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How the Eucharist is the antidote to a self-centered life



Philip Kosloski

If we are open to receiving the many graces of the Eucharist, our heart will be opened to other people and their many needs.

Today's culture puts a big emphasis on the pursuit of happiness, which typically translates into finding whatever makes you happy, even if it means ignoring your neighbor.

We can easily get caught-up into this cultural mindset, thinking that the world revolves around us, and that everything on earth was made for our own selfish pleasure.

Unfortunately, this ultimately leads to seeing other people as objects and ignoring those most in need in our family, or in our local community. What we need is something that will shake us out of our self-centeredness and force us to look at other people.

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Holy Communion

The Eucharist is meant to be that antidote to a self-centered life. This might seem strange to us, but receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is the primary way we can begin to have a heart for others.

Pope Benedict XVI meditated on this topic in a homily for Corpus Christi in 2011:

[P]recisely because it is Christ who, in Eucharistic communion changes us into him, **our individuality, in this encounter, is opened, liberated from its egocentrism** and inserted into the Person of Jesus who in his turn is immersed in Trinitarian communion. The Eucharist, therefore, **while it unites us to Christ also opens us to others**, makes us members of one another: we are no longer divided but one in him. Eucharistic communion not only unites me to the person I have beside me and with whom I may not even be on good terms, but also to our distant brethren in every part of the world.

He explains why we use the word "communion" in referring to the reception of the Eucharist:

This transformation is possible thanks to a communion stronger than division, the communion of God himself. The word "**communion**", which we also use to designate the Eucharist, in itself sums up the **vertical and horizontal dimensions of Christ's gift**.

In being brought closer to Jesus in the Eucharist, we are then brought closer to other people. This why it is called, "Holy Communion."

While this is all true, a key aspect to this teaching is our openness to divine grace. It is possible to receive the Eucharist every Sunday (or even every day) and to be closed-off to God's life-giving grace.

We need to be open and receptive to God's love, so that we can be filled with it and share that love with others. **We can not give what we do not possess.**

If you find yourself fighting against selfish tendencies, receive the Eucharist with an open heart and let God transform your soul.

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June 29, 2025

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 | 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 | Mt 16:13-19

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Too often, we conceive of our earthly pilgrimage as a convoluted maze we must travel by ourselves. Consequently, many of us either ignore the question altogether or become overwhelmed by how ill-equipped we are for the task. But in today's Gospel, Jesus indicates that confusion was never part of his plan. Responding to Peter's profession of faith, Jesus says, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." From the mouth of Eternal Wisdom comes words which establish a Church on Peter's God-given faith. Already a leader among the disciples, Peter now receives his vocation to be the foundation of unity among the Apostles. Their successors, the bishops, would be recognizable by their union with Peter's successors, the popes. Over time, the Church's understanding of Peter's authority would mature and deepen. From the beginning, however, Peter's role as shepherd meant that navigating the path to heaven was not something we were to do in isolation. We aren't asked to decipher the meaning of the Scriptures ourselves or to untangle centuries of theological speculation in order to follow Jesus. God, who knows we cannot make the journey alone, has given us a visible Church to be our guide.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus established the Church so that we would have a sure and safe means of transit on our earthly pilgrimage. Convinced though we may be of this truth, we nevertheless have to contend with the storms that buffet her from within and without. Yet we can rest in Jesus' assurance to Peter: "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." The Church has survived for millennia as empires have risen and fallen around her. Even in her darkest hours, Christ has continued to speak through her and, by his sacraments, to touch us intimately with his love.

PRAY

Today's first reading, which takes place when Peter is in prison, contains an interesting detail: "Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on [Peter's] behalf." As members of Christ's Church on earth, we are not meant to be passive players. This week, pray for *Peter* — that is, for his successor, the pope — that he may fulfill his lofty and difficult vocation to lead the world to Christ.



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Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call:
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 28, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:00 a.m. Ann Marchese (dec)

Saturday, June 28, Vigil for The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
4:00 p.m. Carol Davison (dec)

Sunday, June 29, The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
8:00 a.m. Tom and Marie Cullen (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and Dorothy Drucis (dec)
11:30 a.m. Thomas Walsh (liv)

Monday, June 30, Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
8:00 a.m. Ivan and Lucy Beddoe (dec)

Tuesday, July 1, Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
8:00 a.m. The Dottino Family (liv and dec)

Wednesday, July 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 3, Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle
8:00 a.m. Joseph Ciminera, Sr. (dec)

