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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW DURING THESE SUMMER MONTHS

Next weekend, June 13-14, is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Having celebrated the Feasts of the Blessed Trinity and Corpus Christi that marked the first two Sundays of our return to Ordinary Time, we now settle in for the summer and will be reading the Gospel of Matthew each Sunday until the beginning of Advent on November 29. The Lectionary, the book that contains the readings for each Sunday, presupposes that we are reading the Bible on our own and that we are familiar with Matthew's Gospel so that when we hear a selection at Sunday Mass, we can place in it the context of the whole Gospel. Why not add a reading of the entire Gospel of Matthew to your summer reading list?

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP (JUNE): On the remaining Sundays of June and the first Sunday of July, the gospel readings will focus on discipleship. Jesus sends out the disciples to heal the sick and preach. He gives instructions on living simply, accepting hospitality, and depending totally on God. He encourages the disciples not to be discouraged by rejection, but to keep moving forward, and to expect persecution but know that God will see them through. Jesus has not revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom to everyone, but only to those who have childlike, supple, and open hearts to receive the wisdom.

What parts of Jesus' instruction give you insight and guidance in your life right now?

THE PARABLES (JULY): The Sundays of July will focus on the parables of Jesus. This group of parables are centered around farming and agriculture. We will read the parable of the Sower and the Seed, the tiny Mustard Seed, the Wheat and Weeds, and the Hidden Treasure. The parables are full of hope and confidence in God at work in the world. He abundantly sows the seed of the Word. Some people receive it and some do not. But those who receive it produce an abundant harvest. There will always be good and bad in the world. God will be the judge. Leave it to him. The Kingdom starts small but ends big. Do not underestimate small beginnings in our lives. The Kingdom of God is a treasure that is more valuable than any material treasure on earth. Make that treasure your own!

Do any of the parables speak to you about what is going on in your life?

MIRACLES OF FAITH (AUGUST): As we return to school and regular routines, we read the story of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, Sinking Peter, and Jesus' turn toward Jerusalem. Each of the stories shows faith and trust in God. Trust that God will provide and that a little is a lot in the hands of Jesus. Faith that Jesus will grab us and save us if our faith grows weak and we begin to sink. Faith to follow Jesus and let him show us that if we carry the cross, we wear the crown.

Pray for a deepening and strengthening of your faith and trust in God's promises.

Take some time and read the Gospel of Matthew from beginning to end or just chapters 9 through 14. Become familiar with the stories so that they will sound familiar when you hear them at Sunday Mass. Make them your own and ask God to show you what they are telling you at this season of your life.

Whoever eats
my flesh and
drinks my blood has

John 6:51-58

eternal life

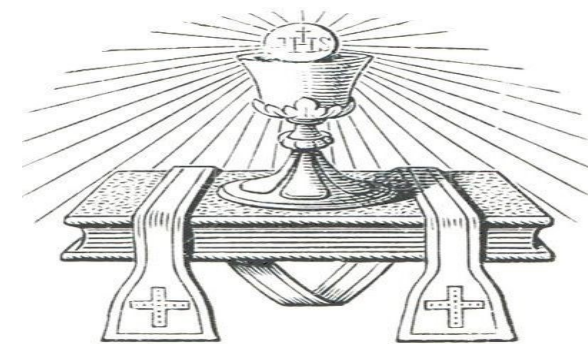


THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

JUNE 7, 2026

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel
12:10 PM



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

This weekend, June 6-7, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). We give thanks for the gift of the real presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. At the heart of our Catholic life is our belief that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us to live the Christian life of love, forgiveness, the building up of relationships and community, and service to our brothers and sisters.

Following the 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM Masses, there will be thirty minutes of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. After the 10:30 AM Mass there will be Adoration until 2:00 PM when we will celebrate Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

WELCOME TO FR. SOLOMON NWOKOCHA FOR OUR MISSION APPEAL

This weekend, June 6-7, Father Solomon Nwokocho of Mary, Mother of Mankind Parish, in Saint Michael Mission, AZ, in the Diocese of Gallup, NM, will be with us for the annual mission appeal. Father is asking for your prayer and financial support. There will be a second collection for this mission appeal at all the Masses.

