

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 26TH, 2011

In the gospel Jesus describes himself as the “living bread” *given* for the “life of the world.” This is what we memorialize in the Eucharist: that Jesus gives himself in his Body and Blood. Our “partake” (second reading) in the Body and Blood of Christ demands that we, like Jesus, give ourselves for others. A core of the mystery of Eucharist—and of our selves—is self-giving.



The perishable bread of God sent from heaven (see first reading) sustains the people who will themselves eventually perish. The promise of the Eucharist is that Jesus feeds us with imperishable food so that we will live forever. God’s gift of bread in the desert sustained only Israel’s earthly life; Jesus’ gift of bread as Body and drink as Blood sustains our eternal life. Jesus’ self-giving is eternal life-giving.

It is a misunderstanding to conceive of Communion as a privatized moment between “Jesus and me” and that Communion is only about what each of us is given. Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ compels communion with one another: “we who are many are one body” (second reading).

It is no coincidence that self-giving is a necessary constituent of Eucharist—both in terms of Jesus’ giving himself as food for us and our giving ourselves to each for the common good. It is also no accident that Eucharist is a share in the eschatological messianic banquet. Eucharist nourishes us and gives us the strength to chose self-giving sacrifice as a way of living, and this is the only way to achieve eternal life. No wonder we call ourselves a Eucharistic people. Eucharist defines us as those who have been baptized into Christ. By sharing in Jesus’ Body and Blood we share in his cross and resurrection.

2011 PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL — PRAISE

THE LORD! We responded generously to the Archdiocese’s assessment of \$35,900. We have received **173** pledges/gifts for \$73,160. We are 73% from our total goal of \$100,000. *Thank you!* Others may put your gifts in the Sunday collections or send them to the parish office. Or pledge online by going to www.RCAV.ORG/Project Advance

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY A second collection will be taken up today.

SIX MONTHS BULLETIN AD At the back of our bulletin, we have ONE space for your advertisement beginning in September. Please contact the parish office.

LINE DANCING There is no more Line Dancing until the fall. It will resume on Wednesday, September 14th at 1:30 pm. Info, please call Pat at 604-266-6179.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION/BENEDICTION

“Come and be still” for awhile on Saturday when we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 am until Mass time. Refreshments will be available in the hall after Mass. Come and join us for our communal friendships.

SUMMER SCHEDULE As parish and diocesan events wind down for the summer, we will be reducing our bulletin publication with a smaller page starting next week.

DRESS FOR THE LORD *Here is a gentle reminder:* with the warmer weather here and summer time, we want to dress appropriately for the occasion. We are coming to the Lord’s banquet gathered together. No short shorts and please cover your shoulders. Thank you for your sensitivity!

HAPPY CANADA DAY! JULY 1st
The office will be closed on this public holiday.



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	June 27	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mary Benanchietti.
Tuesday	June 28	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Marta Carrillo.
Wednesday	June 29	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Linda Stewart.
Thursday	June 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Lourdes Jocson.
Friday	July 1	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Georges Abi-Rached
Saturday	July 2	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For Thanksgiving. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners
Sunday	July 3	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Bui Thi Nghia. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Raymond C. N. Chow.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS IN JULY

General: *Those suffering with AIDS.* That Christ may ease the physical and spiritual sufferings of those who are sick with AIDS, especially in the poorest countries.

Mission: *Religious Missionary Women.* That religious women in mission territories may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents, Saturday July 2—9:00 am Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, 244 Lawrence Street, New Westminster. Followed by rosary at Royal Columbian Hospital.

SEMINARS AT ST. MARY'S PARISH The following seminars by counsellors of Catholic Family Services are scheduled to take place at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. All are welcome! For info or to register, call 604-443-3220.

