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Sunday, June 6, 2021 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ. R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Ex 24:3-8

Gospel at each of four altars: N, S, E, W

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people.

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

READING 2 - 2 Hebrews 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit of-

fered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

SEQUENCE (shorter version)

Lo! the angel's food is given to the pilgrim who has striven; see the children's bread from heaven, which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling, manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of your love | befriend us, You refresh us, you defend us, Your eternal goodness send us In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know, Who on earth such food bestow, Grant us with your saints, though lowest, Where the heavenly feast you show, Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. This is the gospel of the Lord. R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Bread of Life" COMMUNION HYMNS - "One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ...May our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time! "O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!" These indulgences express admirably the scope and purpose of the present feast, to glorify the Blessed Sacrament, and to bring souls to the feet of Jesus, the Divine lover of souls.

OUR REFLECTION... THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Holy Eucharist, as a Sacrifice (the Holy Mass), is the perpetual manifestation of God's love for us. The Holy Eucharist, as a sacrament, shows also how much God loves us, since He invites us to His table.

"Take this and eat it, this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. "All of you must drink from it," he said, "for this is my blood." —Matthew 26:26-28

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen CHOOSING LOVE

How can someone ever trust in the existence of an unconditional divine love when most, if not all, of what he or she has experienced is the opposite of love -fear, hatred, violence, and abuse? They are not condemned to be victims! There remains within them, hidden as it mat seem, the possibility to choose love. Many people who have suffered the most horrendous rejections and been subject to the most cruel torture have been able to choose love. By choosing love they became witnesses not only to human resiliency but also to the divine love that transcends all human loves. Those who choose, even on a small scale, to love in the midst of hatred and fear are the people who offer true hope to our world.

ST. FRANCIS PNCC ANNUAL MEETING:

Sunday, June 6th TODAY after Mass with coffee and refreshments. All are invited to attend. Bring thoughts on how to encourage new parishioners.

JUNE - RUTH & NAOMI

The story of Ruth and Naomi speaks to our hearts of the great dignity of family life and the call to be faithful to one another, come what may. This month reach out to a member of your own family with whom you have been out of touch for a while. Make that call you've been putting off for some reason or send a card with a note to catch them up on family happenings. This is a great chance for all of us the emulate the faithfulness of Ruth and Naomi! As a family, read

together the short but profoundly beautiful Book of Ruth. It's only four chapters, but is very rich. You could read it all in one sitting or divide it up as you like.

JUNE - SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH

Pray that the Lord Jesus will send more priests and deacons to his church, and be sure to show your gratitude to your parish clergy by some meaningful gesture of appreciation.

DON'T PUT IT OFF

Don't put it off 'til tomorrow, what you can do today.

Tomorrow may be too late, do it now—do not delay!

Make a phone call to someone you have been thinking about.

Visit a lonely person right now, do it now, without a doubt.

You will feel much better as you do what's on your mind.

Make someone find happiness, be generous and kind.

Don't neglect to say a prayer to God Who leads your way.

Don't put it off—do it now, and your joy will stay.

~ Edna Massimilla

Take a moment out and pray...

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Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Dennis Erb, Rosemary Rosen, Jay Lasker, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Joan Paczkoski, Dominick Ocello, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Elaine Bode, McNeill & McNeill-Peck Families, Emily Smith, Anita Paczkoski & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.