

# Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 14, 2020

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE	
<b>Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 21.17-29</b> <b>Gospel: Matthew 5.43-48</b> +Sofia Kuscer (Maria Berlot)
<b>Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	For the Safety of All Parishioners in the Time of Pandemic and as Churches Reopen (Adoration after Mass)
<b>Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	A.I.D.
<b>Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Sol)</i></b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	+Anton Mihelic (Mihelic Family)
<b>Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Obl Mem)</i></b>	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Joseph Mantler (Frances Mantler & Family)
<b>Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>, <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	St. Martin's For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish St. Mary's
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

**Eucharistic Adoration:** please note that as part of our Church reopening following the pandemic, we shall have an hour Eucharistic Adoration following Mass on Wednesday June 17, and half an hour on Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass for those who may be able to join to pray and adore our Lord in the Holy Eucharist especially in these trying and difficult times, praying for God's continued blessings.

PLEASE KEEP OUR RECENTLY DECEASED LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: **Defina Segatti, Wayne Robinson and Ethel Doucette.**

## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



**“This is the wonderful truth my dear friends: The Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist.”**  
-Saint John Paul II

### First Reading

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a*

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

### Gospel Reading

*John 6:51-59*

Jesus says, “I am the living bread.”

### BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING:

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

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Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they have trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world. ([www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com))

**FAMILY CONNECTION:**

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate Mass, Jesus is present to us. The bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation: Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: REOPENING OF CHURCHES:

My warm greetings to all parishioners and I want to believe we have all been looking forward to this moment, to be able to return to Church for worship and prayers after several months away.

Following the government of Ontario's recent announcement permitting Churches in the province to open while maintaining certain capacity, and the Bishop's announcement, our Churches are being prepared to again open for prayer and worship according to the requirements of the health authorities and diocesan guidelines. I want to believe we are all excited about this development while also bearing in mind that the fight against the ravaging virus and pandemic that has affected our world and the way we live our lives is not yet over.

Please note there will be slight changes in the way we celebrate and conduct our liturgical celebrations in keeping with these guidelines and directives. I know we are delighted to again be able to gather to pray, and fellowship together as a faith community while also making every effort to keep each other safe and to limit the spread of the virus.

I hope you will find time to read through the special announcement and letter from the Bishop to all parishioners across the diocese regarding the reopening process of the Churches and the important steps we all need to take to make sure we safely return back to Church. This can be accessed at [www.stmaryimmaculate.com](http://www.stmaryimmaculate.com)

I am so delighted to welcome back all parishioners to our Churches while we also continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. Please continue to stay well and safe as I wish everyone God's blessings and peace in these trying and different times and as we get set to again gather and pray and also begin the summer months, Amen!

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR ALL THE SICK:**

Let us pray for all the sick around the world, those who feel lonely in their struggles and all those who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, all Healthcare Professionals and Frontline workers.

For our sick parishioners: **Don Woodham, Maverick Southern, Margaret Morris, Felix Kozak, Argene Pellegrini, Tom Wunder, Kaelynn Heines**, and family and friends that God may grant them healing and protection and may Our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the sick, pray and intercede for us, Amen!