



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

CLERGY

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Rev. Viet Peter Ho

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Rev. Luis Segura

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Dcn. Larry Leone

Dcn. Davis Tri Do

Dcn. Juan Ochoa

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FAITH FORMATION (VIETNAMESE)

Sister Mary Anne

Thiên Hương Nguyễn

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Sister Anna Anh Trâm Trần

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kara Ford

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Joseph Do

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

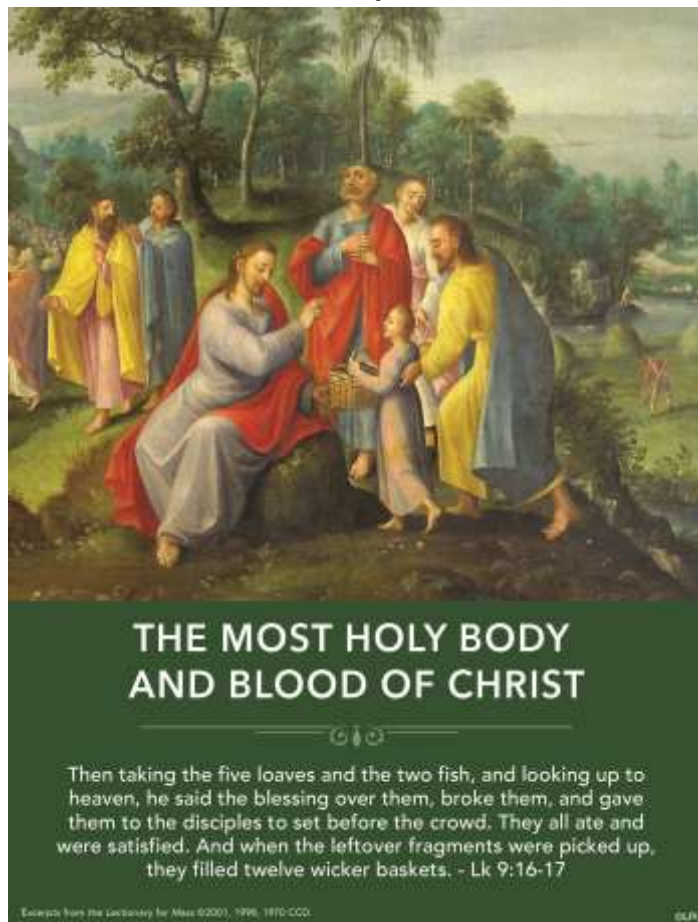
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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JUNE 22, 2025



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

English/Spanish Religious Education

(714) 892-3158

Monday & Thursday 2 PM—6 PM

Saturday 9 AM—1 PM

Confirmation Programs

(714) 890-5200

Tuesday & Friday 1 PM—7 PM

Sunday 8 AM—3 PM

Vietnamese Religious Education

(714) 620-7895

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 PM—4 PM

Friday 1 PM—5 PM

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYỆN**

Saturday, June 21, 2025

5:00 PM Linda Hernandez†
7:00 PM Teresa Doan† & Thi Xinh†;
Joseph Francis Chi-Hieu Lam†

Sunday, June 22, 2025

7:30 AM Peter Mai†, All Ancestors† & Allen Ralston†
9:00 AM Mariel Luisa Aguirre†, Jose Navarro† &
The Rodriguez Navarro Family; Pedro Lama† &
Jose Luis Lama†
11:00 AM Christina Nunez & Cindy Linares (health)
1:00 PM Gabriel Ceja†; Samuel Garcia†
4:00 PM My Chau Nguyen: Thanksgiving
6:00 PM Miguel Eustaquio† & Emiliana De Jesus†

Monday, June 23, 2025

6:30 AM Peter† & Teresa†
8:30 AM Peter Nguyen†; Ancestors of a Family†
6:30 PM Marcelo Lopez† & Camerina Dominguez†

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

6:30 AM Alyson Lehniger†
8:30 AM All Souls†

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

6:30 AM Maria†
8:30 AM Van Anh's mother (health)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

