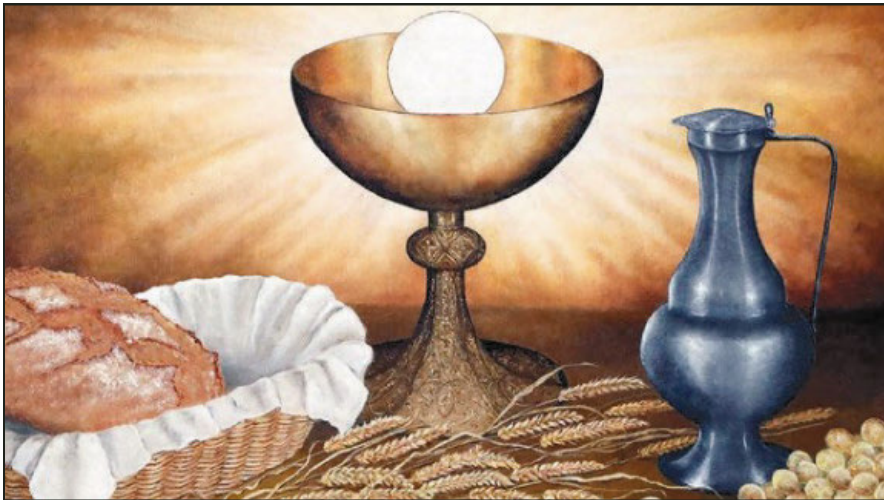




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June 11, 2023 ▪ The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ



## Together with Christ, we are invincible

By Tom Hoopes Published 6/20/2019

*The matter used in the Eucharist is significant. We celebrate it this Sunday.*

On Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus Christ doesn't just tell us that

we are blessed and strong. He shows us.

**Jesus shows the disciples that they can do nothing alone. But with him, they can do amazing things.**

When crowds gathered around him in a deserted spot, he “spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God,” but also *showed* them: “he healed those who needed to be cured.”

But then he wants to show them — and his Apostles — even more. At suppertime, the Apostles want to send the crowds away to eat. Jesus wants them to stay. They can't imagine how they could possibly feed everybody with just five loaves and two fish.

Jesus takes over. He has the apostles seat the crowd in groups of 50, then he blesses the bread and breaks it, and passes it to the disciples who bring it to each group.

The lesson is clear: Left to themselves, the Apostles can barely feed themselves. Working together, and returning to Jesus again and again, they can feed the multitudes.

“They all ate and were satisfied,” says the Gospel. “And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.”

**Jesus did the same thing with wheat and grapes.** This is exactly what happens in the Eucharist, which, significantly, is made up of bread and wine.

The importance of bread and wine in the Bible reach back long before the Eucharist. In the first reading, a mysterious figure — Melchizedek, the first person in the Bible called a priest — offers bread and wine to the future Abraham, along with a blessing.

He could have offered nuts and fruit with his blessing. Then, his offering would have said, “God wants you to survive.” Instead, he offered bread and wine.

These are not foods you scavenge for; they are foods that require imagination, intelligence, communal effort, and lots of time to make. You don't get bread without planting, nurtur-

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ing and harvesting wheat, threshing it, grinding it, making dough, adding yeast, and baking it. You need technology and you need help. It's the same with wine. You need baskets and storehouses for harvesters, vats and barrels for vintners.

Not only does each loaf and each cup of wine represent wheat and grapes taken from far and wide, each loaf and chalice represent a community of workers.

This is what Jesus is showing with the Eucharist: Like the bread and wine, the body of Christ, the Church, will need community.

**Jesus is like the old man in the fable.** Aesop tells the tale of a group of adult sons who kept arguing with each other. Their father warned them that their bickering would be their undoing. His words made no impact on them. So he decided to *show* them, instead.

One day when they were seething silently, a sullen pause in their latest argument, the father brought them a bunch of sticks tied together. He gave it to each and asked them to break it. None of them could.

So he untied the sticks and handed one to each son. They broke them easily.

"My sons," said the father, "do you not see how certain it is that if you agree with each other and help each other, it will be impossible for your enemies to injure you? But if you are divided among yourselves, you will be no stronger than a single stick in that bundle."

