



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 6**

**5p** St. Francis Altar Society

**7p**

**Sunday, June 7**

**8a** Ruby Guillot (D)

**10:30a** People of the Parish

**Monday, June 8**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday, June 9**

**8:30a** Will Frey (D)

**Wednesday, June 10**

**6:30p** Theresa and George Frater (D)

**Thursday, June 11**

**8:30a** Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Deranger (D)

**Friday, June 12**

**8:30a** Maria Lucas (D)

**Saturday, June 13**

**5p** Mert and Bernice Hymes (D)

**7p**

**Sunday, June 14**

**8a** Esther Neu (D)

**10:30a** People of the Parish

**BREAK OPEN THE WORD**

In this weekend's second reading the author of Hebrews defends the perfect priesthood and perfect sacrifice of Jesus. To make his point, the ancient writer compared the Jewish high priest's activities on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, to the saving action of Jesus. On Atonement Day, the tenth day of the seventh month, the high priest was to offer two goats as a sin offering, a ram as a holocaust for the sins of the community, and a bullock for his own sins (Lev 16:1ff; 23:26ff). After confessing his sins and those of his people, he was to offer the sacrifice and take their blood into the Holy of Holies (the heart of the temple), where he would sprinkle the blood on the Ark of the Covenant. It was

hoped that the blood, which symbolized life, would atone for their sins, and that the Israelites would be reconciled to God and to one another. This annual feast was also a time of fasting and Sabbath rest.



By comparison, the author of Hebrews presented Jesus as the high priest par excellence of a new covenant and as the perfect sacrifice — whose sacrifice was offered not annually, but once and for all in order to make perfect atonement for sin and to reconcile all peoples to God. Moreover, while the blood of goats and cattle was thought to

render the sinner ritually pure (Num 19:9, 14-21), the blood of Jesus effected a moral purification that cleansed the defiled and cleansed the conscience.

The word our English translation uses for redemption is meant to convey the idea of deliverance and is associated with Israel's deliverance from exile in Babylon (Isa 41:14; 44:22). Also, this word "redemption" was used to describe the deliverance of the faithful from sin (Psalm 130:7-80). In none of these instances is there any insinuation that the payment of a price or a ransom was demanded as a condition for deliverance. There is no foundation for reading such an idea into verse 12, despite the views of those who see the blood of Christ as the "price" paid to God for the redemption of humankind.

By virtue of his sacrifice human beings are able to leave evil behind and become servants of God. This is to say; Jesus did not only attain forgiveness for human sin but also enabled us to live a godly life in the future. The sacrifice of Jesus was a victory that allows us to live in a right relationship with God. The act of the cross brings to us the love of God in a way that drives out fear and leaves us free to approach God with open hands, ready to be held and filled by God.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9;  
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3;  
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6;  
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4,  
9-12; Mt 5:33-37 or, for the  
Memorial of the Immaculate Heart,  
Is 61:9-11; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 3-16;  
2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

### THANKSGIVING

The word “thanksgiving” most often calls to our mind the holiday in November. But as early as the middle of the second century Justin Martyr referred to the blessed bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper as “food we call ‘thanksgiving’ ” (in Greek *eucharistia*). The Thanksgiving we celebrate in the autumn is at times marked by a sort of proud societal self congratulation and the consumption of food until we sink into an inert stupor. The “thanksgiving” that we call our Eucharist is just the opposite: we are led to it by an acknowledgment of our own failings; we remember our humble place in the scheme of things by giving praise to God alone.

While the food of Christ’s body and blood fills our spiritual hungers, it also creates in us a greater hunger. We are not sent to our spiritual sofas to let the Lord’s Supper settle; we are sent to be living signs of that thanksgiving for the world by looking out for the poor and powerless, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, speaking out against the self-righteous. In short, the hunger created by our doing in remembrance of Christ must lead us to living in remembrance of him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It has been said that the Church breathes with two lungs, East and West. Some of our family treasures are in the East, and it is interesting to consider how liturgical families developed around differing customs. Centuries before Christ, after the young girl was given to her husband by her father, the spouses were crowned. Christians retained that custom, keeping the wedding in the home, and sometimes inviting a visiting priest or bishop to put the crowns on their heads. By the fourth century, the crowns were seen not as royal crowns, but as the crowns of victory worn by martyrs. The crowns have nothing to do with being “king and queen for a day,” but rather speak of the sacrifice of love poured out fully. There are no vows exchanged at all, but the crowning is followed by a joyful dance by the priest and couple around the Gospel book. Unlike Roman law, which saw the wedding rites as optional, Eastern practice did not recognize a marriage that had not been blessed.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo (Corpus Christi)

### ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

El Día de Acción de Gracias que celebramos en el otoño a veces se ve marcado por una especie de orgullo y autofelicitación por parte de nuestra sociedad, por no hablar de comilonas que nos llevan hasta el estupor. Pero la “acción de gracias” que en griego se llama “Eucaristía” es al revés: lo que nos lleva a ella es el reconocimiento de nuestras faltas; recordamos nuestra posición humilde en el universo alabando a Dios, y a nadie más que a Dios.

Es verdad que el alimento del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo sacia el hambre de nuestro espíritu, pero también es verdad que ese alimento crea en nosotros un hambre más intensa aun. Al terminar la Misa no nos envían a un sofá espiritual a sentarnos en lo que la Cena del Señor se nos asienta en el estómago; más bien, nos envían al mundo a ser signos vivientes de esa Acción de Gracias, ayudando a los pobres y desvalidos, alimentando a los hambrientos, cuidando a los enfermos, protestando contra las actitudes farisaicas. En fin, el hambre producida en nosotros al hacer el Memorial de Jesús nos tiene que impulsar a vivir “en memoria de él”. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

“Altísimo Señor”, un bellissimo himno tradicional canta con asombro y maravilla la humildad de Jesucristo quien siendo divino no sólo murió por nosotros sino que también se hace nuestro manjar en un pedacito de pan. Nos invita al “convite de amor” para “amar y recibir a quien por mí, quiso morir”.

Esta espiritualidad eucarística es buena, pero sería aún mejor recordar que el cordero divino no murió sólo por mí, sino por “nosotros”. El cristiano es cristiano en la medida que se relaciona en la Iglesia, la gran familia de Dios. El Cuerpo de Cristo se forma no sólo de granos de trigo sino de hombres y mujeres bautizadas. Su cuerpo no se encuentra sólo en un altar sino en los cristianos unidos para la misa. El cuerpo de Cristo está en la hostia pero también se encuentra en todo creyente. Abre los ojos y, con asombro y maravilla, verás a Jesucristo en nuestra unión de fe. Jesús está tan presente en la Iglesia como en sus tabernáculos y sagrarios. Juntos somos el pan de la vida que da gracia y virtud, alegría y salud.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



*May the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest  
in peace*

Rosalind “Rose” Casey—  
Sister of Shelley Borel

Leo Meaux—Father of James Meaux



### ANCHOR OF FAITH (FAITH SHARE)

Each Tuesday morning at 5:45 a.m. all men (bring a friend) are welcome to join the Men’s Faith Share group in the San Damiano Center.

Women’s Faith Share (bring a friend) meets each Tuesday morning at 6:15 in the youth room (enter through side entrance of garden area).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**MONDAY, JULY 13-  
FRIDAY, JULY 17**

For ages 3yrs thru 4th grade  
\*3 year olds must be potty  
trained

Cost- \$10 per child  
**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**



Orange Christian  
Services  
received \$2000 in  
donations to  
purchase food for  
the needy of  
Orange County. A  
special thank you  
for your most  
generous  
contributions.

**FATHER'S TOMS GOING AWAY  
RECEPTION DINNER**

Father Tom's going away  
reception dinner will be June  
19 at 6 pm. It is being hosted  
by Knights of Columbus and  
St. Francis Altar Society. All  
parishioners are invited. We  
are asking that you sign up so  
that planning and adequate  
arrangements can be made  
for the meal.

Sign up sheets are at the  
entrances of the church or  
call church office at  
**883-9153.**

Since 1999, a support group for parents and grandparents of homosexual children has been meeting at St. Charles Church in Nederland; it is open to any parents or grandparents in our Diocese, and was established in response to a letter from the Catholic Bishops to parents; its next meeting will be on Sunday, June 7 at 4:00 pm in Nazareth Hall, at St. Charles, Nederland. For more information, call Fr. Dan Malain, 722-3413.