6:30 AM Maria Lai† & Thi Day†
8:30 AM Roberto Gomez† & Sabino Hernandez†

Friday, June 27, 2025

6:30 AM Pray for our parishioners
8:30 AM Anthony Garcia† & Ramon Fausto†
6:30 PM All Souls†

Saturday, June 28, 2025

8:30 AM Nayeli Sanchez Perez (21st birthday)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab,
15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



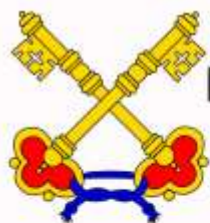
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Jun 14/15 Masses	\$ 22,411.00
Jun 14/15 Online Giving	\$ 2,085.10
Total collection:	\$ 24,496.10

2nd collection (Universal Church)—\$5,427.00

*Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người.*



**Pope's Intention -
June**

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find
consolation in a personal relationship with
Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have
compassion on the world.



Thank You!

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Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de junio de 2025

Domingo: Gn 14, 18-20/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 (4)/
1 Co 11, 23-26/Lc 9, 11-17

Lunes: Gn 12, 1-9/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20 y 22/
Mt 7, 1-5

Martes: *Vigilia:* Jr 1, 4-10/Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17/
1 Pe 1, 8-12/Lc 1, 5-17
Día: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14. 14-15/
Hch 13, 22-26/Lc 1, 57-66. 80

Miércoles: Gn 15, 1-12. 17-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/
Mt 7, 15-20

Jueves: Gn 16, 1-12. 15-16 o 16, 6-12. 15-16/
Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Mt 7, 21-29

Viernes: Ez 34, 11-16/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/
Rom 5, 5-11/Lc 15, 3-7

Sábado: Gn 18, 1-15/Lc 1, 46-47. 48-49. 50 y 53. 54-55/
Mt 8, 5-17

Domingo: *Vigilia:* Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Gal 1, 11-20/
Jn 21, 15-19
Día: Hch 12, 1-11/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/
2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18/Mt 16, 13-19

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 22 de junio de 2025

Domingo: El Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

Martes: La Natividad de San Juan Bautista

Viernes: El Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Sábado: La Inmaculada Corazón de
la Santísima Virgen María;
San Irenaeus, obispo, mártir y doctor
de la Iglesia

Domingo: San Pedro y San Pablo, apóstoles

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Breve reflexión: A veces olvidamos que *necesitamos* la Eucaristía. Esta no es solo algo agradable de tener, un acto dulce de devoción, un elemento sacramental que refuerza nuestra fe. La Eucaristía no es ninguna de esas cosas. La Eucaristía es el alimento sin el cual moriremos.

A medida que el día llegaba a su fin

No es raro que llegue al medio día y me dé cuenta que aún no he comido nada ese día.

A mi esposo lo vuelve loco. Fue criado por un grupo de mujeres italianas, por lo que no puede evitar pensar en tres comidas por adelantado. No me malinterpretes, amo la comida y literalmente sueño con las donas. Sin embargo, algunos días estoy tan ocupada que lo sigo posponiendo hasta que me doy cuenta de lo débil y aturdida que me siento. Pienso para mí misma: *tonta, lo has vuelto a hacer.*

Esto es lo que me viene a la mente hoy, en la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, mientras leo el relato del Evangelio del milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y

los peces.

Pienso en el hambre, la distracción y la mala planificación de quienes se enorgullecen de ser capaces.

“A medida que el día llegaba a su fin”, está escrito, fue cuando los discípulos finalmente se dieron cuenta que 5,000 personas hambrientas no es una situación ideal.

Me pregunto si Jesús puso los ojos en blanco cuando vinieron por él y pensó: “¡Por fin!” En cualquier momento, él podría haber sacado un pez y dicho una bendición. Sin embargo, él esperó a que le preguntaran. Esperó a que se dieran cuenta de lo mucho que lo necesitaban.