Helping your Teen Cope with Anxiety, presented by Mary Ryken, June 29 at 7:00 pm

Domestic Violence & Prevention, presented by Gabriela Hanova, July 6 at 7:00 pm

Attachment and Relationship, presented by Roy MacIntyre on July 13 at 7:00 pm

Challenges and Blessings of Cross-Cultural Marriages, presented by Sr. Cecilia Hong, MIC on July 20 at 7:00 pm

VOCATION LIVE IN FOR YOUNG MEN Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, is planning a weekend LIVE-IN on July 1—3, for young men who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother. For more info and application form, call 604-826-8715 or email: rector@sck.ca

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT ST. MARK'S COLLEGE Registration is now open for the Summer Continuing Education and Graduate courses July 4—15. Take one day course, five days of formation or a graduate course in Old Testament, the Gospel of John, RCIA, the New Evangelization and more. Register by person: phone 604-822-6862; or email: registrar@stmarkscollege.ca Course details are available on the board in the north vestibule

SACRED MUSIC Inspired by Gregorian Chant Soprano Catherine Laub and Cathedral organist Denis Bedard, performing works by Langlais, Bedard, Cornet and Grigny, at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Richards & Dunsmuir on July 22 at 8:00 pm. Info at 604-682-6774.

WYD 2011 EVENT: "CAMINO" Join hundreds of WYD pilgrims on Saturday, July 23 at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver for a day-long celebration that includes a pilgrimage walk, music, Mass, lunch and concert. Makani Marquis will be the keynote speaker and Archbishop Michael Miller will be celebrating the Mass and blessing the pilgrims. Limited tickets available at \$5 each. For more info, contact OYYAM at: info@oyyam.com

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

Among the compelling Eucharistic themes proclaimed in today's readings is the notion of "partake/participation" as found in Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Good stewards are part of a Eucharistic family: loving, welcoming, serving. An important part of living as a steward comes about in the many ways we can participate in the life of the Church. No matter how much time we have to give, no matter what our skills or interests, no matter what our level of commitment, there is a way to participate as a good steward to enrich our lives, and build up the Body of Christ.

Scripture Readings

Corpus Christi Sunday

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; Ps. 147;
1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-59

June 27, Mon., Genesis 18:16-33; Ps. 103; Matthew 8:18-22

June 28, Tues., **St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**
Genesis 19:15-29; Ps. 26; Matthew 18:23-27

June 29, Wed., **Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**
Acts 12:1-11; Ps. 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matt. 16:13-19

June 30, Thurs., Genesis 22:1-19; Ps. 116; Matt. 9:1-8

July 1, Fri., **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Ps. 103; 1 John 4:7-16; Matt. 11:25-30

July 2, Sat., **Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Isaiah 61:9-11; 1 Samuel 2; Luke 2:41-51



Top Five Reasons to Stay Catholic, beginning with #5:

5: We follow ancient and time-honoured ritual better than anyone. The Mass every day is our best example, but we are known for the reverence with which we perform our rites. The sign of the cross, the Rosary, the Stations, the music of our services, the architecture of our churches: all are rich in symbolism. And because the Mass is the same the world over, a Catholic has a home no matter where he or she roams. We know how to preserve tradition.

4: We practice the intimacy of confession of sins to another human being, as a way of cleansing ourselves in the holy water of God's forgiveness. The priest may represent Christ, but we are still spilling our deepest guts to a fellow human. There's nothing like a good confession, nothing as simultaneously humbling and ennobling, and nothing like it in any other denomination. We know how to suffer.

3: We totally get the idea of marriage. In spite of current controversy and debate over civil marriage rights, we understand the spiritual aspect of marriage, of discovering the sacred within our commitment, of the organic reality of two becoming one. We get that every marriage is, within itself, a community of believers. We know how to couple.

2: We respect the gift of life, and insist on the dignity of the person. We are consistently counter-cultural, and regularly politically incorrect. We know how to agitate.

And #1: We are fed by the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus. When all is said and done, no matter how deeply the human face of the church may disappoint us, we believe passionately in the power of the Eucharist that nourishes us each time we receive it. Steeped in incarnate mystery, we know how to sustain ourselves in faith.

An incomplete list, no doubt, but rereading it comforts me. It's been compiled with love, thought, gratitude, and a wee bit of pride. May it be a source of hope and help to anyone else with a wavering heart.

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