

PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ

June 19, 2022

Praise the Lord's great sacrament!

Saturday, June 18	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, June 19	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, June 20	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY
	..... 8:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday, June 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, June 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, June 23	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Friday, June 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, June 25	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

1 Kgs:19:16b, 19-21: The Lord instructed Elijah to anoint Elisha as a prophet to succeed him.

Gal:5:1, 13-18: Paul preached the freedom of Christ to the Galatians.

Luke:9:51-62: As Jesus proceeded toward Jerusalem, he encouraged passersby to break with the past and follow him.

(Masks are optional but encouraged)

We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Going to movies these days can be an immersion in blood. I go to movies fairly regularly and friends in the parish will ask me my reactions now and again. Often over the years, I have found myself responding, "It's well made, but . . . it's pretty bloody." Or "I'm not sure if you want to see all this bloodshed."

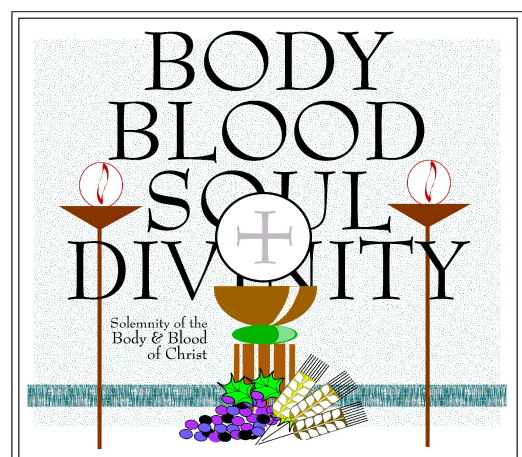
It might be surprising to listen to the three readings that all have to do not just with shedding blood, but sprinkling it on people, as Moses did out in the desert, and presenting Jesus as the great high priest who goes into the sanctuary bearing his own blood, which will "cleanse our consciences from dead works" (Hebrews 9:14) so we can worship the living God.

And then there is the more familiar reading of Mark's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus tells his disciples to drink his blood. Perhaps we have gotten used to hearing these words since they are spoken at every Mass. But if you stop and think about it they are rather shocking.

In the biblical world blood is sacred, blood is life. From the beginning animals were offered in sacrifice. But with the offering of the body and blood of Christ, a new relationship has been entered into with our God. Through Jesus' gift of his body and blood, salvation was won for us and is present to us when we gather in his name to praise the Father.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brother and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Happy Father's Day! Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love. Participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on: **June 24-26 East Hawaii/July 8-10 - Maui/ August 12-14 - Molokai/November 18-20 -Oahu:** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at www.hawaiiwwme.org

WORD OF LIFE: "Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!" **Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux "Fathers" Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life?**

WEEKLY READINGS

Jun 19 Sun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Gen:14:18-20; Ps:110; 1 Cor:11:23-26; Lk:9:11b-17

Jun 20 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

2 Kgs: 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps:60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt:7:1-5

Jun 21 Tue: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

2 Kgs:19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps:48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt:7:6, 12-14

Jun 22 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

2 Kgs:22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps:119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Mt:7:15-20

Jun 23 Thur: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

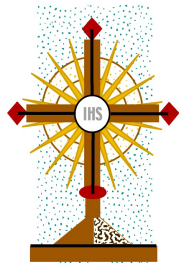
Isa:49:1-6; Ps:139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts:13:22-26; Lk:1:57-66, 80

Jun 24 Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ez:34:11-16; Ps:23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom:5:5b-11; Lk:15:3-7

Jun 25 Sat: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lam:2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps:74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Lk:2:41-51



The LORD
is present
with us

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NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

From the rich Eucharistic themes to be drawn from today's second reading, one stewardship theme stands out: the Eucharist is Christ's gift to us. Good stewards are grateful for this gift and realize that no matter their station in life, they are welcome to come to the table and receive the body and blood of Christ. If Jesus could break bread with his betrayer, Judas, his denier, Peter, and the other ten who deserted him, then he will welcome us. Do we truly appreciate what a tremendous gift it is to approach the Lord's table? Do we realize that the Holy Spirit means to transform us by the gift of Christ's body and blood?(International Catholic Stewardship Council)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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THE FIRST ACCOUNT OF THE LAST SUPPER

Gathered at the Eucharist we bring our prayers to God. We each have our own needs. Friends are sick. Neighbors are losing their home. Kids need work. The goldfish died. We bring these prayers to church because they remind us of our need and they raise our hopes in the power of God.

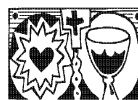
We have those hopes because God has rescued us time and again. Our relationship with God has produced fruitfulness, satisfied our longings, and brought us peace. Because of God's faithfulness, we give thanks, offer sacrifice, and once again present our needs.

Melchizedek is a mysterious figure from the Book of Genesis who prays as we do. King of Jerusalem, priest of God Most High, he blesses Abram, whose armies have just won a victory. Melchizedek brought out bread and wine, and Abram offered him a tenth of his possessions.

The entire scene foreshadows our celebration of the Eucharist. God has rescued us from death. Jesus reigns as our king and priest. The community offers bread and wine. We each offer a tenth of what we own in sacrifice to God. When we worship at Mass, we imitate the pattern of our ancestors' worship. Every generation has the same needs. We present them to the same God, who works the same wonders in our midst. *Lectionary Bulletin*

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Living God's Word



Lord Jesus, in Baptism we were washed in the blood of the Lamb; at every Communion, we eat your Body and drink your Blood. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we continue to live with your life, sharing in your divinity as you have shared in our humanity. For this we give you praise and thanks.

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