CADAV PRESENTS KIDFEST ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Community Against Drugs and Violence (CADAV) will host its annual KIDFEST on Saturday, June 13 at the Scotlandville Parkway at Badley Road and Veterans Memorial from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM. This is a fun and free event for families with activities for all ages. Discover: Toddlerville, SPROUTS Healthy Living Zone, Tween Social Zone, Kidpreneur Wall Street, and Teen Skillville. Trail Walk +1k Walk+2k Walk Run-Registration opens at 8:30 AM.

JESUIT GUESTS DURING THE SUMMER

Father Juan Ruiz, SJ will be with us from June 28 to July 13 and Father Sean Toole, SJ will be with us from July 13–July 20 as Father Clark takes vacation and makes retreat. Soon to be Father Dan Finucane, SJ, who was with us when he was a novice, will be ordained a priest in Saint Louis on June 13. We hope that he will visit this summer and celebrate Mass for us.

Scott McKillup, Jose Lopez, and Cory Jackson will be in Baton Rouge to participate in the Dialogue on Race for Descendant Scholars and Jesuit Scholastics. I hope that they will be able to visit us for Mass while in town.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in the process of making up the July-December 2026 Lector and Eucharistic Minister schedules. Please email the office with any changes you want to make to your availability. Be sure to let us know about your preferred Mass at which you wish to serve. We are not always able to accommodate each request. Please be ready to seek replacements if you have a conflict. Thank you for your faithfulness to these ministries.



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| JESSE | GRAY | 6/8 |
| BARBARA | BALTAZAR | 6/8 |
| OLIVIA | BROCK | 6/8 |
| ALANA | BRUMFIELD | 6/8 |
| LINDSEY | JONES | 6/8 |
| KAREN | BARNES | 6/9 |
| KAYLA | DEQUIR | 6/9 |
| MARGARET | DOUCETTE | 6/9 |
| KAIDYN | PATIN | 6/9 |
| CYNTELL | SCOTT | 6/9 |
| AUDREY | WILSON | 6/9 |
| DORIS | HARRISON | 6/10 |
| TRITON | PATIN | 6/10 |
| HAZEL | RADUSCH | 6/11 |
| CALVIN | WILLIAMS | 6/11 |
| BROCK | HAMILTON | 6/12 |
| LACEY | BROWN | 6/12 |
| GENEVIE | OLIVER | 6/12 |
| LINDA | BELLIAZERE | 6/14 |
| ERICA | CARTER | 6/14 |
| MAZIE | MALVEAUX | 6/14 |
| JESSICA | PATRICK | 6/14 |
| RITA | BARANCO | 6/15 |
| SHANDAR | BENNETT | 6/15 |
| GARCIA | BODLEY | 6/15 |
| AUBRY | DUBRIEL | 6/15 |
| BRIAN | FRANKLIN | 6/15 |
| JAMES | FREEMAN, III | 6/15 |



Join us on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the MLK Center for “Jazz on the Bluff” as we celebrate Juneteenth with live music, dancing, fellowship, and light refreshments. **Tickets can be purchased after all Masses beginning May 16, while supplies last. Tickets are \$20.00 per son.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 16, 17, and 18, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Registration is open to Church members with children ages 4 through 12. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church and can be completed after each Mass or at home. **Please return the completed form by June 8, 2026.**

**Weekly Mass Readings
June 7th—June 14th**

**Sunday
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3
14b-16a
1 Corinthians 10: 16-17
John 6: 51-58

Monday
1 Kings 17: 1-6
Matthew 5: 1-12

Tuesday
1 Kings 17: 7-16
Matthew 5: 13-16

Wednesday
1 Kings 18: 20-39
Matthew 5: 17-19

**Thursday
Memorial of Saint Barnabas,
Apostle**
Acts 11: 21b-26: 13: 1-3
Matthew 5: 20-26

**Friday
The Solemnity of the Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus**
Deuteronomy 7: 6-11
1 John 4: 7-16
Matthew 11: 25-30

Saturday
1 Kings 19: 19-21
Matthew 5: 33-37

**Sunday
Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
Exodus 19: 2-6a
Romans 5: 6-11
Matthew 9: 36-10: 8