

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of 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). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23

Weekday

Gn 12:1–9

Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24

The Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25

Weekday

Gn 15:1–12,

17–18

Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26

Weekday

Gn 16:1–12, 15–

16 or 16:6b–12,

15–16

Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27

The Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus

Ez 34:11–16

Rom 5:5b–11

Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28

Weekday

Gn 18:1–15

Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29

Sts. Peter and

Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8,

17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Do you have a question for the Padre?

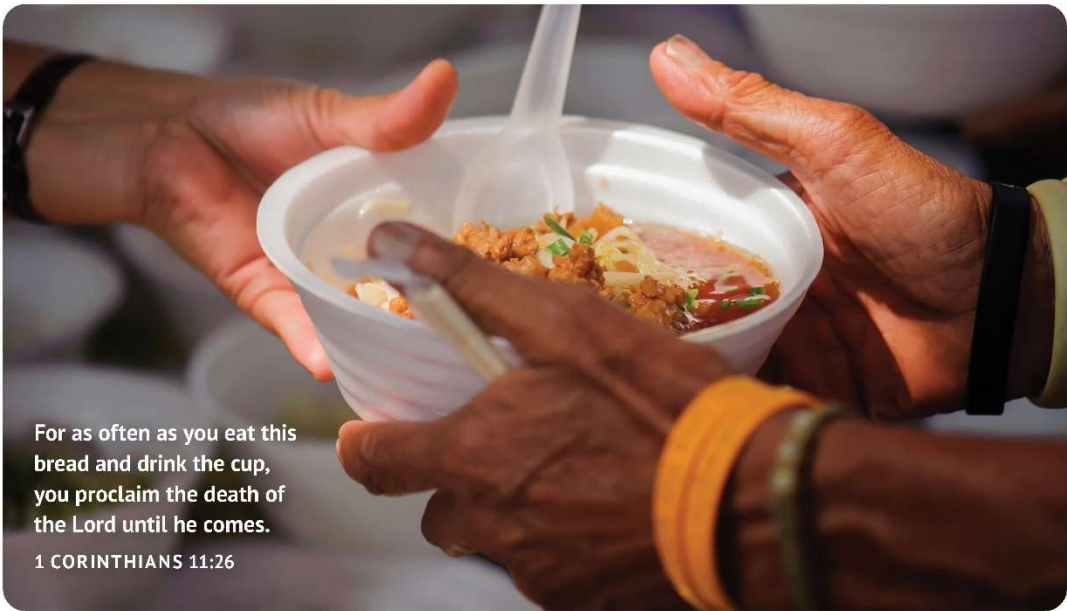
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 22, 2025

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

Genesis 14:18–20 / 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 / Luke 9:11b–17



Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver’s license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger’s kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today’s Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that “deserted” place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life’s storms. ●

Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

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RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on
Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm
availability. Also by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor
at least six months prior to desired date.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
retaining wall. Thank you!

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will

THANK YOU for your donation!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
06/08/25: \$1,136.00
06/15/25: \$X,XXX.00
Building Fund Donations last week: \$?????

The Cove THANKS YOU for your continuing donations
of food, laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap,
toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

CAFFEINE & CALORIES: TODAY IS OUR **PICNIC**



Thank you to all who volunteer and share!



Please consider hosting C & C.
Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR
PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.
GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, June 22 @ 11:00 am, The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,**– Rosary @ 10:20
am
**Wednesday, June 25 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00
am; Adoration/Benediction 5:00 am to 8:30 am**
**Sunday, June 29 @ 11:00 am, The Most Holy
Trinity, Rosary @ 10:20 am**



Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 14: 18-20 As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.
Psalm 110 “You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.”
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Every time we eat the Lord’s body and drink his blood,
we proclaim his life-giving death.
Luke 9:11b-17 The feeding of the multitudes.

In the first reading and the responsorial psalm, we are reminded of Melchizedek,
the first priest mentioned in the Bible. He brought Abraham bread and wine, the same
food and drink that Jesus transformed into his body and blood. The Gospel story of the
feeding of the multitudes through the multiplication of five loaves and two fish reminds
us that God’s generosity is overflowing, able to satisfy us all. Let us listen to God’s
word, so we can go out and become the body of Christ for a world hungering for God’s
goodness.

Question of the Week: During the week ahead, how will I offer myself in imitation of
Jesus to nourish or sustain someone else?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY, JUNE 22nd, 11 a.m. MASS ON THE GRASS, at Twisp Park, *on the Bandstand
side of the road*, NOT at church! ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE PICNIC THAT
FOLLOWS MASS.**

Donations in BOTTLES OF LOVE for CareNet need to be returned. Call Ginny Humling



The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes
Lambert Lombard (1505/1506–1566)



**Please Remember in
Your Prayers**

Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Margaret
(sister of J. Falleen)
Fred Nowicki
Julie Humling
Evangeline Grace Knox
Teagan Maxwell
Paul Budrow
Melissa Larson
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan
Kyle Rogers
Jim Perra
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr



**Repose of the
Soul of**

Pope Francis