

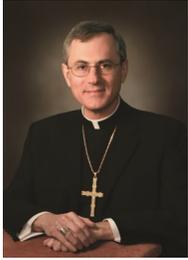


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JUNE 6, 2021



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The Eucharist: The Beating Heart of the Church

“The Gospel today speaks of the Last Supper, but surprisingly, pays more attention to the preparations than to the dinner itself. Jesus, then, prepares for us and asks us to be prepared. What does he prepare for us? A place and a meal. A place much more worthy than the “large furnished room” of the Gospel. It is our spacious and vast home here below, the Church, where there is, and must be, room for everyone. But he has also reserved a place for us on high, in heaven, so that we can be with him and with one another for ever. In addition to a place, he prepares a meal, the Bread in which he gives himself: “Take; this is my body” (Mk 14:22). These two gifts, a place and a meal, are what we need to live. They are our ultimate “room and board”. Both are bestowed upon us in the Eucharist.

Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven. It comes down from heaven – it is the only matter on earth that savours of eternity. It is the bread of things to come; even now, it grants us a foretaste of a future infinitely greater than all we can hope for or imagine. It is the bread that states our greatest expectations and feeds our finest dreams. It is, in a word, the pledge of eternal life – not simply a promise but a pledge, a concrete anticipation of what awaits us there. The Eucharist is our “reservation” for the heavenly banquet; it is Jesus himself, as food for our journey towards eternal life and happiness.

In the consecrated host, together with a place, Jesus prepares for us a meal, food for our nourishment. In life, we constantly need to be fed: nourished not only with food, but also with plans and affection, hopes and desires. We hunger to be loved. But the most pleasing compliments, the finest gifts and the most advanced technologies are not enough; they never completely satisfy us. The Eucharist is simple food, like bread, yet it is the only food that satisfies, for there is no greater love. There we encounter Jesus really; we share his life and we feel his love. There you can realize that his death and resurrection are for you.

As he did with his disciples, so too today Jesus asks us, today, to prepare. Like the disciples, let us ask him: “Lord, where do you want us to go to prepare?” Where: Jesus does not prefer exclusive, selective places. He looks for places untouched by love, untouched by hope. Those uncomfortable places are where he wants to go and he asks us to prepare his way. How many persons lack dignified housing or food to eat! All of us know people who are lonely, troubled and in need: they are abandoned tabernacles. We, who receive from Jesus our own room and board, are here to prepare a place and a meal for these, our brothers and sisters in need. Jesus became bread broken for our sake; in turn, he asks us to give ourselves to others, to live no longer for ourselves but for one another. In this way, we live “eucharistically”, pouring out upon the world the love we draw from the Lord’s flesh. The Eucharist is translated into life when we pass beyond ourselves to those all around us.

The Gospel tells us that the disciples made their preparations once they “set out and went to the city”. The Lord calls us also today to prepare for his coming not by keeping our distance but by entering our cities. But this requires loosening the knots that keep us bound to the moorings of fear and depression. The Eucharist invites us to let ourselves be carried along by the wave of Jesus, to not remain grounded on the beach in the hope that something may come along, but to cast into the deep, free, courageous and united.”

Excerpt from Pope Francis' homily, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 2018



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*We remember the 215 children whose graves have now been discovered.
As we have so shamefully failed them in this life,
may they find honour and healing as the first in your Kingdom.*



**Abide in My Love:
Cross-Canada Online Celebration
for Christian Unity
Saturday, June 5, 3:00 - 4:00 pm EDT**

While the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally celebrated January 18-25 in Canada, many communities have not been able to mark it this year because of COVID-19. The season of Pentecost is another traditional time for celebrating WPCU globally, and we warmly invite you to this special opportunity for Christians across Canada to gather and pray for unity on June 5, a date that falls between Western and Eastern Pentecost this year.

Leaders from diverse Christian traditions in Canada will offer prayers and Scripture readings. The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary, General Council, The United Church of Canada, and His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Québec and Primate of Canada, will offer homiletic reflections.

This online event is free. To register, click [here](#).

*Gathering as branches of Christ the True Vine, let us
experience, and bear witness to,
God's abiding love during this season of Pentecost!*



Novena to the Sacred Heart

Starting on June 2, you can celebrate a Novena, nine-days of prayer leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11 (also the World Day of Prayer for Priests). Prepared by the Institute for Catholic Education, the Novena can be celebrated individually or with your family and friends. June 2 is a day of preparation for the Novena and it formally begins on June 3. The full guide and the prayers can be found [here](#).

