

On Holy Communion in John chapter 6

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is typically referred to as “Holy Communion.” Why? Because one of the most emphatic teachings of Jesus Christ is the need to receive His Body & Blood; this most intimate sharing of Himself is called Holy Communion.

In the sixth chapter of St John’s Gospel, Jesus feeds 5000 men with five loaves at the Sea of Galilee then goes to Capernaum, a small town at the other end of the lake. After the crowds rejoin him, he says, “Amen, amen, you seek me, not because you have seen miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and are filled.” (Jn 6:26) He tells them not to labor for bread that perishes, but for the *meat of everlasting life* “**which the Son of man will give you.**” (Jn 6:27) The crowds demand a sign so that they may believe: “Our fathers ate manna in the desert as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat (Ecc 24:29).*” Jesus replies *the manna* was not the promised “bread from heaven” but he himself is this bread...

“I am the bread of life... I am the living bread which came down from heaven. (6:41)

“I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate manna in the desert and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven that if anyone eat of it, he may not die.” (6:48-49)

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.” (6:51-52)

As the multitude debate His meaning, so Jesus further explains: “Amen, amen, I say to you, except you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood you shall have no life in you. He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life... my flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed. He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him... This is the bread which came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna and are dead. He that eats this bread shall live forever.” (6:54-59)

At this juncture, after Jesus spoke six times - in most clear language - of the dire need to eat the flesh of God, *many* of His disciples, disbelieving, “walked no more with him.” (6:67)

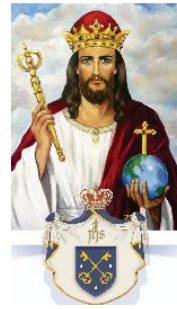
Indeed, they understood what he meant, but they could not accept it: “No one can come to the Son unless the Father draw him.” (Jn 6:66)

To end, learned Protestants admit, not knowing what to do with John chapter six they simply skip over it as if it did not exist.

Years ago, on the Journey Home Network, Marcus Grodi asked a Protestant minister turned Catholic, “What did you do about John chapter 6?” Embarrassed, he admitted, “I just turned the page.” Marcus, an ex-Protestant minister himself, and a humble man, replied, “I did too!” Turning the page is one solution, but it does not solve the problem. But what is worse: to pretend it does not exist, or to hear the discourse & walk away in disbelief, or to listen attentively with a nodding head, yet remain unwilling to eat the flesh of the Son of God in Holy Communion, or to believe & receive Jesus in Holy Communion while advocating for abortion?

To those who have a difficulty with this topic; who may question the reality of Holy Communion truly being Jesus Christ, to these I say: “‘Picture your judgment; should Jesus Christ ask you, ‘Why did you worship that consecrated Bread.’ Reply, ‘Because, when you said to your disciples, ‘This is my body.’ I believed you.’”

Last, let us be humble in our knowledge of the truth. The Gospel tells us, it is doing the will of the Father which obtains eternal life: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 7:21) Knowing and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion must accompany the doing of what the Father wills to be of true benefit.



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls according to the liturgical books of 1962.

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)

Saturday at 9:00 am.

Sacramental Emergency: 941-400-5415

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; & 10:30 am sung & a seasonal 12:30 pm low Mass.

Items on the “Blessing Table” in the hall are blessed after the last Sunday Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

Sarasota “Lost & Found” now located in the office

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
COMMEMORATION		
Sun 07-30	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G
Mon 07-31	St Ignatius of Loyola	3/W
Tues 08-01	St Peter in Chains	4/W St Paul, Holy Machabees
Wed 08-02	St Alphonsus Liguori	3/W
Thu 08-03	Finding of the Body of St Stephen	3/W
Fri 08-04	Sacred Heart	3/W St Dominic
Sat 08-05	Immaculate Heart	3/W
Sun 08-06	Transfiguration D.N.J.C	2/W

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 07-30	(7 am) FssP & preservation of TLM (8:30 am) Gregory Joseph Johnson+ rb M Johnson (10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass
Mon 07-31	(12 pm) Jessica Hanna rb T Shehwen
Tues 08-01	(7 am) Intentions of the pastor rb a tertiary (9 am) Fssp Confraternity intentions rb M/M L Truong
Wed 08-02	(7 am) Don Squillace rb Burkett family (9 am) Andrew McKinnon+ rb L Gale
Thu 08-03	(7 am) Conversion of a loved one rb anonymous (9 am) Anne Clough rb R Speer
Fri 08-04	(9 am) Sanctification of Tristan S Michaels rb RA Setele (6:30 pm) Mary Milbrodt rb Emke family
Sat 08-05	(9 am) Clara Casini+ rb C DiGiacinto
Sun 08-06	(7 am) Fr Christopher Mahowald rb T&M Ruane (8:30 am) Intentions of Marie Meza rb M/M Meza (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass

The 12:30 pm will be retired until the Fall.

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: Come, Holy Ghost, #883; Asperges, #567; Mass IV, #710 & Credo IV, #780; Exit: Panis Angelicus, #895.

This Week: Monday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Wednesday, Parish Finance Council meeting (5 pm); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), adoration (5-8 pm); 1st Friday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour 5:30 pm, Mass (6:30 pm), Young Adults (7:30 pm); 1st Saturday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), [*Ocala*, Mass & devotions (10:30 am)

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$3,183.00; on-line \$1,423.00; CFA \$100.00.

Total souls: 438: 7 am-58; 8:30 am-158; 10:30 am-222; *Ocala* (303)

2023 CFA status at CtK as of July 22, 2023 : \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$75,770.48 pledged (61.60% of goal); from 39.07% of 215 households; \$57,279.18 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Please pray for: Eileen McCain (7/30); Altin Bianka Elisa, Era Edward Bebi, Jonh Aide Agnes, Hekuran Mereme, Juan Santiago, Lindita, Kejsida, Marina, Aunt Fitrete, (7/23); Timothy John Came, Gabriel Beggy, & Helene de Saizieu (7/9).

A plenary indulgence may be gained by visiting a church on the second day of August and reciting there an Our Father & the Creed (Portiuncula Indulgence). (Handbook of Indulgences, norm #22)

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by banning government regulation of abortion in our state constitution. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. Floridian Catholics should not sign the petition. The amendment would hinder the Florida legislature's ability to protect women and children from abortion. Please also continue your prayers for the protection of the unborn and spread the word to your spheres of influence. (from the diocese)

There have been recent incidents where parishioners have been contacted supposedly by their pastor and/or parish staff to send gift cards, cash or money orders via email or text. These requests are a scam and under no circumstances should you reply to these emails or comply with these requests. Nor should you divulge any personal information to anyone that is not a trusted source. If you are contacted with a request for money via email or text, and the message appears as though it is from a Diocesan priest or employee, do not reply. Instead, make direct contact with the person by calling the Parish and asking to speak with the priest or employee. (from the diocese)

Indeed, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and the other works of mercy are incumbent upon the Christian. But we must understand this duty in light of the full Gospel. St Paul had to tell the Christians of Thessalonica, "When we were with you, we gave you this rule: *'If a man will not work, he shall not eat.'* We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. (2 Thess. 3:10) This rule is also part of Christian charity.