A veces olvidamos que *necesitamos* la Eucaristía. Esta no es solo algo agradable de tener, un acto dulce de devoción, un elemento sacramental que refuerza nuestra fe. La Eucaristía no es ninguna de esas cosas. La Eucaristía es el alimento sin el cual moriremos. La Eucaristía es algo que debemos buscar. Recuerda: el día está llegando a su fin.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

22 de junio de 2025

El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo

Como Jesús nos conoce, él sabía y sabe que nos gusta comer. Jesús, multiplica la comida; él sacia el hambre de aquella gente que lo buscaba por sus enseñanzas y por sus milagros. ¿Por qué buscas a Jesús? ¿Qué tipo de hambre sacia en tu vida? En el sacramento de la Eucaristía, Jesús nos dejó su presencia real para poder alimentarnos espiritualmente.

“El culto que se da a la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa es un valor inestimable en la vida de la Iglesia. Dicho culto está estrechamente unido a la celebración del sacrificio eucarístico. La presencia de Cristo bajo las sagradas especies que se conservan después de la Misa---presencia que dura mientras subsistan las especies del pan y del vino, deriva de la celebración del Sacrificio y tiende a la comunidad sacramental y espiritual. Corresponde a los Pastores animar, incluso con el testimonio personal, el culto eucarístico, particularmente la exposición del Santísimo sacramento y la adoración de Cristo presente bajo las especies eucarísticas. Es hermoso estar con él y, reclinados sobre su pecho como el discípulo predilecto (ver Juan 13:25), palpar el amor infinito de su corazón” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, en el número 25, san Juan Pablo II). ¿Cómo es nuestra participación en la Eucaristía? Estamos llamados a ser fuente de vida y pan compartido para los demás. “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él, dice el Señor” (Juan 6:56).

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Lời Tri Ân của Cha Chánh Xứ

Trong tình thương yêu của Thiên Chúa và của Mẹ Giáo Hội, chúng tôi chân thành tri ân đến tất cả quý ông bà và anh chị em thuộc giáo xứ Thánh Polycarp và nhất là Cộng Đoàn Đức Maria Mẹ Thiên Chúa đã nâng đỡ, dâng lời cầu nguyện và tặng quà cho chúng tôi nhân dịp mừng ngân khánh linh mục. Tình mến yêu của quý ông bà và anh chị em là món quà thiêng liêng cao quý mà Thiên Chúa dành cho chúng tôi.

Xin cảm ơn đến Cha Quản Nhiệm Nicolaus Duy Thái, anh Chủ Tịch Châu Đặng, quý anh chị trong Ban Chấp Hành, Đại diện các Ban Ngành và Đoàn Thể - cách riêng Ban Lời Chúa, Ban Tiếp Tân, Ban Truyền Thông, Ban Giúp Lễ, Ca Đoàn, Hội Knights of Columbus, quý Sơ đã trao tặng những lời chúc thật mến yêu qua những đoạn video tuyệt đẹp. Những lời chúc chân thành được tình thương là những lời khích lệ và hành trình để chúng tôi tiếp tục mục vụ chủ chiên cho giáo xứ Thánh Polycarp.

Trong thời gian về thăm gia đình bên Việt Nam, chúng tôi sẽ nhớ đến quý ông bà và anh chị em trong các Thánh Lễ Misa tại giáo xứ Đồng Tiến, Quy Nhơn. Nguyễn xin Thiên Chúa ban phúc lành, trả ơn, và gìn giữ tất cả trong tình thương của Ngài. Xin Mẹ Maria, Thánh Cả Giuse, và Thánh Bồn Mộng Polycarp luôn che chở và cùng đồng hành với quý anh chị em. Dĩ nhiên, trong việc chuẩn bị chắc là có những thiếu sót, xin mọi người thứ lỗi vì lòng bác ái trong Chúa Kitô.

Linh mục Việt Peter Hồ

1. Ban Thừa Tác Viên Lời Chúa Mừng Bồn Mộng Quan Thầy Thánh Phêrô và Phaolô Tông Đồ vào ngày Chúa Nhật 29/6/2025 lúc 12:45 tại phòng Thánh Polycarp. Xin quý thành viên có mặt đông đủ và đúng giờ. Trong Thánh Lễ 4PM sẽ có Nghi Thức Sai Đi cho người mới.

