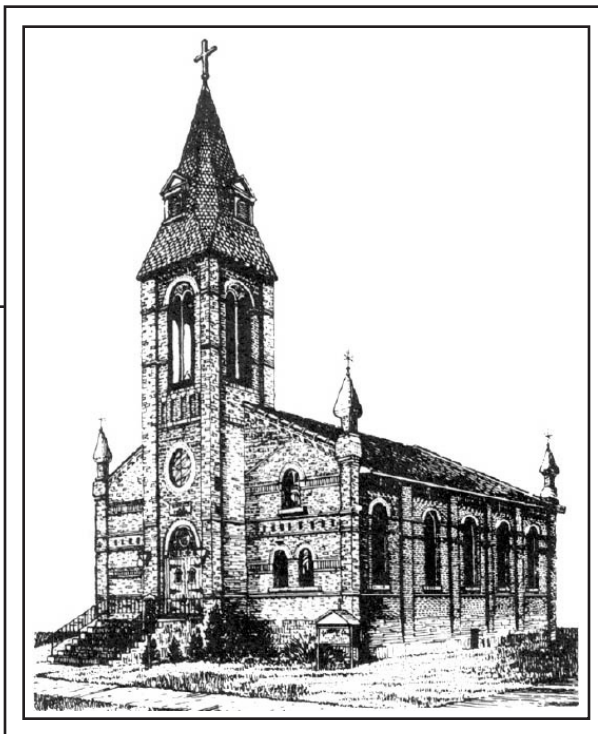


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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LAST BULLETIN FOR SUMMER

As summer is now officially now here (June 21), this will be the last parish bulletin published for the months of July and August. As parish sacraments and activities outside of daily and Sunday Mass quieten down and the activities of the parish slow down, there isn't much to write about or give notice to, so it's best to take a break.

A reminder to our parishioners to peruse the back of your bulletin for the various businesses who advertise in our bulletin and solely make the publication of this bulletin possible as their advertisements cover the entire cost of our weekly bulletin at no cost at all to our parish. Please give these patrons your business whenever possible and tell them that you saw their ad in the parish bulletin. (Fr. Charles)

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



I have often written and preached about the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, not only here at St. Mary's but throughout my life as a priest. In my seminarian training for homiletics, it was often stressed that every homily should lead to and point to the Eucharist we are about to celebrate and receive in the Mass. Yet, over the years I have not merely felt that I should insert the Eucharistic reminder in the homily but that everything I preach about comes from and returns to it.

A few weeks ago, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, I mentioned in my homily that with so many Catholics not believing in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, that we are in need of a Eucharistic revival, a renewal within ourselves as members of the Catholic Church and partakers of the great mystery of Jesus' real, authentic, present-in-the-Eucharist Body and Blood. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have recently addressed this issue with American Catholics and have called for a three-year Eucharistic Revival to not only teach about the Eucharist and what the Church has always held about its centrality to our spiritual lives, but also about how we approach this mystery in light of our sin and in a world and culture that is largely hostile, ignores or takes for granted the spiritual realities Christ has instituted.

Recently, I printed the entire text of chapter six of John's Gospel in order to show the revelation of Jesus in giving us "his flesh to eat and his blood to drink" as he directly links its reception to seeing heaven; "*This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the*

living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. (John 6:50-51)

Eucharistic revival is for all Catholics though, as Dr. Ralph Martin points out, "the Eucharist is for the friends of Christ". He mentioned a US Catholic bishop who has called for the Eucharist to be given to all the baptized of all the Christian church denominations, yet in the face of a crisis of belief in the Eucharist in the Catholic Church where many don't believe, how would this be made better by expanding disbelief by including more people in its continuance. We remember that Jesus himself said that "You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:14) The Catholic Church is the only church that has maintained in perpetuity from the beginning what Christ instituted in his body and blood in the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before his death on the Cross. It's not only important, therefore, it's essential and even central to our Catholic faith.

How is it possible for a renewal in me and in you to take place where we deepen our sense of the closeness of Jesus and particularly in that sacrament that in fact physically brings Jesus so close (within our bodies) if we don't come into his presence? The key, as far as I see it, to an increase in personal belief and understanding requires a personal drawing close in actual exposure to Jesus in the Eucharist – the Holy Hour, weekday Mass besides the obligation of Sunday Mass. And while this is not an option for many who are working, ours is a parish with many retired men and women who could come and adore the Lord, looking at Him as He looks at you.

For the past two years we have had a Holy Hour each Friday morning from 7:30 – 8:30 am followed by Mass. It would seem almost impossible for one who came before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar, in silent prayer and adoration, to not feel all the more drawn to Jesus for the Eucharist IS JESUS!

Why is Sunday Mass an obligation? Because it is our response to the Third Commandment which states in the Book of Exodus, "The seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. (Ex. 31:15) For Christians the Sabbath day is moved to Sunday because this is the day that Jesus rose from the dead and, therefore, every Sunday, 52-Sundays of the year is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, no matter what season of the liturgical year we are in.

Jesus did give us the command to celebrate the Mass, "*Do this in remembrance of me*", (Lk 22:19), yet our faith in Christ isn't limited to Sunday Mass worship but always: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and everything else will be added to you." (Mt. 6:33)

We need not wait (and shouldn't) to draw closer to our Eucharistic Lord for another time when we have more time but now, in the summer, whenever we are able or possibly make the time to spend with Jesus. The Eucharist is not a devotion for those Catholics who are so inclined to those things but is adoration before God in Jesus Christ, truly, visibly present in the Most Holy Sacrament – the Blessed Sacrament – the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Yes, the sacraments are for sinners and we are all sinners. And the Eucharist of all the sacraments was given for and is for the friends of Jesus. "I have called you friends." (FrC)



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday June 27 th	
8:30am	Intentions of Xmara & Cuan MacRae Requested by Filo & Ron MacRae
Wednesday June 28 th	
7:00pm	+Jim Groves Requested by Chris Godin & Family
	Intentions of Madeleine Boilard Requested by the O'Hearn Family
Thursday June 29 th	
8:30am	Intentions of Behm & Angie MacRae Requested by Filo & Ron MacRae
Friday June 30 th	
7:30pm	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Anne Van Boxmeer Requested by the Cudney Family
	+Bogdan Marchidanu Requested by Anca Marchidanu
Saturday July 1 st	
3:30pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+Jim Groves Requested by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday July 2 nd	
9:00am	+Janina & Andrew Gal Requested by Daughter & Grandsons
11:00am	For the People

Please Pray for the Sick

Chelsea Cando, Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Ken Buchan, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Gwen Collard, Mark Zalter, Francesco Hoedl & Family, Hilary Joseph, Jean McMillan

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