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

*REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE JUNE 25-28 MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AT THE HOLY FAMILY CENTER. THE COST IS \$170 BUT FINANCIAL NEED SHOULD NOT PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. A \$50 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM HOLDS A PLACE FOR YOU. IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE THIS RETREAT, REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CHURCH WEBSITE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:*

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**\*JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2015\***  
**FORTNIGHT FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**  
**TO BEAR WITNESS**  
FORTNIGHT4FREEDOM.ORG

Once again this year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called a "Fortnight for Religious Freedom" for June 21 through July 4. Please join the Knights of Columbus and St. Francis Altar Society in saying the Rosary each evening during the Fortnight, here at St. Francis of Assisi Church; Sunday though Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 6:15pm.

**Dementia Care Givers Support Group**

If you are presently giving care to someone with dementia, have a loved one with dementia, have previously been a dementia caregiver, or just curious about dementia care, please join us on Wednesday, June 10 at 10 a.m. or Thurs. June 11 at 6:30 p.m. We meet the .second Wednesday of each month in the morning and second Thursday of each month in the evening. For more information, contact Jerry Ehrman

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Please welcome the newly baptized:

Laney Elizabeth McNeil,  
daughter of Aaron and Natalie  
McNeil

Ford Patrick Mims, son of  
Lee and Katherine Mims

## YOUNG AT HEART

Regular meeting on Tuesday June 9,  
Mass, fellowship, games, business meet-  
ing 11:15 followed by a salad lunch (bring  
your favorite to share.

Don't forget our bus trip to the Houston  
Astros vs New York Yankees ball game  
Sunday June 28th.

**YAH Garage Sale July 24 & 25 - we will be  
collecting items at the hall on July 22 and  
23! Start looking at  
clearing out your closets.**

We are now accepting registrations and  
money for our Santa Fe-Albuquerque Bus  
trip that will be October 5-11.

**For additional information contact:  
Janis Beach-883-4566**



## Saturday, June 6

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.  
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## Sunday, June 7

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Knights of Columbus BBQ-After Masses  
Sonlight Choir- 6:30 p.m.

## Monday, June 8

No Mass  
Women's ACTS Team Mtg 6:30 p.m.  
K of C Mtg-4th -Assembly 1105- 6 p.m.

## Tuesday, June 9

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.  
Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.  
Young at Heart- 9 a.m.  
Knights of Columbus Council Mtg 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, June 10

Mass 6:30 p.m.  
Dementia Support Group- 10 a.m.

## Thursday, June 11

Mass 8:30 a.m.  
ACTS Core Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Dementia Support 6:30 p.m.

## Friday, June 12

Mass 8:30 a.m.

## Saturday, June 13

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.  
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## Sunday, June 14

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Sonlight Choir- 6:30 p.m.

## STARTING

It's the start that stops most people...  
Anonymous



Altar flowers for June 6,7  
were donated by:

Darren and Dawn Abshire  
In memory of:  
Gilford Abshire  
and

Ellen and Emile Dupre'  
In Thanksgiving

Blessed Mother flowers were  
donated by:

Derald LeBlanc  
In honor of:

Derald and Betty's  
fifty-second wedding  
anniversary

## Adventures in Art

St. Francis Church  
July 20-23, 2015



Art Lessons by:  
Mrs. Cindy Claybar

Cost- \$60

Children Session  
I  
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Children Session  
II  
12:30-3:30 p.m.

Adults  
6-9 p.m.

Please register in  
the church office

## BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

180 families have pledged 77,110 which  
is 100% of our goal from 28% of our  
parishioners.

But just reaching the goal isn't enough.  
Based on our history of payments versus  
pledges, we need additional pledges of  
\$7,590 or 10% above the goal.

Why is that necessary? Every year there  
are people who move out of town, or  
have their financial situation change, or  
die. The additional pledges above the  
goal allow us to cover the pledges that  
are not completed. If you have not made  
a pledge, please consider doing so.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT May 31, 2015

### Amount needed each week

\$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection  
(including building fund) \$8,509.00  
\$

**Short Goal- \$ 3364.00**

**Year to date totals May 31, 2015**

Amount needed \$558,031

(\$11,873. x 46 fiscal weeks)

Total Sunday collections to date

\$ 537,604

**Year to date shortage \$20,427**

**Upcoming Special Collections**

**June 28-Peter's Pence-**



Scan for Online Giving Link

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support  
St. Francis parish. Go to [www.stfrancisorangetx.org](http://www.stfrancisorangetx.org) and click the  
online Giving link.