

## BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**MASS INTENTIONS June 20 to June 26**

- Monday 8:30 a.m. +Chris & Ted Walraven  
– Walraven Family
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. +Fr. Ted Hughes  
– Angela Madappuli
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. +Roberta Fleming – Joan Cassidy
- Thursday**  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
+Angela Ianni – Carmela Garasto
- Friday**  
Friday 8:30 a.m. **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
+Therese Madappuli  
– Angela Madappuli
- Saturday**  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. **Immaculate Heart of Virgin Mary**  
+Gaetano Garasto  
– Carmela Garasto
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Living & deceased  
**Livestream Mass** members of our parish  
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Special intention

**Offertory Collection for Sunday, June 5 & 12, 2022: \$4,003.25**  
(Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)

**Building Fund .....\$675.00**  
**Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.....\$500.00**

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS JUNE 24

Catholic worldwide are urged to pray for Priests today on the World Day of Prayer for Priests. The day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 2002 with the objective of having all Catholic faithful join in prayer for the sanctification of Priests. The World Day of Prayer for Priests coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



### **What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?**

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honours Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of

bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation (“change of substance”), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, “This is My Body,” “This is the chalice of My Blood,” “Do this in remembrance of Me.”

**Why do Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi?** The Catholic Church honors Christ’s Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium. She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn’t think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a

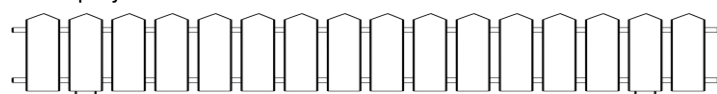
secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the universal feast of Corpus Christi.

**What does Corpus Christi mean?** The Latin words “Corpus Christi” translates to “Body of Christ.”

**Why is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi important?** The Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen gentium*, no. 11). In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself represents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26-29), gives Himself to us in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt. 28:18-20). He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us. Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration. St. Thomas Aquinas, Hymn “Tantum Ergo” Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail; Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail. St. Francis of Assisi said, "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

**What is the Corpus Christi procession?** Whenever the Eucharist is exposed for adoration of the people, it is placed in a sacred vessel called a Monstrance, whose clear glass permits the viewing of the Sacred Host. Such Exposition can take several forms, on the altar in a parish, for adoration and prayer, public devotions such as Eucharistic Benediction, and public processions on Corpus Christi, or at other times. In Catholic countries such processions often go throughout the city. The faithful usually sing and pray, all in honor of our Eucharistic King. This practice began in the 14th-century, and it has been promoted by popes, councils, and saints as a wonderful way to show the supreme importance of the Eucharist and the love that we have for Him.

**RECTORY FENCE UPDATE:** as you may have noticed we have a brand-new fence surrounding the rectory. We had to replace the old one as it was rotten and very fragile. We were blessed to receive a government grant of \$10,000 which fully covered our brand-new fence, which will improve our safety and security at Lourdes. We are very thankful for Danny M. for overseeing this whole project.



### **MARVELOUS MYSTERY: THE MASS COMES ALIVE CAT CHAT**

**SUMMER PROGRAM** Will be held July 11th-15th at St. Ambrose Parish in Cambridge Ontario for children ages 6-11. Join us as we discover the beauty of the Holy Mass with faith, fellowship, and fun! The cost is \$120/ child. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Immaculata by email: [retreats@solisisters.ca](mailto:retreats@solisisters.ca). Parents can drop off Registration forms at the Marian Residence in Cambridge. Registration ends June 15th, 2022. We have 35 spots available so register soon! We are also looking for volunteers high-school aged or older to be group leaders and helpers! If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Sr. Maria Immaculata by email: [retreats@solisisters.ca](mailto:retreats@solisisters.ca).

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** All are welcomed, please join us next Friday June 24, 2022, Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by social with pizza party, in parish hall. Please email our parish office if you are able to join us.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:11b-17

They all ate and were satisfied.



**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead, Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

- Jun 20 Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
- Jun 21 Rev. Joe. S. Selvanayagam
- Jun 22 Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J)
- Jun 23 Rev. William Foote
- Jun 24 Rev. Michael Isabelle
- Jun 25 Rev. Lue Payette

**Prayer for Vocations...** God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL MASS - THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held **Sunday, July 17, 2022, at 2.00 p.m.** at St Agatha Catholic Church located at **1839 Notre Dame Dr.** in St Agatha. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Rev. Bishop Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

**Prayer for Fathers**

God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless all fathers,  
that they may be strengthened  
as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honour them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Happy Father's Day!**



The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join families across Canada to say the **Rosary for the Family** to celebrate the start of the World Meeting of Families. The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life is hosting this national event in preparation for the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMF) that will take place in Rome and in dioceses across the world (22–26 June 2022). The live Zoom event takes place **Father's Day, Sunday, 19 June 2022, at 3 PM EDT**. Featuring different families and voices from across the country, it is an opportunity to gather in prayer with other faith-filled families. Everyone is welcome!

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/national-rosary-for-the-family>



**JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND FOR PARISH BBQ on Sunday June 26, 2022, at 12:00**

p.m. BBQ Menu: Hamburgers & hotdogs (with all the fixin's), juice, pop, water, and potluck salads & desserts. Please pick up your tickets: free of charge at the entrance of the church or at the parish office. Each family member will require a ticket, this will help us determine food requirements. **Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert.** (There is no refrigeration on site. To keep your salad or dessert fresh, be sure to keep it on ice in a cooler.) Don't forget your lawn chairs!

*Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

*New parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.*

**THE POPE'S JUNE INTENTIONS FOR 2022**

**Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