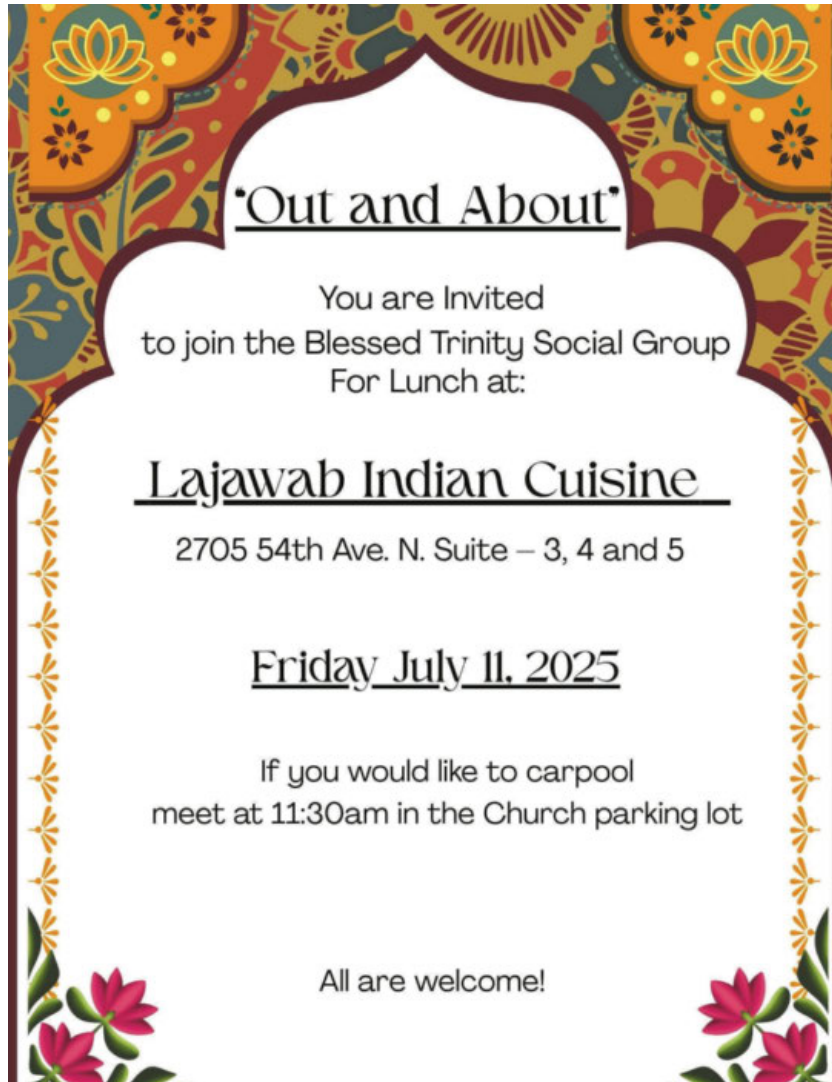
Friday, July 4, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Janine Kucera (dec)

Saturday, July 5, Memorial Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
8:00 a.m. Joshua Dottino (dec)

Saturday, July 5, Vigil for Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. James, Matt and Annette Lawler and Patricia Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Tom and Marie Cullen (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bob and Beverly Brown (liv)





Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place of spiritual significance undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

When the time came for the Transfiguration of Christ, Jesus took three of his disciples to "a high mountain by themselves," indicating that the sacred mysteriousness of this moment was something best experienced apart from the routine of ordinary life. This is the principle behind the act of pilgrimage: a journey to a place of spiritual significance, undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Christian pilgrimages really began in the fourth century, when churches in the Holy Land were constructed in locations associated with the life of Christ. Throughout the centuries, pilgrims have likewise flocked to sites of Marian apparitions, miracles, and to places connected with the lives of saints. Some of the most iconic pilgrimage destinations include Fatima, Lourdes, and the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

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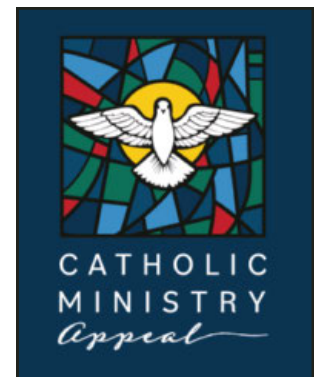


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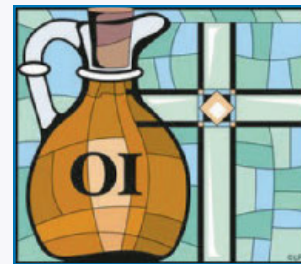
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