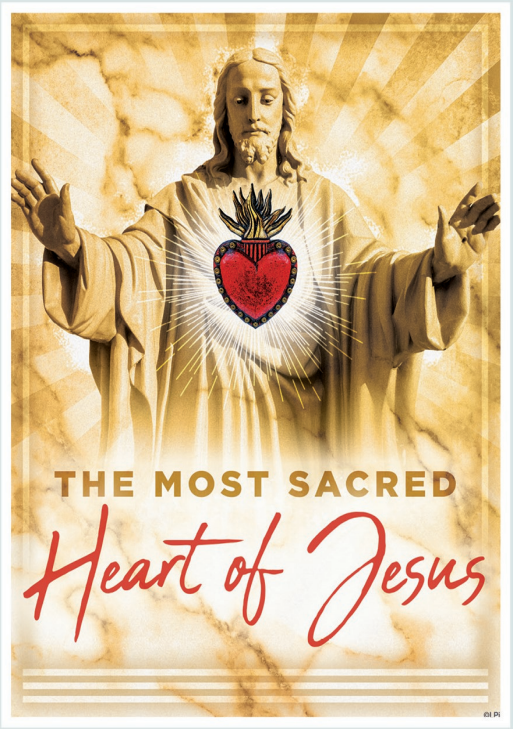
| Sunday: | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day |
| Friday: | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| Saturday: | The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day |
| Next Sunday: | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day |




# REFLECT

### FIRST READING
Moses reminds the Israelites of how God's miraculous gifts of manna (bread) and water (early images of the Eucharist) helped them through their trials and tribulations. How would you explain to a friend how the Eucharist sustains you through difficult times?

### SECOND READING
Paul spoke of how the believers in Corinth celebrating the Eucharist were engaged in an act of "participation" in the Body and Blood of Christ. How do you imagine the Corinthians reacting to this description?

### GOSPEL READING
We hear in today's Gospel the closing remarks from Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. As a Christian who believes in the Eucharist, how would you answer the Jews' original question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

**St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:**

**https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A**

| Our Home Bound: | | |
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| Judy Archer<br>Margie Bass<br>Altee Clark<br>Edwina Cook<br>Paul Freeman<br>Juanita James<br>James Kennard | Barbara Southhall<br>Dina Williams<br><br>**Our Sick**<br>Victoria Allen<br>Aayliah Cooper | Patsy Cunningham<br>Marvelean Doss<br>Nancy McCarthy<br>Barbara Radizwon<br>Sandra Reynolds<br>Donald Rogers<br>Kimberly Starr |