



June 6, 2021

The cup of salvation
I will take up, and I will call
upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:13

JESUS' SELF-GIFT

Today's solemnity celebrates Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharist, the Living Bread that nourishes us, the perpetual Sacrifice that redeems us, the Real Presence that comforts us on our pilgrimage and challenges us to self-sacrificing love. As in our own Liturgy of the Word, Moses in Exodus solemnly proclaims God's word to the assembled people, who solemnly affirm their acceptance of that word and pledge obedient fulfillment. Then, in a ritual reminiscent of our own liturgy, Moses seals the people's spoken assent by sprinkling the assembly with sacrificial blood. The Letter to the Hebrews portrays Christ as our High Priest, entering the Holy of Holies with his own Blood to seal the New Covenant that frees its participants from death. This Sacrifice Jesus instituted sacramentally at the Last Supper and offered on the altar of the cross, the Sacrifice and Supper of which we partake at every Eucharist.

JESUS' SACRIFICE AND OURS

In presenting the still-familiar four-fold "Shape of the Eucharist"—Jesus takes / blesses / breaks / gives (Mark 14:22)—Mark omits Matthew's specification of purpose "for the forgiveness of sins," and Luke's "for the remembrance of me." But Jesus does recall the covenant, Israel's liberation from Egypt's slavery. And could the disciples—or we—fail to recall that, in Mark's earliest verses, Jesus sits at table "with tax collectors and those known as sinners" (2:15)? Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' passion and pledge of our share in his future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to his disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup he would drink" (10:38–39). Soon he would beg his Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic cup, Jesus promises a day when he would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup he—or we—will drink, the cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the cup of the Kingdom of God.

WORSHIPING AND SERVING

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (*EG*, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (*EG* 270).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Mon: 10th Week in Ordinary Time
Wed: St. Ephrem
Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Immaculate Conception Parish

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St. Joseph Church side entrance is open daily for private prayer

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tues. & Thurs. after 8 a.m. Mass @ SJC; Wednesdays, 6:30pm @ ICC

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC Direct Phone: 800-791-9209; Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Phone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204; If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Sat. June 5

4:30 pm (ICC) **Vincent Teichert** (Family) / **Mary Knorr** (Mary & Frank Ewerth)

Sun. June 6

9:00 am (SJC) **Kevin Doll** (Anthony DeLaurentis) / **Elizabeth Lennon** (Kay & Dan Boyle)

Mon. June 7

8:00 am (ICC) **Jerome Miranda** (Salli, Sarah, & Jake) / **Anna Love**, *bday* (Roush Family)

Tues. June 8

8:00 am (SJC) **Joseph & Veronica Bechtel**, *Anniv.* (daughter, Kay) /
Thomas Armbruster (Doris Searfoss)

Wed. June 9

private

Kenneth Huber (Cathy & Ed Hawk) / **All Fathers, Living & Deceased**

Thurs. June 10

8:00 am (SJC) **Thomas Farrell Family** (Family) / **Joan Ament** (Dolores & Girls)

Fri. June 11

8:00 am (ICC) **Jack Porambo** (Joe & Sue) / **Fred Cerimele** (Patricia Heaney)

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. June 12

9:00 am (SJC) *Rosary for Life*

4:30 pm (ICC) **Franklin Schatz**, *Anniv.* (Susan & Family) /

In Honor of Rev. James. J. Ward for Blessings on his Retirement

Sun. June 13

9:00 am (SJC) **Thomas Dinan** (Stephanie Maliniak) / **Yong Cha Kurak** (Margaret Moser & Family)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION, AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

LAST WEEK A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burned in Loving Memory of *Millie and Paul Radocha* (Requested by The DePuy Family)

LAST WEEK A BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burned in Loving Memory of *Millie and Augie Gulla* (Requested by The DePuy Family)

Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of *Anna Love* (From, Roush Family)

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SANCTUARY: For *All Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Class of 1961, 60th Anniversary*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: In Loving Memory of *George & Kay Bimler, 75th anniversary* (Requested by Family)

BLESSED MOTHER: In Loving Memory of *Robert Milan* (Requested by Family)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 5/16/21: \$ 5,425.00

Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



REST IN PEACE: Kindly pray for the soul of **Jean Fauzio**. Please remember her and her loved ones in your prayers. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

WE WELCOME, Lucas Zurn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Kathryn (Leffler) Zurn, who was baptized into our Parish community last week. Please pray for him and his family he begins his faith journey in Christ.



