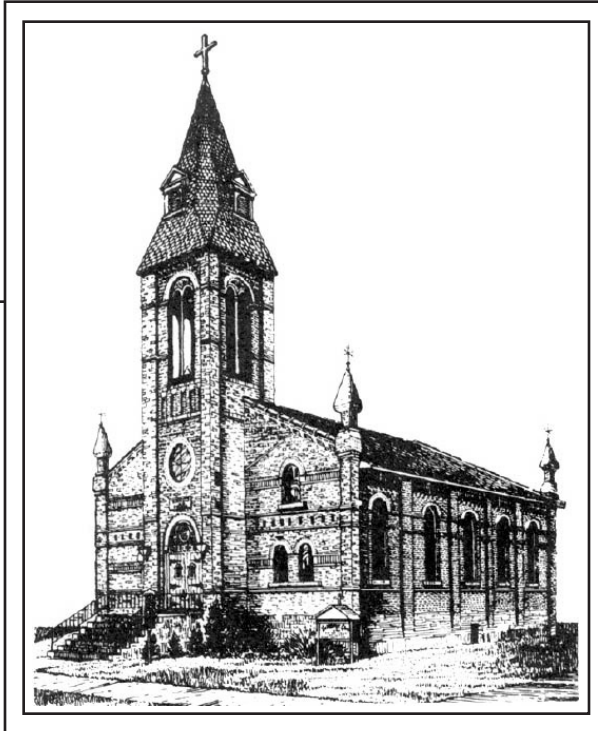


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

NON-CATHOLICS AND HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

It is a standard practice for priests, myself included, to announce just before Communion at weddings, funerals, First Communions and Confirmations, that those who are not Roman Catholic and have not prepared for and celebrated their First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church, may come forward, if they wish, to receive a blessing *instead of* receiving Holy Communion. If this were not announced then many visitors to a Catholic church might just come forward and receive Communion regardless of whether they are Christians of other denominations or none, atheists, agnostics and those belonging to other world religions. And, you might ask, what would be wrong with it if they were trying to participate in what many others in attendance were doing?

Well, actually, everything.

You see, Jesus Himself, the night before He died on the Cross, celebrated with His Apostles the Passover meal, but He changed the words and the meal forever when He gave them the mystery of the Eucharist in His Body and Blood: "Do this in memory of me". He had previously and repeatedly told them that they were to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood, going so far as to spelling out clearly that these two species were Real Flesh and Real Blood and that doing so was directly connected to going to heaven. So, as the Church we have not only believed what Jesus handed on when He said, "Do this" but have continued this response to Jesus' command to the present age.

How did we get here? For over one and a half millennia the Christians of the world believed this, that is up until the Protestant Reformation when the reformers sought to address corruption that had crept into the hierarchy, the clergy. As Fulton Sheen said on the matter; "Reformers often reform the wrong things. The reformers tried to change the way that the Church thought, but there wasn't anything wrong in what the Church thought, there was something wrong in the way that the Church lived – and the Church's calling of the Council of Trent addressed these problems. Yet the reformers, who were Catholics within the Church, in their reforms began to drop things like priesthood, the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the Sacraments, the authority of the pope, etc. The Word of God (the scriptures) for the reformers became the rule of faith in 'Sola Scriptura'; the Word of God alone became the center of faith and not the Eucharist. And as the centuries since passed even the reformers could not agree with one another so they divided into what we have today as many different Christian denominations and churches with new ones coming into existence every day and churches fading away every day.

For Catholics, the Eucharist is not just one among the many things we believe but is held up as the *Summit and Source* of our Catholic faith. No Eucharist, no Church. We are not just another

bible believing church or one of many of the thousands of Christian churches throughout the world. We are the Church directly connected to the Apostles and the four signs of the Church which existed from the beginning – One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic – remain and are visible in the Catholic Church today. Nothing of what Christ founded has been lost or changed but has developed through time, meeting each age with the same truth that is Jesus Christ. And we exist today not because of the goodness of the members of the Church for many throughout history have not been good or faithful and sometimes even anything but so. We are here today, unchanged, because of Christ and His promise that He would be with us always and that the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it". Christ is faithful even when we are not.

I would hold that many Catholics today don't know their faith just as many Protestants don't know theirs. Yet truth is truth regardless of how many people adhere to it and cling to it. A staggering number of Catholics in a 2019 Pew Research poll showed that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – 69%!!! Yet it is little wonder when the faith is not taught nor passed on. When Catholics receive a 'handful' of sacraments without the direct connection to regular, every-Sunday worship of God at holy Mass and reception of the Eucharist in Holy Communion with Jesus, then what else would we expect to happen? It is one thing to have had the faith and lost it and a very different thing to have never really had it in the first place. I believe the latter is the case. And even many Catholics who do receive Holy Communion believe it is something other than what the clear teaching of the Church has claimed and proclaimed it to be from the beginning. We so desperately need Eucharistic renewal. Even when parish's, such as ours, have regular weekly Adoration of the Eucharist, a relatively small proportion of parishioners attend, if ever, yet so many of our parishioners are retired. I encourage all our parishioners to consider attending Holy Hour on Friday's which helps us all to *see the Eucharist* for that which it is – Jesus Himself! Not a symbol in bread but The Bread of Life Himself.

So, back to the question of why non-Catholics are not able to receive the Eucharist in the Catholic Church; they are not able because they do not believe that it really IS Jesus. If they did, they would become Catholic. Other Christians who have some form of Eucharistic celebration do not profess to believe that their communion is a receiving of Jesus' Body and Blood but would see it more as a sharing of bread while 'remembering' Jesus.

Now in a woke culture where everyone is to be included and no one excluded, this would seem all the more unfair that non-Catholics would not be permitted to receive Jesus in Holy Communion and that we should rather be tearing down barriers and not building them. But this is not about us and our personal beliefs and attitudes – it's about Jesus, authentically and really made manifest in a most mystical and miraculous way. Unity also in this must be authentic. (Fr.C)

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues May 14 7:00pm	+Marie Pilon Requested by the O’Hearn Family
Wed May 15 8:30am	+Janina Gal Requested by Barb Gal & Family Unannounced Mass
Thurs May 16 8:30am	+Elena Cinelli Requested by the Rosary Apostolate Wasaga Beach
Friday May 17 7:30am 8:30am	Holy Hour +Bob Sanelli Requested by Cam Sanelli Unannounced Mass
Sat May 18 3:30 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Kevin & Christian Jaramillo Requested by Jacqueline & Terry Wong
Sunday May 19 9:00am	+Jadwiga & Stanislaw Jamroz Requested by the Jamroz Family
11:00am	For the People

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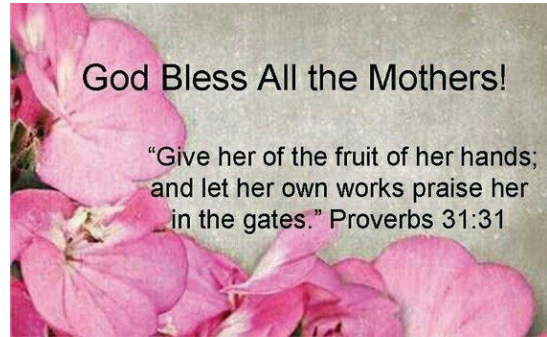
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