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I was surprised when I learned about the Real Presence

Tom Hoopes - published on 06/07/26

I made it through religious education as a kid without ever learning what the Church believes. Thankfully, in college, friends set me straight.

The National Eucharistic Congress continues with an annual National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The US bishops began the enormously successful Eucharistic Revival after a poll several years ago suggested that only 31% of Catholics actually believe what the Church believes about the Eucharist.

I was surprised by that poll, too. I was surprised the number of believers was as *high* as it was. When I was a kid, I went to religious education and Mass and never learned about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Or at least, I was never taught it in any way I remember.

In fact, I don't remember anything of my instruction for First Communion, but I can vividly remember one particular activity we did. My teacher took us right up to the tabernacle, opened it, and had each of us feel inside. "See, there is nothing in there to be afraid of!" she said. I think she wanted it to be a moment of increased familiarity between us and the sacrament, but it wasn't. I even think she told us that the priest had removed the hosts for our visit, but my young brain registered only that *there is nothing in the tabernacle*.

It's no wonder that in the Old Testament, God heavily restricted the Holy of Holies — and Catholic canon law protects the tabernacle. The mystery surrounding the Eucharist helps preserve our faith.

It also hurt that I didn't receive my first Confession until years after my first Communion.

The necessity of confession as a preparation for communion has been stressed in the 21st century. The use of the Catechism has made it clear to parishes: first confession must come before first communion. The Catechism requires it (in paragraph 1457) — but it wasn't clear in my 1970s parish.

This is why St. John Paul II called the state of confession a "crisis" in the Church and used magisterial language in his 2003 encyclical, saying, "I therefore desire to reaffirm that in the Church there remains in force, now and in the future, the rule by which the Council of Trent ... affirmed that, in order to receive the Eucharist in a worthy manner, 'one must first confess one's sins, when one is aware of mortal sin.'"

Bishops around the world followed suit. In 2006, the U.S. bishops published the document "On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist" and in 2007, the Latin American bishops followed with the Aparecida document prepared by the future Pope Francis (see No. 177).

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our children all learned that communion flows from reconciliation, because God is an attentive Father, involved in their life and preparing them to be involved in his. In my childhood, God was more like a benign uncle who kept his distance and didn't care much what I did.

In college, friends finally set me straight.

I ended up at a Catholic college practically by mistake, but once I was there, my new peers returned me to confession and told me about the Real Presence. Scott Hahn tapes gave me the details they couldn't supply — and it

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changed my life.

I was in charge of Eucharistic Adoration at my college and have been faithful to it ever since. I have found that there is practically a one-to-one ratio in my life: The more time I spend in Eucharistic Adoration, the less anxiety I have in my life.

I like to compare it to the difference between being at home alone or when someone else is in your house. If no one else is home, the whole house feels different — and if someone is there, even if they are asleep in the other room, you know you're not alone. In the same way, adoration makes my whole life feel different, because I know I'm not alone.

I know that Jesus Christ himself is here and the future is 100% safe in his hands. Whether things are good or bad, he's got this.

I want things to be different for my children — and now my grandchildren.

So that they will know what I didn't, when they are old enough, I rehearse in church the same questions and answers I have gone over with all of them.

I ask, "What's that called?"

They answer "*The tabernacle.*"

"Who is in the tabernacle?" *Jesus.*

"How can he fit in there if he's a man like me?"

Because he's God so he can do anything he wants.

"So what did he do?"

He turned bread into himself.

"Why would he do that?"

Because he loves us and he wants to be with us every day.

I hope that lesson changes their lives as it — eventually — did mine.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 13, Vigil for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. John and Madeline Young (dec)

Sunday, June 14, The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Roger and Joan Oswald (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

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

Monday, June 15, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Tuesday, June 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Errol Grant (dec)

Wednesday, June 17, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Bill and Shirley Broze

Friday, June 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Saturday, June 20, Vigil for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Michael Hanafée (dec)

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

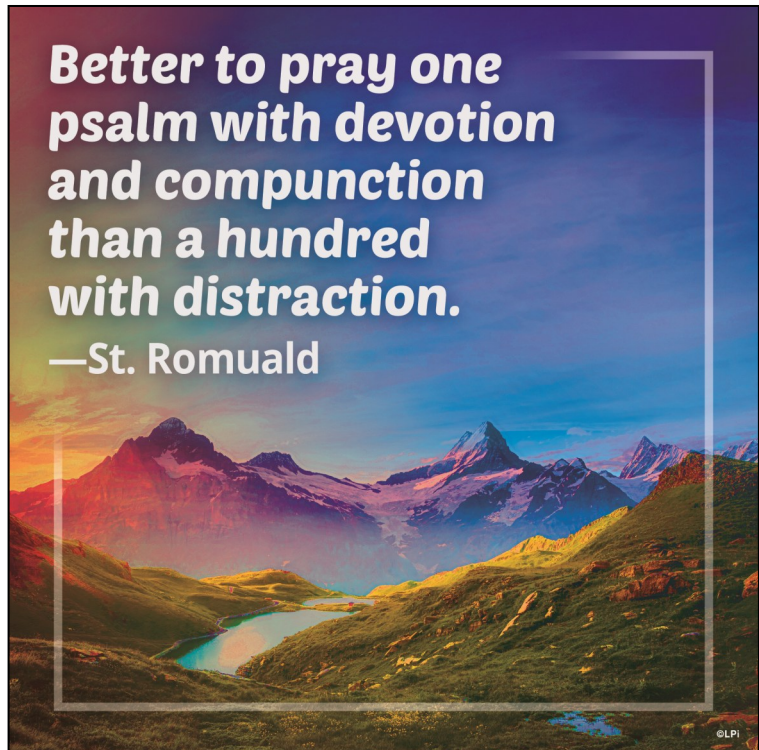
8:00 a.m. Linda Daly (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Viola Romani (dec)

