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## **Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**(Corpus Christi)**

*June 6, 2021*

**The Body of Christ. Amen.**

**The Body of Christ. Amen.** This is Jesus Christ in the fullness of His Divinity and Humanity. *I believe. Amen!*

**The Body of Christ. Amen.** This is who I am. "*Receive who you are! Become what you receive.*" **Amen!**  
I will accept the mission to be Christ for others!

**The Body of Christ. Amen.** This is the Whole Christ: Christ in His Body, in His brothers and sisters, in the poor and suffering. **Amen!**  
I will open my heart to Christ in His many "disguises"!

**The Body of Christ. Amen.** This is the sacrament of unity and Christ-like love, a call to forgiveness and unity, the challenge to become, like Jesus, a servant with basin and towel. **Amen!**

**IT'S TIME:** Now that vaccinations are rolling out quickly, and restrictions are gradually being lifted, it's time to start thinking about your return to the celebration of Mass and the reception of the Holy Eucharist. After months of uncertainty, warranted and unwarranted fears, and nearly unhealthy doses of hopelessness, the Mass is precisely the place we can bring those feelings — anxiety, fear and nervousness — and lay them down at the altar with Christ.



## **I am the Living Bread; Take and Eat**

*From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; June 7, 2015*

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or, according to the well known Latin expression, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The Gospel presents the narrative of the institution of the Eucharist, performed by Jesus during the Last Supper in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. On the eve of his redeeming death on the Cross, He fulfilled what had been foretold: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.... He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:51, 56). Jesus takes the bread in his hands and says "Take; this is my body" (Mk 14:22). With this gesture and with these words, He assigns to the bread a function which is no longer simply that of physical nutrition, but that of making his Person present in the midst of the community of believers.

The Last Supper represents the culmination of Christ's entire life. It is not only the anticipation of his sacrifice which will be rendered on the Cross, but also the synthesis of a life offered for the salvation of the whole of humanity. Therefore, it is not enough to state that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, but one must see in it the presence of a life given and partake in it. When we take and eat that Bread, we are associated into the life of Jesus, we enter into communion with Him, we commit to achieve communion among ourselves, to transform our life into a gift, especially to the poorest.

Today's feast evokes this message of solidarity and urges us to welcome the intimate invitation to conversion and to service, love and forgiveness. It urges us to become, with our life, imitators of that which we celebrate in the Liturgy. The Christ, who nourishes us under the consecrated species of bread and wine, is the same One who comes to us in the everyday happenings; He is in the poor person who holds out his hand, in the suffering one who begs for help, in the brother or sister who asks for our availability and awaits our welcome. He is in the child who knows nothing about Jesus or salvation, who does not have faith. He is in every human being, even the smallest and the defenceless.

The Eucharist, source of love for the life of the Church, is the school of charity and solidarity. Those who are nourished by the Bread of Christ cannot remain indifferent to those who do not have their daily bread. Today, we know it is an ever more serious problem.

May the Feast of Corpus Christi increasingly inspire and nurture in each one of us the desire and commitment for a welcoming and supportive society. Let us pour these hopes into the heart of the Virgin Mary, Eucharistic Woman. May she kindle in all the joy of participating in the Holy Mass, especially on Sundays, and the joyful courage to testify to the infinite love of Christ.

## Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

June 9 -11

- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** **St. Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor**  
*Pre-registration Required* +For the Souls of the Faithful Departed: Family & Friends
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.** For the Intentions of all Parishioners during the Pandemic  
*Pre-registration Required*
- Friday 9:00 a.m.** **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
*Pre-registration Required* For the Priests of the Diocese of Pembroke, Living & Deceased

## ✠ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

June 13, 2021

- Saturday 4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of all Parishioners during the Pandemic  
*Pre-registration Required*
- Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Intentions of the People (*Missa pro populo*)  
*Pre-registration Required*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for the needs of the Indigenous Peoples in Canada as they continue to experience the pain and suffering of their past; that all Canadians would courageously fulfill the challenge placed before us in the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee;
- for the Sisters of Saint Joseph, living and deceased, who are celebrating 100 years of religious presence in our Diocese this year, working as teachers, nurses and caregivers for the elderly since their arrival in Pembroke in 1921: may the Lord bless them for their faithful presence and for all the works they have accomplished in our Diocese throughout these many years of devoted service to the people of God;
- those who have been affected by the coronavirus: the sick, the dying, their families and caregivers; those who struggle with fear, anxiety and depression; those who have lost their jobs and are suffering economic hardship;
- parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: Lou Martin, Don Lascelle.

## ~ PARISH STEWARDSHIP ~

**SUNDAY OFFERING:** May 30 - \$4,647.50

Thank you for your continuing commitment during these difficult times. **Sunday Envelope Offerings can also be put through the mail slot on the parish office door.**

**DIRECT DEPOSIT:** Why not use direct deposit for the sake of convenience and for the continual support of our parish? Just call the parish office to set it up! We have 53 parishioners who have chosen this option.

**CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION:** The amount of \$3,870.00 from the month of April was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you!

This monthly appeal continues on the last Sunday of the month using a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. These envelopes have been inserted into every box of Sunday Collection envelopes and are also available on the racks at the entrance of the church.

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**ECCLESIA:** There is a survey on the last page of our diocesan newspaper that the editorial committee would appreciate you filling out and returning in the collection basket at any Mass. Deadline for the surveys to be submitted is July 30th. Thank you for your participation in this endeavor. Please note that the May issue of Ecclesia can now be found on our website at <https://pembrokedioocese.com/ecclesia/>.

**THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM:** As many of you may know, the great project of evangelization of our diocese has been underway under the direction of Bishop Desrochers and the Evangelization Team members. In order for this to become a success, we need your help. A prayer has been written and adopted by our Evangelization Team, and we ask that you pray this prayer for the success of this project and for the benefit of all the people of our diocese. Prayer cards will be arriving soon.