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“LORD, SATISFY ME WITH YOUR PRESENCE!”

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST—
CORPUS CHRISTI - JUNE 22, 2025

Today, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is being celebrated in Italy and in other countries. Instituted during the Last Supper, the Eucharist was like the destination of a journey in which Jesus had prefigured it through several signs, above all the multiplication of the loaves narrated in the Gospel of today's Liturgy (cf. Lk 9:11b-17). Jesus takes care of the huge crowd that had followed him to listen to his word and to be freed from various evils. He blesses five loaves and two fish, breaks them, the disciples distribute them, and “they all ate and were satisfied” (Lk 9:17), the Gospel says. In the Eucharist, everyone can experience this loving and concrete attention of the Lord. Those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ with faith not only eat, but are satisfied. To eat and to be satisfied: these are two basic necessities that are fulfilled in the Eucharist.

To eat. “They all ate”, writes Saint Luke. As evening falls, the disciples counsel Jesus to dismiss the crowd so they can go in search of food. But the Teacher wants to provide for that too — he also wants to feed those who had listened to him. The miracle of the loaves and fish does not happen in a spectacular way, but almost discreetly, like the wedding at Cana — the bread increases as it passes from hand to hand. And as the crowd eats, they realize that Jesus is taking care of everything. This is the Lord present in the Eucharist. He calls us to be citizens of Heaven, but at the same time, he takes into account the journey we have to face here on earth. If I have hardly any bread in my sack, he knows and takes care of it himself.

Sometimes, there is the risk of confining the Eucharist to a vague, distant dimension, perhaps bright and perfumed with incense, but distant from the straits of everyday life. In reality, the Lord takes all our needs to heart, beginning with the most basic. And he wants to set the example for his disciples, by saying, “You give them something to eat” (v. 13), to those people who had listened to him during the day. Our Eucharistic adoration comes alive when we take care of our neighbour like Jesus does. There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation, friendship, good humour; there is hunger for attention, there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the Eucharistic Bread — Christ's attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and feed others.

In addition to eating, however, we cannot forget being satisfied. The crowd is satisfied because of the abundance of food and also because of the joy and amazement of having received it from Jesus! We certainly need to nourish ourselves, but we also need to be satisfied, to know that the nourishment is given to us out of love. In the Body and Blood of Christ, we find his presence, his life given for each of us. He not only gives us help to go forward, but he gives us himself — he makes himself our travelling companion, he enters into our affairs, he visits us when we are lonely, giving us back a sense of enthusiasm. This satisfies us, when the Lord gives meaning to our life, to our darkness, our doubts. But he sees the meaning, and this meaning that the Lord gives satisfies us. This gives us that “more” that we all seek — namely, the presence of the Lord! For in the warmth of his presence, our lives change. Without him, everything would truly be grey. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: “Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward, Lord, satisfy me with your presence!”.

May the Virgin Mary teach us how to adore Jesus, alive in the Eucharist, and to share him with our brothers and sisters.

POPE FRANCIS — June 19, 2022

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Body and Blood of Christ

<u>Saturday, June 21</u> <i>+Dolores Sedlmeir</i>	5:00 PM
<u>Sunday, June 22</u> For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	9:00 AM
<u>Tuesday, June 24</u> <i>St. John the Baptist</i>	11:00 AM
<u>Wednesday, June 25</u>	11:00 AM
<u>Thursday, June 26</u>	11:00 AM
<u>Friday, June 27</u> <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	11:00 AM

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

<u>Saturday, June 28</u>	5:00 PM
<u>Sunday, June 29</u> For All Parishioners Living & Deceased	9:00 AM

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

Corpus Christi

<u>Sabado 21 de Junio</u> <i>+Pedro Molina</i>	7:00 PM
<u>Domingo 22 de Junio</u> Por la Comunidad Parroquial	11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
<u>Martes 24 de Junio</u> <i>San Juan Bautista</i> <i>+Julio Herrador Magaña</i>	12:00 PM
<u>Miercoles 25 de Junio</u>	12:00 PM
<u>Jueves 26 de Junio</u>	12:00 PM
<u>Viernes 27 de Junio</u> <i>Sagrado Corazón de Jesús</i>	12:00 PM

Solemnidad de san Pedro y san Pablo

<u>Sabado 28 de Junio</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Domingo 29 de Junio</u> Por la Comunidad Parroquial	11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Marillac Place Baby Bottle Campaign: This is a reminder to the parishioners who took a baby bottle home on Mother's Day in support of Marillac Place, to please return the baby bottle. Coins, bills and cheques are acceptable. All proceeds from the campaign will go directly to the operations of Marillac Place. Thank you for your support.

Feast Day Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

You're invited to join the Carmelites on Sunday July 13 at 2 PM to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This event will take place at the Carmelite Monastery, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, St Agatha, with Bishop Douglas Crosby as the Mass Celebrant. Light refreshments will be served. Please note: there are special accommodations for visitors who require walkers and/or wheelchairs.

Buen pastor, pan verdadero,
o Jesús, piedad de nosotros:
nútrenos y defiéndenos,
llévanos a los bienes eternos
en la tierra de los vivos.

Tú que todo lo sabes y puedes,
que nos alimentas en la tierra,
conduce a tus hermanos
a la mesa del cielo
a la alegría de tus santos.

Come then, good Shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us, still keep us thine;
So we may see thy glories shine
in fields of immortality.

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial: "El Encuentro Matrimonial les permitira crear un dialogo profundo entre ustedes dos y con Dios, logrando una mas amplia comprensión de lo que significa estar casados." **LUGAR:** Queen of Apostles Renewal Center. 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, Ontario. **FECHA:** 27-28-29 de Junio. Mayor información: Ismael Gonzalez: (647) 916 8604 Ismael.glez@outlook.com | Carmen Camacho: (416) 220 4414 carmen.g.camacho@gmail.com