2. Thứ Sáu ngày 4/7/2025: Không có Thánh Lễ VN lúc 6:30PM như thường lệ. Giáo Xứ đóng cửa. Chỉ có 1 Thánh Lễ 8:30AM.

3. Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu La Vang ngày 11-12 tháng 7 năm 2025. “Bước Đi Bên Mẹ”

Thứ Sáu: ✝ 6PM Nghi thức Khai Mạc và hát Thánh Ca

✝ 7PM Thánh Lễ Đại Trào

✝ 9PM Diễn Nguyện 117 Thánh Tử Vi Đạo

Thứ Bảy: ✝ 8AM Thánh Lễ Đại Trào/ Chữa Lành

✝ 10AM Hội Thảo Buổi Sáng.

✝ 2PM Hội Thảo Buổi Trưa.

✝ 4PM Đi Kiệu và Dâng Hoa Kính Đức Mẹ La Vang.

✝ 7PM Thánh Lễ Đại Trào Bế Mạc

✝ 9PM Văn Nghệ và Xổ Số.

✝ Thánh Lễ Ra Trường





From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Family of Saint Polycarp,

With deepest gratitude in the love of God and of Mother Church, I wish to thank you for your prayers, support, and gifts on my 25th priestly anniversary. Your love, prayers, and presence are beautiful spiritual gifts you gave me.

Be assured of my prayers for you at daily Mass at my home parish Dong Tien, Quy Nhon, during my visit to my family in Vietnam. May God grant you abundant blessings and protect you always in His love. May Our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, and the Patron Saint Polycarp intercede and accompany you always. Happy Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Jesus Christ). Please pray for and support Father Luis and Father Nicolaus as they serve you during my absence.

Father Viet Peter Ho



Pro Sanctity Movement Prayer Group

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings for coffee and refreshments as we pray with the Sunday Gospel.

Where: St. Polycarp Room
When: Thursday Mornings after
8:30 AM Mass until 10:00 AM

No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy McDonnell with
any questions at 714-496-9597



"The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

- ST THOMAS AQUINAS



"Thánh Thể là bí tích của tình yêu: biểu hiện tình yêu, sản sinh ra tình yêu. Thánh Thể là sự trọn vẹn của toàn bộ đời sống thiêng liêng."

- THÁNH THOMAS AQUINAS



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Session 1: Church Teachings on End of Life Issues
Monday, June 30th from 7-9pm

Session 2: Promoting Dignity at the End of Life
*featuring Dr. Tao Le for Q & A
Monday, July 7th from 7-9pm

Session 3: Pastoral Care at the End of Life
Monday, July 14th from 7-9pm

St. Bonaventure Parish Hall
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"La Eucaristía es el sacramento del amor: significa amor, produce amor. La Eucaristía es la consumación de toda la vida espiritual."

- SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO





God, present in the crashing waves — this is the gift of the Incarnation.

Not distant or abstract, but the Maker of the universe, dwelling among the broken, shining light into darkness. Through His Cross, Resurrection, and Altar, hope is more than a sentiment — it changes how we live.

The light of hope is calling — let it in.

Join us for the 2025 I AM Eucharistic Congress.

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A WORD,
HE CALMS
THE SEA.**



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On **Saturday, June 28**, the Angels will take on the Washington Nationals and you can enjoy a "Christmas in June" themed game with special recognition for the Diocese of Orange. There will be a pre-game tailgate under the Angels 'A', appearances from local clergy, religious, and ministry leaders and a post-game fireworks show. **Tickets are available now!**



Scan the QR code or visit
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VOCATION SERIES

FOR HIGH
SCHOOL
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All High School boys are invited to a six-week summer series focused on discerning God's call. Each evening will feature guest speakers, discussion, fellowship and free dinner!

