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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 11, 2023

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

The Mass of Anticipation for Corpus Christi

5:00PM Roy & Lisa Damiano; Henry & Theresa Mangiante; Joseph & Anna Giuliano—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:30 AM Carolyn Perretta—Memorial
9:00AM Lisa Stetkiewicz—Memorial
10:30AM Olga & Edward Sullivan &
Carmella & Giovanni Savastano—Memorial

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Weekday

7:30AM William Mahoney—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Msgr. William J. Carey—15th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Weekday

7:30AM Decd. of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Weekday

7:30AM Christopher Franzone—2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30AM Thomas R. Vespia—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM Jack Healey—3rd Anniversary
The Mass of Anticipation for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Felix, Celestina, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial
SUNDAY, JUNE 18

The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For All Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM For All Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy 10:30AM For All Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We congratulate all our OLM parishioners graduating this spring. Many are graduating college and high school, and our OLM School 8th Grade graduated this past Monday. We wish them well and pledge our continued prayers for them as they enter the next chapter of their lives.

It's hard to believe that school ends this Friday! On Thursday, the OLM School Pre-K and Kindergarten celebrate their "graduations." It is always a joyful ceremony for our youngest students. And then, on Friday, the summer break begins for all our students and faculty. We pray they have a healthy and happy summer break and return tan, rested, and ready for school on August 30!

Next Sunday, we will recognize several Senior Altar Servers at the 10:30am Mass. These graduating seniors have faithfully served God's Altar since the 4th Grade. Now as they prepare for college in the fall, we acknowledge with thanksgiving their service to our parish. We are grateful for their dutiful and dedicated service and wish them well.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly called by its Latin name, *Corpus Christi*. We celebrate the real presence of Christ, body, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

The graces received from the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus provide sustenance for our pilgrim journey here on Earth. Receiving the Body of Christ transforms us. The grace we receive in the sacrament is more powerful than any natural force on Earth.

While we celebrate our Catholic Faith, I am sure you have heard about the recent controversy with the Los Angeles Dodgers. They invited, disinvited, and reinvited the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" to award them and allow them to perform this Corpus Christi weekend.

I am a Red Sox fan, but I remember rooting for the LA Dodgers in the 1970s, because of Davey Lopes, a native son of Providence, RI, was their Second Baseman. Today, we are far from the old Dodgers with their Catholic manager Tommy Lasorda, legendary Catholic announcer Vin Scully, and the late Catholic Dodger, the great Gil Hodges.

In their lurid and vulgar performances, "The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" mock Catholic beliefs and especially ridicule religious sisters and nuns. Of course, mocking the Catholic Faith is quite popular and even a source of pride for many in our nation. It is "the last acceptable prejudice." Those who revel in their anti-Catholic bigotry are not canceled but extolled in our culture.

Thousands of Catholic nuns and religious sisters make vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and dedicate their entire lives to Christ and service to his Church. These brides of Christ serve as educators, nurses, counselors, and teachers. They serve the young, the old, the poor, the sick, the dying, the imprisoned, the immigrant.

They serve in schools, hospitals, prisons, and soup kitchens and bear daily witness

to Christ as they perform heroic works of charity all over the world. They deserve admiration and respect, not ridicule and mockery. Shame on the Dodgers for their decision to honor such bigotry and mockery.

Bishop Robert Barron describes the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" as an "anti-Catholic hate group." Their performances consist of many sacrilegious, lewd acts, none appropriate to describe in the bulletin. In response to this outrageous and shameful display allowed by the Dodgers, the Bishop suggests all Catholics do the following:

First, we must pray for "Sisters of Perpetual the Indulgence" to find Christ and the Catholic faith and embrace it from their hearts. Pray they grow to respect all people of faith and find other means of expression that are not anti-religious. Pray for more vocations to religious and consecrated life. Pray for all the dedicated religious sisters and nuns we know, especially our own sisters, Sr. Jeanne, Sr. Emma, and Sr. Lourdes.

Write a respectful letter to the Dodgers asking them not to host hate groups that blaspheme and mock any religion. Send it to LA Dodgers, 1000 Vin Scully Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

On *Corpus Christi*, let us be united in our love of the Eucharistic Lord and, with charity, pray for those who hate us and mock us for our faith and beliefs. Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Rodney F. Blythe** and **Robert Verrechia** whose funerals were celebrated last week.

Rest in Peace







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June 11, 2023

\$8,944.00		
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Second Collections

This Week: Catholic Communications



2023 Results
Parish Goal=\$190,000
Total Pledged=\$272,136
Total Donors=474
Average Gift=\$574

Over Goal!! Thank You for Your Generous Support!





- •OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. <u>All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

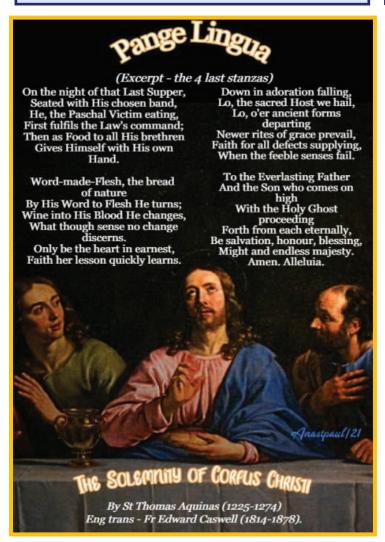


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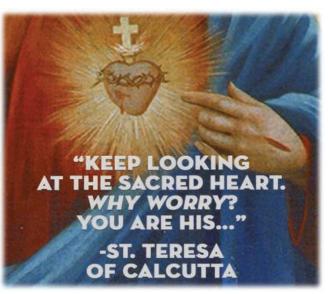
Upcoming Events

- Monday, June 12: Confessions for Grades 2-7 12:45 pm
- Thursday, June 15: Pre-K End-of-Year Celebration 9:00 am in the Church and Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration 10:30 am in the Church. Last Day of School for Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Friday, June 16: Last Day of School! 11:30 am Dismissal, No After-School Extended Day. Summer break begins!!

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Body and Blood of Christ



oday's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This feast was established in the thirteenth century not long after the Fourth Lateran Council reaffirmed this doctrine in the face of much theological debate on the issue.

In former days, it was known as *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ, and there was a separate feast of the Precious Blood. The current church calendar combines the two into a single celebration.

In many places of the world, it is still celebrated on its traditional day, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. That day was chosen by the church to remember Holy Thursday, the day on which the Eucharist was instituted.



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