**Better to pray one
psalm with devotion
and compunction
than a hundred
with distraction.**

—St. Romuald





June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36—10:8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our first reading from Exodus contains a promise: “If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people.” God promises to make Israel “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation,” if they keep the covenant. Reading the rest of the Old Testament, we know how this turns out: humanity never fully keeps our part of the covenant. And yet God is faithful, despite our unfaithfulness. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples not to pagan territory or any Samaritan towns, but to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” revealing that God never abandons his chosen ones. Indeed, this is the same point Paul makes when he says, “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” Our discipleship begins from a deep awareness of the relentless love with which God pursues us. Even when we stray from our baptismal covenant with him, he comes looking to save us and bring us back to himself.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel ends with a powerful reminder to all evangelizers: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” Knowing the limitless mercy of God – how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ’s suffering and death, we are to imitate his generosity in bearing witness to the Gospel. Knowing the love which has saved us, our hearts are moved – as Jesus’ was at the sight of the crowd – to see that others come to know his love. Therefore, the generosity with which Jesus calls us to pour ourselves out for the sake of the Gospel is not an imposition from outside us, but a response to the love we have received that compels us from within to make him and his kingdom known.

PRAY

St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote a prayer now known as the Prayer for Generosity. Pray this prayer each day this week, asking the Lord to increase your generosity as you labor in his “harvest,” sharing the Good News of his kingdom. *Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.*



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following 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 to schedule an appointment.

Ladies! Join us for a Spiritual Shape-up!



WOMEN'S RETREAT JUNE 20 & 21



Experience an enriching program to enhance your summer!

Exercise your faith,
meet new friends,
read Scripture,
share faith stories,
pray, sing, and
laugh with us.



Contact the
Christ Renews His Parish team
CRHP1983@gmail.com

or call Andrea Thiele 727 251-4760

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

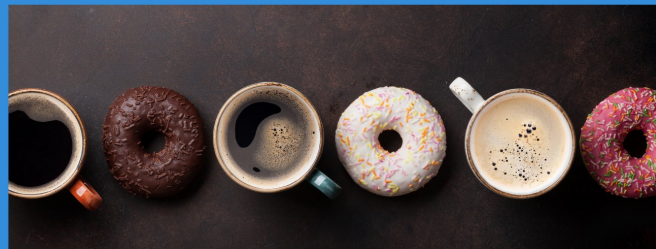
You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

Blessed Trinity's Social Group Will Be Meeting For Our Monthly Coffee



Join us after Mass
Friday, June 26th
at

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The second collection is for Restoring the Sacred



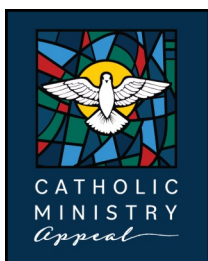
Weekly Offering

Weekly Giving 06/07/26

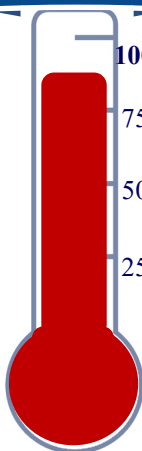
Offertory	\$ 9,464
Other Donations	\$ 1,037
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 375
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 256

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



100% - \$79,863

75%

50%

25%

Collected to date: \$56,292
which is 70%
Amounts pledged or expected:
93.8%

Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!

Faith Community Nurses Present:

CPR & AED Training

June 16th @ 4:00 pm
at Blessed Trinity



Tuesday, June 16th 2026
4 pm in the Faith Formation Room



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Life Saving Skills



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Proven Results

Everyday Stewardship

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

- Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 13

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

Sunday, June 14

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

Monday, June 15

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Tuesday, June 16

4:00 pm CPR and AED Training FF

Wednesday, June 17

Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour CH

Thursday, June 18

10:00 am BT Book Club FF

Friday, June 19 ~ Juneteenth Office Closed

Saturday, June 20

10:00 am-4:00 pm Moffitt Lung Cancer Screening Bus PL

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

Sunday, June 21 ~ Father's day

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room
PL= Parking Lot

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Must be pre-registered, call 813-745-6635 or 813-745-1713

No cost lung screenings for those without Health Insurance

Medicare and most health insurance will cover lung screenings



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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Anointing of the Sick



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

Grief Support

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