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*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) ~ Year C*

*May 29, 2016*

**Pastor: Rev. Anthony Alphonse ~ Diocese of Austin**

*A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:*

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) Jesus becomes our bread when we eat His body in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. How can He give us flesh to eat? (Jn 6:52). Thus spoke the Israelites who distrusted God in the desert (see Num 11:4 & 18). Why would a messenger from heaven give flesh to the world, when what we need is something spiritual? Jesus answers in Jn 6:63; this flesh to eat may sound like food for bodily sustenance, but it is really the sharing of the life of the Risen Christ transformed by the Spirit. For that reason it gives life (Jn 6:63).

Through material means, the believer participates in a heavenly reality and enters into communion with the Risen Christ. The church defines Sacrament as something material that symbolizes and brings about a spiritual reality. When we faithfully participate in a Sacrament, we encounter the living Christ in person renewing our lives. In the supper of the Lord, that is the Mass, we really receive the Body and Blood of Christ in what appears to be only bread and wine. The Risen Christ becomes for us the food of eternal life. Jesus acts as living bread in us.

When we eat ordinary bread our body digests and assimilates it, but we eat living bread (the Body of Christ); this bread actively changes us. Christ transforms us; gives His life to us and unites us with His life.

*“Whoever eats me, will have life in me.”*

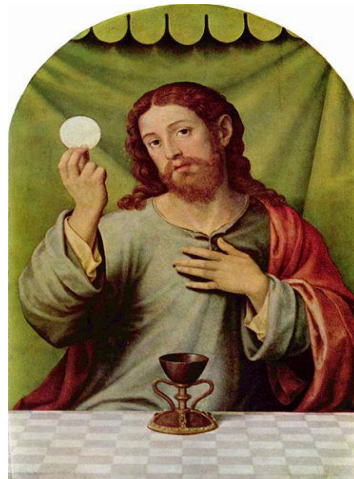
The Gospel makes clear that Jesus’ promise was not understood and was rejected. Let us remember that at that time, the Jews were used to having “*religious banquets*” and they would eat the meat that had been offered as sacrifice in the Temple.

Why should we eat the Body of Christ? We do this because we are body and blood, not angels, and as humans, everything we receive or give must be transmitted through the body. But regarding this means of Jesus’ life being transmitted to us, we are not easily convinced. We often wonder at Jesus’ words: “*He who eats my flesh has life, he who does not....*” We need to study the parables on the kingdom of God more closely. The gift of God, whether it be His Word or the Body of Christ, is a seed so small that it may be lost or may not bear fruit. It is fruitful only in those who believe and persevere.

The Sacraments we receive help us mature in the life of God; they affect the very core of our being. Sometimes we feel discouraged about the many defects and prejudices we still have despite our reception of the Sacraments. We do not understand that transformation is something deep and often not immediately evident.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 5/28 OLOL	4:00 pm	Roger Sequin †
	5:30 pm	E. J. Michal †
Sun. 5/29	9:00 am	ALL PARISHIONERS
Mon. 5/30	NO MASS	} Priest Convocation
Tues. 5/31	NO MASS	
Wed. 6/1	NO MASS	
Thurs. 6/2	NO MASS	
Fri. 6/3	8:00 am	Deacon Ron Woods †
Sat. 6/4 OLOL	4:00 pm	Father Alphonse
	5:30 pm	Katy Butts †
Sun. 6/5	9:00 am	ALL PARISHIONERS



*I am the living  
bread that came  
down from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats this  
bread will live  
forever.*

*St. Charles  
Altar Flowers  
in memory of  
Clarence & Rosemary  
Freehill*



*O God, You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day. Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ... Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs ... Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice.... Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace.... Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts... Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy please answer us... Amen.*



*Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia...*

We welcome as our celebrant  
Fr. Tom Chamberlain

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake,  
Sunrise Beach

Saturday 5:30 pm at St. Charles, Kingsland

\*Sunday 9:00 am at St. Charles, Kingsland

(\*The rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us each Sunday for this special prayer before the Mass.)



**Weekday Masses at St. Charles**

6:00 pm Tuesday

8:00 am Wednesday - Friday

**Reconciliation**

Before Masses and by appointment

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

on the 3rd Saturday of the month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Charles.

If you have questions or need to schedule a Baptism please contact the office.

**Office Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am till noon

O Lord, may we be more aware of just how blessed we are as a nation. May we be more grateful for our blessings, more faithful in stewarding them well, more eager to share them with others. We pray today for the families and friends of those who have given their lives in service to our nation. May they be comforted in their sadness. May they be reassured that the sacrifice of their loved ones contributes to a worthy cause. May they be proud of those they have lost, entrusting their ultimate fate into your gracious hands. Even as we remember those who have given their lives in the past, we also think of those whose lives are on the line today. Please protect them. Please encourage them. Please bring them home safely. . .

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**St. Charles:** \$ 1850

**Our Lady of the Lake:** \$ 393

***"Give and it shall be given to you... For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."*** Luke 6:38 We've been promised that God will not be out-done in generosity. May God bless you a hundredfold for your generosity to His Church.