Moving into the Season of Ordinary Time

When we think of liturgical seasons we typically think of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These seasons celebrate many of the high points of Jesus' life, namely the incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. The weeks of Ordinary Time contain the rest of Jesus' earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels we have come to know.

In our liturgies of Ordinary Time we hear of the miracles, the parables, the calling of the twelve, the sermon on the mount, the bread of life discourse and more during this season. There is still much for us to celebrate.

When we think of the rich symbols associated with the other liturgical seasons, we may not think of many associated with the Season of Ordinary Time. Symbols in my Home from Creighton Online Ministries explores the season of Ordinary Time and the symbols we can use to enter more fully into this season of celebration. Click [here](#) to read.



**Knights of Columbus Virtual
Online Open House**

You and your families are cordially invited to join us for our St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council Fraternal Benefit's Night Online through Microsoft Teams. Friday June 11th 7 pm to 8 pm. Spaces are limited, so please guarantee your spot now. We are a brotherhood to help strengthen your faith and to put it into action. Come and learn how the Knights of Columbus can protect your family financially! Either call 519-870-9675 or send email to john.noonan@kofc.org to be sent an invite to this event. Please put "St. Peter's K of C Fraternal Benefit Night" in the subject line.



From the Desk of the Rector

You cannot view the memorial in front of the Cathedral without being moved by many emotions – anger, helplessness, love and hope. Hope comes when we realize those who died rest in God’s loving embrace. But where do we move from here? What are we being called to? Healing and restoration only come after we admit our mistakes and set about educating ourselves about our history – the good and the bad, the comforting and the challenging. The setting is a call for all of us to reflect on what our personal and collective response needs to be in the days ahead. Attached is a [link](#) to Bishop Fabbro’s statement.

Throughout the Gospel Jesus calls us to love. We are to love God and love our neighbour. But how do we know we are doing that appropriately? One way is to match it to the way we love ourselves. If we were to love others with the same excitement and understanding as we love ourselves we would be acting in a way that speaks of God’s presence. Jesus commands us to love ourselves. He wants us to discover the reflection of God within our own created being, to be happy with it, knowing, if we do, will be easier to find God’s presence in others and we would be drawn to them.

This isn’t pride or vanity. It’s being healthy. What if we stood always in the realization that God is everywhere and in every being. Somewhere in our history a false humility developed wrongly telling us we are not good people. Some would say “I am not worthy” or “I have no value.” or “I possess no redeeming qualities.” To speak poorly of ourselves is never Christian. As one speaker put it “...that language sounds like God made a mistake in creating me...”

Loving and understanding ourselves will always turn us into more compassionate people. I hope we all look deeply inside ourselves and honestly view our strengths and weaknesses. Doing that will allow us to look deeply inside the experience of others and meet their needs and feelings.

Understanding ourselves becomes the measuring stick for loving others.

Fr. Jim Moeller



Celebrating the Sacraments

During the month of May we welcomed into God’s Family through the waters of Baptism:

Madelyn Caldwell, Rosalyn Rosehart, Hailey Paish

We congratulate the following couples who have committed their lives to each other and God through the sacrament of Marriage in May:

Chris Colafranceschi and Jessica Baber

Kyle Santos and Justyne Carreiro

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS (LIVE STREAMED ONLY)

June 9—Wednesday 12 PM

Eve Penaranda; Madline & John Crossin; Laurenso Son Tran;
Mr & Mrs Dominic Sloom; Patrocino Romero;
Fr. Stephen Bodnar

June 12—Saturday 5 PM

Maria Paino; Doris Pellerin; George Corbett; Geraldine Mary Paquette; Giovanna DiCola; Intns of Fran Dittrich

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Zenaida Peralta; and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood; Rev. Joseph Langlois; Mrs. Dianne O’Neil, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Barnabas Kiss, O.F.M.; Deacon Carol Tamas; Deacon Guy Alden; Mrs. Monika Korzec, Pastoral Minister

READINGS FOR JUNE 16, 2021 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Ezekiel 17.22-24

I will make high the low tree.

Responsorial - Ps 92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15 (R.1)

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Whether in the body or away from it we make it our aim to please the Lord.

Gospel - Mark 4.26-34

The smallest seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.



Laudato Si' Retreat

The London Development and Peace Diocesan Council is hosting a Laudato Si' Retreat on Saturday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with Sr. Sue Wilson, CSJ. To register click [here](#).



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