

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 11, 2023

*“As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”
— 1 Corinthians 11:26*

THIS SACRED MEAL

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).

Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).

Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Gospel — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Father in Heaven, I am weary. I am tired. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is low. Especially today, I need Your love to get my life back on track. In Psalm 28:7 I read that You are my strength and my shield. Please help me say no when I am tempted to surrender to the easy way. Please help me say yes, to Your will and Your way. Hear this prayer, oh Lord that I pray in Your holy name, Amen.

REFLECTION

Two hundred years ago, a beautiful, young, Episcopalian woman accompanied her husband, a merchant, to Italy, leaving four of their five children at home with family members. They had sailed for Italy, hoping that the change in climate might help her husband, whose failing business had eventually affected his health adversely. Tragically, he died in Livorno.

The grieving young woman was warmly received by an Italian family, business acquaintances of her deceased husband. She stayed with them for three months before she could arrange to return to America. The young widow was very impressed by the Catholic faith of her host family, especially their devotion to the Holy Eucharist: their frequent attendance at Mass, the reverence with which they received Holy Communion, the awe they showed toward the Blessed Sacrament on feast days when the Eucharist was carried in procession.

She found her broken heart healed by a hunger for this mysterious presence of the Lord, and, upon returning home, requested instruction in Catholic Faith. Soon after being received into the Church, she described her first reception of the Lord in the Eucharist as the happiest moment of her life. It was in St. Peter’s Square on September 14, 1975, that Blessed Paul VI canonized this woman, Elizabeth Ann Seton, as first native-born saint of the United States. The Eucharist for her was a sign and cause of union with God and the Church.

Our regular partaking of the body and blood in the Eucharist strengthens us for the journey to heaven and draws us around a common table with others who believe in the power of Christ. The body and blood of Christ is entirely gift—a grace-filled meal. Jesus sat among saints and sinners at the Last Supper and throughout his earthly ministry. He welcomed all to join in the feast—and he continues that welcome to us today. We are invited to receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation each week. Christ’s body serves as fuel so that we might go out and live into our God-given callings with energy and spirit. The grace broken and poured at the altar extends out into the world. Strengthened by Christ’s body and blood, we will enjoy the fullness of everlasting life with Christ.

THANK YOU FROM FR. PRASAD

Thank you, St. Edward community, for all the arrangements, greetings from far and near and prayers on my birthday.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,469.00	\$2,759.00
Number of Families contributing	94	72
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (21 Weeks)	\$71,338.00	\$72,362.00
Received to Date	\$61,511.00	\$50,127.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,827.00	\$22,235.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$246.00	\$4,465.00

Twenty-four ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$60.00	\$48,346.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$3,811.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$370.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$48.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Catherine Gorman in loving memory of her on the 6th Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Nora Francis in loving memory of her on her 83rd Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be the for the *Annual Seminary collection*.

SUMMER ADORATION will be only on *Mondays and Thursdays ONLY* from 10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

There will be Adoration this Friday, June 16th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

MASS ON TUESDAY will be at 10:00 A.M. until further notice.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Matt Sherlock on the 63rd Anniversary of his death.

Tuesday: For Eddie Joseph on his Birthday; and in honor of St. Anthony on his Feast Day.

Wednesday: In thanks for Stark and Spade on their 7th birthday.

Thursday: For Farrah on her Birthday.

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood; and in thanks for Boston Carroll on his 9th Birthday.

READERS

Sat. June 10th, 4:00 P.M.

Christina & Macy

Sun. June 11th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

Sat. June 17th, 4:00 P.M.

Julie Ann & Macy

Sun. June 18th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - Christina |
| Tuesday | - Macy |
| Wednesday | - Monroe |
| Thursday | - Lauren Ashley |
| Friday | - Paris |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - Theresa Hun |
| Tuesday | - Jack's Mary Rita |
| Wednesday | - Julie Ann |
| Thursday | - Cathy Carroll |
| Friday | - Rosie Cat |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Right
Left

June 10th

Jack's Mary Rita
Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

June 11th

Ned's Rose Marie

June 18th

Ned's Rose Marie