YEAR OF MERCY. This Jubilee Year of Mercy has a special plenary indulgence attached to it. (Plenary indulgence means the complete remission of all temporal punishment due to sin.) To receive a plenary indulgence, a person must fulfill these conditions: pass through the designated Holy Door during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, be in a state of grace, go to confession, Receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be To The Father). Indulgences can only be applied to either oneself or to the soul of a deceased. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is seeking to make the indulgences as widely available as possible. St. Joseph's in Mason as been designated as the Holy Door during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We are planning a pilgrimage to Mason on Thursday, June 9th. We will meet at St. Charles at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to Mason. For more information call Joyce Michal @ 512-924-1474 or Joan Woods at 830-596-8569.

# PRAY FOR AMERICA



*Dear God*  
 I bow my head  
 and ask,  
 if it be thy will,  
 please save this land  
 from those who seek  
 to destroy it.  
 ~ Amen ~

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## CATHOLIC CORNER:

*(a gentle reminder of facts we've learned but perhaps have forgotten or not thought about in a long time)*

The doctrine of the **Real Presence** asserts that in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus is literally and wholly present—body and blood, soul and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine. Evangelicals and Fundamentalists frequently attack this doctrine as "unbiblical," but the Bible is forthright in declaring it (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16–17, 11:23–29; and, most forcefully, John 6:32–71).

"We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [i.e., has received baptism] and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus" (*First Apology* 66 [A.D. 151]).

"He has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, he has established as his own body, from which he gives increase unto our bodies. When, therefore, the mixed cup [wine and water] and the baked bread receives the Word of God and becomes the Eucharist, the body of Christ, and from these the substance of our flesh is increased and supported, how can they say that the flesh is not capable of receiving the gift of God, which is eternal life—flesh which is nourished by the body and blood of the Lord, and is in fact a member of him?" (ibid., 5:2).

"When [Christ] gave the bread he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my body,' but, 'This is my body.' In the same way, when he gave the cup of his blood he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my blood,' but, 'This is my blood'; for he wanted us to look upon the [Eucharistic elements] after their reception of grace and the coming of the Holy Spirit not according to their nature, but receive them as they are, the body and blood of our Lord. We ought . . . not regard [the elements] merely as bread and cup, but as the body and blood of the Lord, into which they were transformed by the descent of the Holy Spirit" (*Catechetical Homilies* 5:1 [A.D. 405]).

Dear Heavenly Father,

On this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, hope and strength will fill their lives.

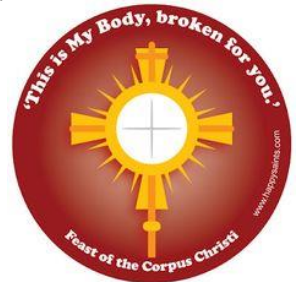
May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.



### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me  
 Body of Christ, save me  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
 Water from Christ's side, wash me  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me  
 O good Jesus, hear me  
 Within Thy wounds hide me  
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee from the  
 malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call  
 me and bid me come unto Thee that I may praise Thee  
 with Thy saints and with Thy angels forever and ever. Amen.



Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen



*Life is short; eternity is long.*

John Henry Cardinal Newman

Thank you God for the rain....  
Thank you God for everything!



Look at the tabernacle – see how much this love means now. Do I know that? Is my heart so clean that I can see Jesus there?



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

A person's soul should be clean like a mirror reflecting light. If there is dirt on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God. (Wisdom from the Fathers)

Please drop any notes to Fr. Alphonse or reimbursement forms, mass intentions, etc. in the secure locking mailbox that has been placed on the wall by the rectory office door.



**WELCOME NEWCOMERS OR VISITORS:**

Newcomers or visitors wishing to become members of St. Charles or Our Lady of the Lake, please fill out a membership form located in the back of church and give the form to one of the greeters/ushers.

Send bulletin announcements by **5:00 PM** on **MONDAY** to [stcharles@nctv.com](mailto:stcharles@nctv.com). You **must** put in the subject line of email **"bulletin announcement"**. This will help us and it will ensure your important information is not overlooked.

IN CASE OF DIRE EMERGENCY OR DEATH ONLY ~ THE CHURCH EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER IS 512-756-9003

The St. Charles Ladies & Men's Club will be holding their **Annual Garage Sale** in October. Please start saving your no longer needed items and donate them to our garage sale. All monies raised from this event go back into the charitable needs of our Parish and Community. Please contact Ken Beran (402-960-9729), Rick Schmidt (254-977-4704) or Angelo Anzivino (830-220-2009). Sorry we can no longer take sleeper sofas, and old type CRT Televisions.



*I stand before you all today but not one eye can see my way...  
My time arrived, to leave this earth a fact so planned, to every birth... It happened where I had to go my torch for life was so aglow... I transferred while in uniform protecting freedom, through a storm... Should I resent I died for you not on my life, red white and blue... Please help my family through each day tell all my friends, to love and pray... And of the country I did love... Oh pray for me, through God above... Your memories, brought forth this day send love to us, who could not stay...*



All that we are and all that we have that is good comes from God. God endows us with intelligence and freedom. He calls us to share his life. He blesses us with countless gifts and talents. Our response must be humility and thanksgiving. Christians do not glory in positive "self-image" but in the marvel of "God's image" in us. APT

*Our Lady of the Lake... Our Lady of the Lake...*

**OLL Library** is open before mass. Make your selection, sign, date and put your telephone number down in the spiral.

Contact person: Nancy Winkler 325-388-3296

**Rosary** will be prayed at Our Lady of the Lake before Mass on Saturday at **3:25** pm, please join us.



**Our Lady of the Lake** altar flower dates are available. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.

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