**But then Jesus adds to the lesson: We are not just strong like a team working together, we're strong like a team working with God.** In the first reading, written around 53 AD, shortly after the death of Jesus, Paul describes the Eucharist: "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'"

Jesus had told the crowds after the multiplication of the loaves, in John's version of the story, that they must "eat my flesh and drink my blood" to have eternal life.

Here, Paul shows us what that will look like: In the Eucharist, Jesus turns the bread and wine into his very body, blood, soul and divinity.

This is another object lesson. By having us eat his very body and blood, Jesus is telling us that he wants to be united so intimately with us that he is himself the life that his followers share.

Together, we are greater than the sum of our parts. Together with Jesus, we are invincible. Reprinted with permission Aleteia.org





June 11, 2023

## Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Jn 6:51-58

Written by  
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### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, the true, real, and substantial presence of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. As Catholics, we know that the Eucharist is not simply symbolic, but is in fact the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ who rose from the dead. Our readings remind us of this. In the Gospel Jesus says: "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 ... 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." Although Jesus' words were very difficult for his disciples at the time to understand, we know that the bread and wine that become the body and blood of Jesus satisfy our deepest hunger. This spiritual food is actually an encounter with God through his Son, Jesus. It is a blessing that the Church provides us. Let us celebrate on this solemnity by giving thanks, which is what *eucharist* means!

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There was a priest at my home parish who could spend *hours* – literally, hours – sitting in eucharistic adoration. If he wasn't out and about serving our parish or in his office for a meeting, you would find him in the adoration chapel gazing at the monstrance which displayed the consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament. He always would have a small smile on his face, happily losing himself in the Lord. Although everyone has different time pressures on them during the course of a typical week, I think we can all agree that spending only one hour a week with someone is not enough to maintain an important relationship. The same is true with our relationship with Christ. Let's make an effort in the coming weeks to enhance that relationship by spending more time with him. Do you have an hour for adoration? Experience the peace it can bring. Or perhaps now is the time to check the daily Mass schedule in your parish and try to attend once or twice. Jesus offers us his very body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine. Don't squander the opportunity to receive this precious gift.

**ACTION** As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, many dioceses around the country will hold Eucharistic processions for this solemn feast. This is a family-friendly activity. See what is planned in your diocese.



## **Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
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## **“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group**

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm  
in Courtyard Hall.

**All are welcome!**

For more information please call  
727-867-3663.

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, June 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Tom Margraff (Dec)

### **Saturday, June 10, Vigil for The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**

4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

### **Sunday, June 11, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**

8:00 a.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. David Alienello (Dec)

### **Monday, June 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Clea Fernandes (Dec)

### **Tuesday, June 13, Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. Jordan Carruth (Dec)

### **Wednesday, June 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### **Thursday, June 15, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Connie Keeling (Dec)

### **Friday, June 16, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

8:00 a.m. Dr. Leoncio Tena (Dec)

### **Saturday, June 17, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

8:00 a.m. Roberta Bocko (Dec)

### **Saturday, June 17, Vigil for Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Beulah and Monica Beddoe (Dec)

### **Sunday, June 18, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Jay Lamb (Dec)

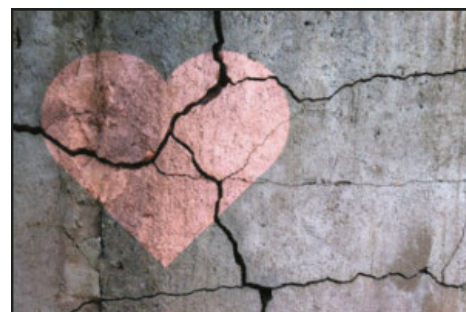
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

## ***Journeying Through Grief***

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663





## Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

06/11 • Rev. Daniel R. Kayajan  
06/12 • Msgr. Michael Muhr  
06/13 • Rev. Francis Mutesaastira  
06/14 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
06/15 • Rev Charles Nkafu  
06/16 • Rev. Carlos Rojas  
06/17 • Rev. Phillip Scott

