

St. John Bosco Parish

Helping People Walk with Jesus
Corpus Christi, June 7th, 2026



Close Quarters

Today marks the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. The feast marks the Church's celebration of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Catholic faith. So, what is the Eucharist?

The Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine. In the Eucharistic bread "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*" (CCC 1374).

The foundation for much of the Church's Eucharistic theology comes from the gospel. Here Jesus states that He is the living bread, and the bread that He gives us is His very flesh. He also tells His audience that His "flesh is true food". In Greek the term for flesh is *sarx*, which translated means physical body. Jesus would again say these very words at the Last Supper, "take and eat, this is my body" (Matt. 26:26). Jesus is stating that the bread we receive at mass is literally His body under the sacramental appearance of bread (Luke 22:19).

Therefore, when we receive the Eucharist at mass, we become "one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). The Eucharist takes us out of ourselves and unites us to Jesus, so that we can say, with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). In a very real and literal way we are made anew and share in the divine life of Jesus.

In Jesus, God Himself has taken flesh, and has remained with us in the mystery of the Eucharist, in our hands and in our hearts. Deuteronomy 4:7 jubilantly proclaims, "What great nation is there that has a god so near to them as the Lord our God is to us?" For in the Eucharist, God is so near to us that He can be no closer. What a gift we have been given.

Sunday Mass: 11am

Mass Intention June 7th:

Adoration: Thursday 10am – 1pm

Readings for Sunday June 14th

Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-38, 10:1-8

Our Mission: Love God, Love Our Neighbour, Make Disciples

Our Purpose: As a community, we seek to help people **Worship** God, **Connect** with others, **Grow** in faith, **Give** with joy, and **Share** the gospel, so that all may come to know Jesus and recognize that it's good to be Catholic.

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Confessions: Thursday's @ 10am / By request

Pastoral Care & Prayer Shawls: If you, or someone you know, needs pastoral care, or would benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the office.

Prayer Intentions: Sid Hryhoruk, Cecile Lanovaz, Marie Looman, Anita & Graham Langford, Brenda Nixey, Rose Oszczewski, Lana Prescott, Loretta & Shannon Puhl, Sarah O'Gorman, Rhonda Sader, Leo Schreiner, Donna Shirely, Myron Swityk, Loretta Weimer, and all who are sick or suffering. If you know someone who needs to be added or taken off the list, please contact the parish.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday June 9nd NO Mass 7pm

Wednesday June 10th Men's Group 7pm

Thursday June 11th Mass 9:30am

Wednesday June 17th St. Dominic Grad 1pm @ St. Pats

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 7th: Wendy L. (R) / Mary J. (EM) / Obadiah A. & Abby O. (W) / Carolyn K. & Jen W. (G) / Tiana K. (CL)

June 14th: William H. (R) / Shelly J. (EM) / Karen & Gerry Z. (W) / Karen & Gerry Z. (G) / Nicole K. (CL)

June 21st: Mary J. (R) / William H. (EM) / Ken & Mary J. (W) / Jim & Joan B. (G) / Judah A. (CL)

June 28th: Candace C. (R) / Diane C. (EM) / Wylma O., Maureen P., Carol S. (W) / Cliff & Irene A. (G) / Amanda C. (CL)

Ushers: Brian B., Cale N., Mike B., Jim B.

Key: Reader (R) / Eucharistic Minister (EM) / Welcomer (W)
Gifts (G) / Children's Liturgy (CL)

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Catholic celebration of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and a reminder that in every Mass, Jesus' one sacrifice is sacramentally made present and offered anew for "the forgiveness of the sins" (CCC 1366).

While Holy Thursday recalls Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Corpus Christi gives Catholics a joyful opportunity to honor our Eucharistic Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Church celebrates Corpus Christi to profess and adore our Eucharistic Lord. Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. At every Mass we partake of the Lamb of God, the *New Covenant* Passover sacrifice. Not only that, but this feast also highlights the sacramental and sacrificial reality of Christ's presence. Additionally, it invites the faithful into deeper Eucharistic devotion.

This year Corpus Christi falls on Sunday June 7th. To bring greater devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, we will be having a short Eucharistic Procession inside the Church. After the Closing Prayer, Fr. Issac will put the Host in the Monstrance (the container designed to display the Eucharist) and process around the Church giving the faithful the opportunity to adore our Lord.

During Corpus Christi we will also be singing two ancient Eucharistic Hymns: [Godhead Here in Hiding](#) & [O Saving Victim](#). If you're not familiar with these songs, click on them to have a listen.

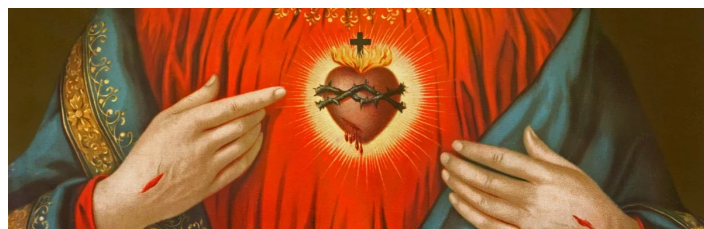
GRADS

St. Dominic will have their year-end Mass and Graduation on Wednesday June 17th at 1pm at St. Patrick's. The venue was chosen to accommodate the large numbers of attendees. **St. John** will have their year-end school Mass on Monday June 22nd at 2pm at the Church. Their grad is Thursday June 18th at 5:30pm at the Church.

Parishioners are invited to attend any or all these events.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. JOHN SCHOOL

St. John School is in need of food donations. If you have dried goods you'd like to donate, please drop them off in the *Good Food Box* at the back of the Church.



JUNE – MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the feast of the Sacred Heart usually falls in June (celebrated 19 days after Pentecost). The feast day goes back to the 11th century but was officially extended to the universal Church in 1856 by Pope Pius IX. The purpose of the veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has two purposes. First, that we may be stirred up to love Jesus, in order to imitate the virtues of the human heart of the Incarnate God (Mt. 11:29). Secondly, to promote a desire to atone for our sins in order to receive the mercy flowing from Jesus' Heart.

According to the Gospel of John (19:33), when Jesus was dying on the cross "one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water." The celebration of the Sacred Heart is associated with Christ's physical wound and the associated sacrifice. Christ's Sacred Heart is worthy of veneration because God first loved us, and offers us His mercy through His Son, Jesus.

"There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus, which moves us to love in return" Pope Leo XIII.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The following financial update is a comparative overview of our fiscal year.

January 1 – May 1	2025	2026	Variance
INCOME			
PAG/Envelopes/Loose	\$58,266	\$60,283	\$2,017
Additional Donations	\$6,916	\$5,510	-\$1,406
Total Income	\$65,182	\$65,793	\$611
EXPENSES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$47,976	\$44,190	-\$3,786
Other Expenses	\$20,327	\$18,892	-\$1,435
Total Expense	\$68,303	\$63,082	-\$5,221
NET INCOME	-\$3,121	\$2,711	\$5,832

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing contributions! Your generosity enables us to carry out our parish mission.

The Temple (1633), by George Herbert

Love is that liquor sweet and most divine / My God feels as blood but I as wine