ADORATION: Tuesday, June 8 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9am @ St. Joseph Church (except when there is a funeral Mass and then it will start after the Mass). Adoration will conclude with Rosary & Benediction at 5:30pm. Time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a tremendous blessing!



FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 20. Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are included in your mailed packet. Please fill out the envelope and place in the collection basket at any Mass. The envelopes will be placed on the altar & those intentions will be remembered at all Masses the month of June.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. This month, the Diocese will begin the phone-athon in order to reach out to members of our parish community who have not yet made a gift to the 2021 BWAC. In order to save the volunteers many hours, please respond with your gift decision within the next week. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small.

REGISTER RECEIPT: We recently received a check from Jim Thorpe Market for the Register tape fundraising program in the amount of \$455.00. Thank you to all who continue to save your receipts for this fundraiser!

BLOCKBUSTER RAFFLE!!

Marian Catholic Blue & Gold Club Raffle for 10 Amazing Prizes! Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

Each ticket provides TWO

chances to win! Prizes include a Playstation 5, Yeti Bundle, Kayak Package, Apple AirPods & Watch, Flat Screen TV, \$500 Lowe's Gift Card, Roomba Vacuum, Gas Grill & Cornhole Set, a Recliner & MCHS Sports Ticket Bundle. Drawing to held Live on Facebook, Monday, June 14th during the Marian BGC Monthly Meeting. Contact bgc@mariancatholics.org to get your tickets!!



CONGRATULATIONS to all our young people who are graduating this spring, from our Catholic & Public schools, whether it be 8th grade, High school, Technical school, College or advanced degrees. May God bless them & keep them close to Him.



WHAT'S NEW? I never noticed it before, but our reading from Mark's gospel is similar to the story in John's gospel of the wedding feast at Cana. They begin with a problem presented to Jesus: Lack of wine (*John*) and a place for Passover meal (*Mark*.) They both involve jars of water. Jesus responds to both by giving orders: to the waiters (*Jn*) and to the apostles (*Mk*.) And both have miraculous changes: water into wine (*Jn*) and bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood (*Mk*.)

Now the wedding feast showed Jesus using the water meant for purification and changing it to wine for a wedding. The Jews needed to purify any dishes in order to keep the kosher laws. But Jesus replaced those laws with a new one, the law of love, symbolized by the wedding. In our gospel today, Jesus replaces ordinary food with spiritual food. He is doing something new, beyond the requirements of the Old Testament.

What does that mean for us? Jesus is showing God's love for us in a new way. You might say he is replacing the way he comes to us. The bread and wine at the last Supper were signs of Jesus' body being broken and his blood poured out for us on the cross. When he gave his life for us, he rose from the dead to give us hope. And now we have the Eucharist, in which he becomes our new food and drink. Just as the Passover meal became a sign of Jesus' real death on the cross, our Eucharist is the sacrament of his real presence among us today.

Do we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Son of God? The way to measure that is to ask, how has Jesus changed your life? Do you love others more because you know God loves you? Do you have less fear of the future, because the Holy Spirit gives you courage? Do your children know Jesus, because you share your faith with them? In the Eucharist, God gives us a new way to be with him. Let us look forward to being renewed in spirit whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE EVENTS

Tues., June 8: Adoration, 9am-5:30pm

Thurs., June 10: Flame of Love Enrichment, 1pm