

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

06/07 (Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi) Solemn **Holy Mass at 3pm** during which Maverick and Jasiu will receive their First Holy Communion, followed by a reception in the church hall for all parishioners and guests.

06/14 (Solemnity of the Word of God) **Holy Mass at 10am**. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For + BARBARA STEPIEN.*

- Today was a blessed day as our young parishioners - Maverick and Jasiu - received the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time. We wish to extend our gratitude to everyone who helped make this day so special.
- This Sunday marks the official conclusion of our Catechetical Year 2025–2026! We extend our gratitude to our catechists, **Ms. Jocelyn and Ms. Krista**, and to our catechist substitute, **Ms. Sue**, for their tremendous dedication and the generous gift of their time in sharing the faith with our children. May God bless them abundantly for all they have done this year. Catechism classes will resume in September 2026.
- **Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is June 21, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

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June 7, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

MASS INTENTION

For Jasiu & Maverick, on the day of their First Holy Communion.

INTROIT

C: Lord, You nourished Your people with food of angels and furnished them bread from heaven, ready to hand, untoiled for, endowed with all delights and conforming to every taste.

R: For this substance of Yours revealed Your sweetness toward Your children, and serving the desire of him who received it, was blended to whatever flavor each one wished.

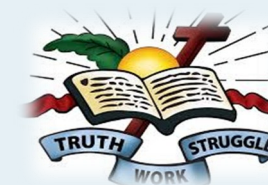
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

3.00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass offered for your special intention? Envelopes for Mass intentions are available in the back of the church. Simply fill one out and either mail it back to us or hand it directly to Father. Masses can be offered for a deceased loved one or as a special intention for the living.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, or a special personal or family need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people:

"Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.“

PS 147

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

1 COR 10:16-17

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "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.

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. 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. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Within this Octave of Corpus Christi, the Church invites us to stay in the mystery we celebrated last Thursday - that Jesus Christ is truly present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist. Today's Gospel from John 6 brings us to the very heart of that mystery. When Jesus proclaims, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven," He is not speaking in metaphor or poetry. The reaction of His listeners makes that clear: they quarrel, they push back, they ask the impossible-sounding question - "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" - because they understand Him literally. And rather than soften His words or clarify that He only meant a symbol, Jesus doubles down with the solemn "Amen, amen" that signals the most serious of declarations. He insists: His flesh is true food, His blood is true drink. The scandal of the Incarnation extends all the way to the altar...

What Jesus offers is nothing less than eternal life - not merely a longer version of this life, but a share in the very life of the Father. "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." Here is the breathtaking exchange at the center of our faith: we bring our hunger, our poverty, our mortality - and He gives us Himself.