

Dear Padre,

Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ's Body and Blood?

Today's Gospel indicates that even before the Last Supper, Jesus' teaching about his Real Presence was met with skepticism. When Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," the reaction was, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:51-52). When Jesus continued, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains



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in me and I in him," his hearers shrugged: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:56, 60).

John's inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ's Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ's eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ

was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn't remain after the worship service.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, "This is my body...this is my blood," he meant exactly what he said. For Jews of Jesus' time, "body" meant the person, and "blood" was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, "This is my very self." Church teaching couldn't be more clear: in the Eucharist "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" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Eucharistic worship also teaches us the right balance of values: not to put earthly realities in first place but heavenly goods; to hunger not only for material food, but also for "food that endures for eternal life" (John 6:27).

—ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESES OF CESENA AND BOLOGNA,

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

JUNE 16

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

JUNE 17

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

JUNE 18

Weekday

Sir 48:1-14

Mt 6:7-15

Friday

JUNE 19

Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11

1 Jn 4:7-16

Mt 11:25-30

Saturday

JUNE 20

Immaculate Heart
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

2 Chr 24:17-25

Lk 2:41-51

Sunday

JUNE 21

Twelfth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33



Corpus Christi Sunday June 14th 2020



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat: 5.00 Pat Leimer & Paul

Sun: 9:00am. Parish

Sun: 6.00pm. Paul Irby {Ri p}

Mon 8.00am. Novena

Tues 8. 00am. Novena

Wed 6.00 pm. Novena

Thu 8. 00 am. Novena

Fri 8:00 am. Novena

20th June Sat 5.00 Pm. Paul

21st June 9.00 am Jr and Sr

George Brignack

6.00pm. Parish

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends

TAKE AND EAT



Many of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out; "how can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we "sophisticated" contemporary Christians to make of it?

The people of Jesus' time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus' discourse, but his reinterpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus' blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The

bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat.

With love and prayers

Fr. David

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Church re-opens for the public: As for the advice and law of the state; Church is opened for the public with conditions you are welcome back. Thanks

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560 or 228 273 5593.

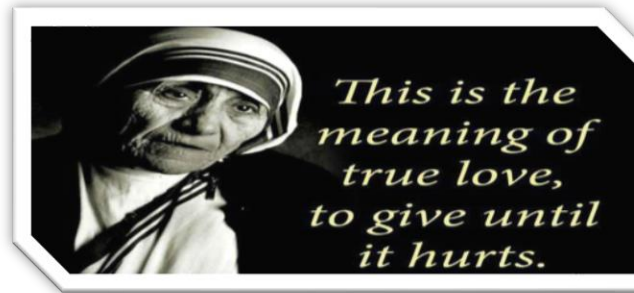
CCD: We thank you Robert Lizana and all the teachers for sharing their faith with our children during the school year. Have a great summer!

First Holy Communion: We will have first Holy Communion Mass this June.20th,

Saturday at 9.00 am.in St. Ann's.



Question call Racheal Glodowski (228 263 2865) and Donna Harrison, (228 263 1034) Thanks.



Father's Day Prayers: Those like to pray and offer Mass for your beloved father on Father's day you are welcome and please print their name in the prayer list. Thanks.



MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill
Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaïse, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner, and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, and kathy Squillate Wally Clifford and Dorris

Bereavement Committee: Please contact Sharon Leimer at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

RCIA: Please contact Sherrie Demello .

Mass Cancelled: There is no mass on June 15th Monday, going for fishing trip with Bishop and priests of Biloxi.

Lizana Light: Would be every Saturday from 9.00am to 11.00am. If someone is needed of food refer them please. If you have any