

## The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ June 23, 2019

Each of the readings today feature food, namely bread, and this is intentional, considering the feast. The Body and Blood of Christ are spiritual food. They nourish us on our mission. However, there is one other common element in the readings, one of equal importance: God's blessing. Melchizedek offered bread and wine, then blessed Abram in the form of a prayer. Saint Paul narrates how Jesus took bread and wine, gave thanks to God, then shared them with his disciples as his body and blood. In the Gospel, before Jesus distributed the loaves and fishes to the multitudes, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. As important as the food was for nourishment and sustenance, it was essential to thank its ultimate source.

It may easily be overlooked, but the disciples were an essential part of the miracle in the Gospel. It was not enough that Jesus multiplied the food so that there would be more than enough for everyone to eat. Someone then had to distribute the bread and fish to the thousands of people in attendance. The disciples are the Church, as are we. To overlook their role, our role, in feeding the hungry with what at first seemed like an inadequate amount of food would be a mistake. We are essential agents in feeding the hungry. The disciples carried out Jesus' ministry by distributing their baskets of food. So can we.

Through Jesus, God provides us with an abundance of food—more than is necessary to sustain us. Whether physical food as in the Gospel or spiritual food such as Christ's Body and Blood, an encounter with Jesus leaves us personally satisfied with an excess to share.

### Question of the Week

How can I share the abundance I have with those in need? How can the Eucharist I receive nourish me spiritually?



**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

### Vigil of The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ

**4:00p.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Leonard Belton – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Noella Rochon

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

### The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Anthony Rout – Terry Richards – Louis Reddick – Alphonse DeGrasse, Sr. – Intentions of Noella Rochon – Dorothy Durand

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Intentions of Stacy Martin – McKenney Family – Donald Bell

**12:00p.m.** Diana Hale – Anna Trena Guillaume – Evelyn Jackson Barthe – Intention of St. Maria Goretti Parish – St. Joseph Altar Group

**Monday, June 25, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Mr. Mrs. Charles Winshell, Sr. – Intentions of Noella Rochon – Stacy Martin – Cathy Craigie – Janice LeBeau

**Tuesday, June 26, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Diana Hale – Calvin Casmier – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Rudolph DeBose – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Noella Rochon – Cathy Craigie

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Memory Britsch – Betty L. Sanders – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Noella Rochon – Cathy Craigie

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – Calvin Casmier – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Noella Rochon – Cathy Craigie

**Friday, June 28, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Cathy Craigie – Noella Rochon – Fr. Sylvester Catallo

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

**Announcements**

“Corpus Christi Sunday -“We must see Jesus Christ, in His Body and Blood, to receive Him with love and desire, with our souls disposed to Him.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study Theme for The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ. Readings. Reading I: Genesis 14:18-20; Responsorial Psalm: 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Gospel: John 6:51.



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.



Baptism Seminar: First and Third Tuesday at 7:00p.m. in Church Meeting Room.  
Baptism: Second and Fourth Sunday at 11:00a.m.

**RCIA**

Give the gift that keeps on giving. Invite someone to a life in Jesus Christ. St. Maria Goretti Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. These sessions will focus on the Bible, the teachings and experiences of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The Topics for the next two weeks are: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth. TEN QUESTIONS: What do I need to know to Become Catholic? Pentecost: The Work and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. For More information please contact Deacon Terrell Broussard [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com) or visit the website at [www.smgnola.com](http://www.smgnola.com)

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of John Albano.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Marion Bell and Ethel Crump.



*The Week Ahead*

**Monday, June 24, 2019**

- 8:00a.m. Altar Society – Kitchen – Rms. 3–4
- 10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
- 5:00p.m. Metropolitan Youth – Rms. 3–4
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Church

**Tuesday June 25, 2019**

- 12:00p.m. AARP – Rms. 3–4
- 6:00p.m. ENONAC – Rms. 3-4
- 7:00p.m. HNS Board Meeting – Library

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

- 8:00a.m. Altar Society – Kitchen – Rms. 3–4
- 10:30a.m. Senior Dance Class – Center
- 5:00p.m. Metropolitan Youth – Rms. 3–4
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance Practice – Center

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

- 8:00a.m. Altar Society – Kitchen – Rms. 3–4
- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

**Friday, June 28, 2019**

- 7:00a.m. Altar Society – Kitchen – Rms. 3–4

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

- 7:00a.m. Altar Society – Kitchen – Rms. 3–4
- 8:00a.m. LTMTTP – Rms. – Library
- 10:00a.m. Star Project Rms. 10 & 11
- 10:00a.m. The Creed – Library



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