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JUNE 6, 2021

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

welcome

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & Noon

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM

Register on line for all Masses at
www.stmaryscalgary.ca
Please wear a MASK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tues - Sat. 4:30 PM
Friday 2:00 PM—4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Deacon Dennis at the
Parish Office (403) 228-4170.

**DONATIONS OVER THE PHONE, ON LINE
& IN PERSON.** If would like to donate to
help with the costs and maintenance of the
Parish, please call Lillian at (403) 228-4170.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday
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The Eucharist: the world's greatest marvel

I must confess: I am a nerd. I enjoying watching a DVD movie's documentaries and featurettes as much as I enjoy watching the movie itself, as I'm fascinated by the creative process that formed the final product.

As well, I will confess my joy watching the History channel's long-running series *Modern Marvels*, that profiles how various technologies and projects have an effect on history and cotemporary society. Some of the 'nerdy' wonders outlined in the show include: "The Panama Canal", "Gothic Cathedrals", "Space Shuttle", "Rollercoasters: Search for Ultimate Thrill", "Apollo 13", "Drive-thru", among several hundred other marvels.

While these are 'Modern Marvels', the greatest in history is what we celebrate in today's feast of *Corpus Christi*, as we recognise the incomprehensible change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ during the Eucharist. While this change is called 'transubstantiation' (i.e. transformed substance), those who receive Holy Communion are also changed. How? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1391-1398 notes 7 ways:

- **Increases our union with Christ:** the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." *Jn* 6:56.
- **Cleanses and separates us from sin:** the body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is *given up for us* and the blood we drink *shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins* (1 Cor 11:26).
- **Wipes away venial sins:** Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life.
- **Preserves us from future mortal sins:** the more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin.
- **The unity of the Mystical Body:** *the Eucharist makes the Church: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread* (1 Cor 10:16-17).
- **The Eucharist commits us to the poor:** To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren (Mt 25:40).
- **The Eucharist and the unity of Christians.** the common participation in the table of the Lord among all Christians is broken by the painful experience of the divisions in the Church. Before Jesus on the altar, we pray the more intently for full Christian union.

While movies, architectural wonders and new technologies are rightly called 'Modern Marvels', the Eucharist is the greatest of all marvels, because we have "*a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him* (Dt 4:7). By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Jesus we can miraculously make him present in all the places the Lord our God will place us this week.

Fr John Nemanic

Readings for June 13 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: (Ezekiel 17:22-24) I will make high the low tree.

Second Reading: (2 Corinthians 5:6-10) Whether in the body or away from it we make it our aim to please the Lord.

Gospel: (Mark 4:26-34) The smallest seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

Stewardship of Treasure — May 22 to May 28, 2021

General Collections

Envelopes/Loose/Debit/etc.
Maintenance

Last Week

\$10,085.
\$ 100.

Together in Action

Together in Action is an annual diocesan-mandated parish charitable appeal that funds diocesan, local, national & international initiatives: <https://www.catholicyc.ca/tia2020.html>

Goal: \$41,552. Donations to date: \$5,792.

Thank you for your financial support to St Mary's Cathedral during this difficult time. It is now possible to make a donation through a variety of means. Please visit stmaryscalgary.ca/content/donations to make an **online** donation. If you have questions about charitable giving, please contact: Lillian at 403 228-4170.

New Lights in the Cathedral

Thank you everyone for your generosity toward the Cathedral's LED lighting installation. Phase 1 of the project in the Cathedral church is done! Would you consider a donation toward it?

Goal: \$50,000. Donations to date: \$27,105.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration: 8:00AM-4:30PM
Confessions available 8:00AM-9:00AM & 2:00PM-4:30PM
Sign-up at (<https://stmaryscalgary.ca/ministries/eucharistic-adoration-fridays#>)

Celebration of First Sacraments

Please keep these children in your prayers.

On **Tuesday, June 8th** and **Wednesday, June 9th** at the 5:00 PM Mass, students from St. Anne's Academic Centre will be celebrating the **Rite of Confirmation**.

Pre-registration for the daily Masses is **strongly encouraged**.

The **Rite of Confirmation** Mass for candidates from St. Mary's Cathedral will take place at 11:00 am on **Saturday, June 12th**.



**Curious about the Catholic faith?
Feeling drawn toward discovering if
becoming a member of the Catholic Church is for you?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) offers the opportunity for those discerning "becoming Catholic" to journey with others toward coming to know God and building a strong relationship with our Father. We will meet weekly to learn together about the Catholic faith and God's never ending love for us. If you have any questions or would like more information on the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Dennis Foraie at 403-228-4170 (ext. 226).



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Financial donations are welcomed by marking your envelopes to St. Mary's "SSVP". **Online Donation is now available**, please click **HERE** to Donate OR Copy & paste this link to your web browser: <https://ssvpcalgary.ca/give/> and **select** St. Mary's Conference to Donate. (CRA Charitable Donation Receipts will be issued.) If you require assistance, please contact us at 403-397-6028.



Monday, June 7

7:30 am Gail Bickert (INT)
5:00 pm Nancy Maguire (RIP)

Tuesday, June 8

7:30 am Eleanor Kenny (INT)
5:00 pm Fr. Thomasiah Mallavarapu (25th ann.)

Wednesday, June 9

7:30 am Maggie Blanchard (INT)
5:00 pm Rose Lutula (RIP)

Thursday, June 10

7:30 am Joshua Villanueva (INT)
5:00 pm Multukumary Kanagalingam (RIP)

Friday, June 11

7:30 am Norberto Eco (RIP)
5:00 pm Giang Lien (RIP)

Saturday, June 12

9:00 am Confirmation candidates (INT)
5:00 pm Tony Noronha (RIP)

Sunday, June 13

8:00 am Intentions of the Donor (INT)
10:00 am Helen & Michael Duncan (INT)
12:00 Noon St. Mary's Parishioners



PRAYER CORNER INTENTIONS: For the sick, the suffering, the elderly, the lonely and all who find themselves on the margins of society, that they may be empowered by God's special care of them. In particular, let us remember *Michael O'Brien-Kelly, Maria Fraser, Luis Illescas Jr., Laura Meier, James Lipowy, and Karl Beischroth*. For those who have died in Christ, especially *Nancy Maguire, Giang Lien and Joaquim Gomes*, that they may be resurrected with Him into eternal life.



**THANK YOU EVERYONE !!!
For a successful 6 week bible study session**

Sponsored by: St Mary's Cathedral Catholic Women's League

Hosted by: **Father Julian Studden** *Spiritual Advisor for St Mary's Cathedral CWL.*

NEXT BIBLE STUDY WILL BE IN THE FALL

GIFT AND INFORMATION BOOTH: The Cathedral gift booth has a selection of gifts for those receiving the first Sacraments (rosaries, prayer cards, plaques, bracelets, necklaces, etc.) as well as a wide selection of Bibles (including large print or compact), books to enhance your knowledge of the Catholic faith, the monthly Word Among us, the Sunday Missal (discounted) and much, much more. We even have Father Day's cards. Please help support your Cathedral through your purchases.

We are looking for volunteers for the Gift Booth in order to be open before/after each weekend Mass. If you would like to be part of our team, please contact marilyn@stmaryscalgary.ca.