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

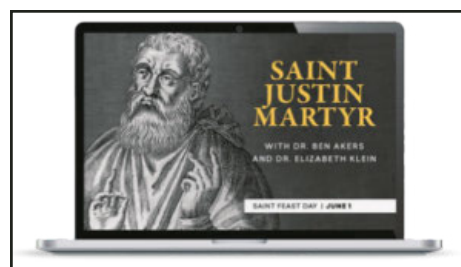
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### Stewardship Prayer

*O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.*

*Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.*

*Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.*

*We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.*

**Amen**



## Bring Your Appetite!

Parents Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, June 11**

After the 8:00a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses  
Free for parents and kids 12 and under.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

## Hurricane Season Safety Tips



### Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property.

### Take Shelter

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

### Use Good Judgment

Use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

### Stay Informed

If a storm threatens our area, please check local news stations for weather updates. Also, check with your parish and school about closures and cancellations. Also, check the diocesan website, [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org).

### Local Resources

Florida Department of Emergency Management:  
[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

Citrus County Emergency Management:  
[www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau\\_of\\_support\\_operations/emergency\\_operations.php](http://www.sheriffcitrus.org/divisions/bureau_of_support_operations/emergency_operations.php)

Hernando County Emergency Management:  
[www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management](http://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management)

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:  
[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management)

Pasco County Emergency Management:  
[www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management](http://www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management)

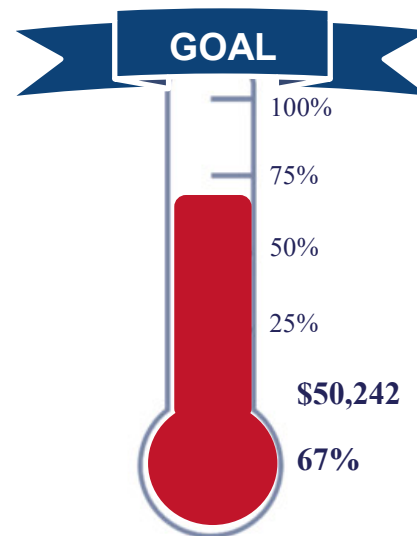
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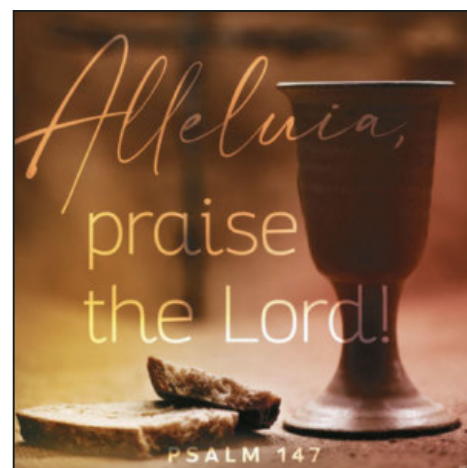


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## Trinity Sunday our Patronal Feast

Weekend of June 3 & 4, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am currently in Michigan for 2 weeks of vacation and will return on June 21.

For the first time in 10 years, I will be missing our Patronal Feast this weekend. It has been a long tradition to bestow the Trinity Medal of Honor to 3 very deserving parishioners on Trinity Sunday. In 2015 the Distinguished Service Award was established. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were unable to present the awards. I enjoy the opportunity to recognize parishioners who have given exceptional service to our parish and look forward to presenting the awards this year.

On July 16, I will announce the Honorees for this year. Later in the year, I will announce the St. Jude Medal Honoree, to be given by Bishop Parkes at the Cathedral, on Sunday, October 29.

I am currently reviewing the candidates for this year's Trinity Medal of Honor. Once the selections are final, I will notify the Honorees. On Sunday, October 22 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass I will acknowledge our honorees. The date coincides with my 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Installation as your Pastor. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

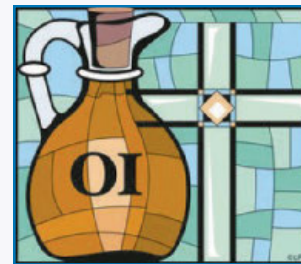
Wishing you a blessed summer.

Kind personal regards,

Father Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor

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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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