Wednesdays | July 9 – August 13
6:00PM – 8:30PM
Pastoral Center at Christ Cathedral Campus

For questions, contact Elizabeth at
esandoval@rcbo.org or 714.282.3036

VocationOffice

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Camp concludes with a **Special Mass** in the Cathedral at Noon on **Friday, July 25**
Open to children entering **Grades 1-12** in Fall 2025 (boys until their voices change)



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lmccaul@christcathedralparish.org or
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QUÝ VỊ ĐÃ SẴN SÀNG ĐÓN NHẬN SỰ CHĂM SÓC MÀ CHÚA GIÊSU MONG MUỐN CHO QUÝ VỊ CHƯA?

Ba Buổi Hội Thảo về Chăm Sóc Cuối Đời Dưới Góc Nhìn Đức Tin Công Giáo

- Quý vị hiểu biết thế nào về giáo huấn của Giáo Hội liên quan đến việc chăm sóc y tế và các quyết định vào cuối đời?
- Quý vị có hiểu sự khác biệt giữa Chăm sóc Giảm Nhẹ (Palliative Care) và Chăm sóc Cuối Đời (Hospice Care) không?
- Chỉ Dẫn Chăm Sóc Sức Khỏe (Advance Directive) của quý vị có phản ánh giá trị và đức tin Công Giáo của quý vị không?
- Nếu quý vị muốn có sự an tâm cho chính mình và người thân về việc chăm sóc y tế cuối đời:

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13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove CA 92640

Dành cho các cá nhân và gia đình Công Giáo, cùng tìm hiểu giáo huấn của Giáo Hội Công Giáo hướng dẫn việc chăm sóc toàn diện trong những giai đoạn nghiêm trọng của cuộc sống.

Hội Thảo 1: Luân Lý Công Giáo & Chăm Sóc Cuối Đời.

Ngày: 20 tháng 7, 2025

Giờ: 2:30 chiều – 3:30 chiều

Hội Thảo 2: Chăm Sóc Giảm Nhẹ & Chăm Sóc Cuối Đời.

Ngày: 17 tháng 8, 2025

Giờ: 2:30 chiều – 3:30 chiều

Hội Thảo 3: Soạn thảo Chỉ Dẫn Y Tế (Advance Directive) phù hợp với đức tin Công Giáo

Ngày: 19 tháng 10, 2025

Giờ: 2:30 chiều – 3:30 chiều

Các Diễn Giả Chuyên Gia: Linh Mục Trần Văn Hân và BS Lê Tất Tạo

Ghi danh hoặc biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng liên lạc: taoleowp@gmail.com

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

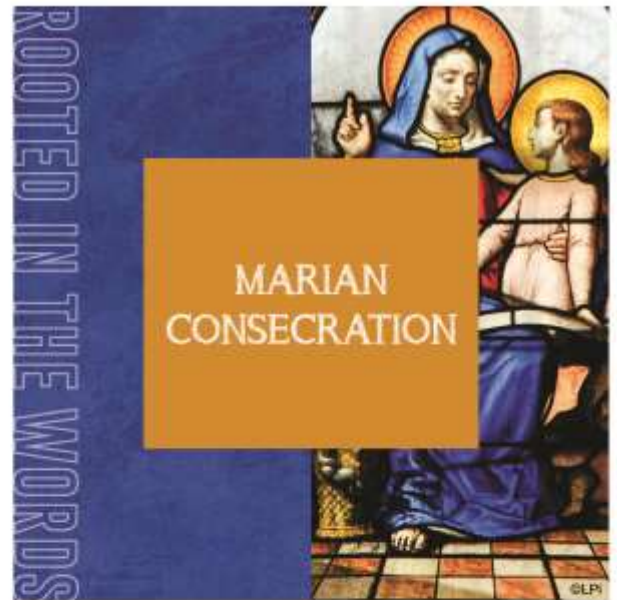
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



Devotions, *Explained!*

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.



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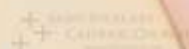
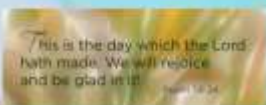
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