

June 3, 2018

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:45am-2:45pm

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Fredy Angel

Pastor

Deacon Ray Brown

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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 11:30am

Monday-Wednesday 12:00PM

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Meet every Sunday at 11:30 in church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at (229) 794-9140

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

Knights of Columbus

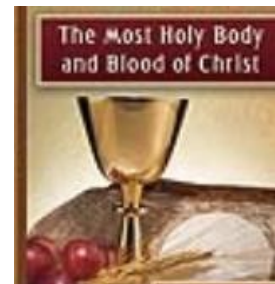
Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Next: June 12, 2018

Adoration

Next: July 7, 2018

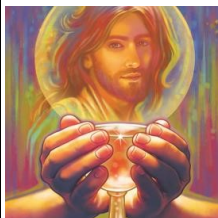
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Today, we are careful never to meet blood unless protected by gloves, masks, and goggles. In the reading from Exodus, however, Moses dramatically splashes blood all over the altar and the people assembled for worship. Blood is the sign of God's covenant with the Israelites, a powerful bond between Creator and creature. Sprinkling blood on God's people connects them with the life force of the Lord. The reading from Hebrews shows how God remains faithful to the ancient covenant of blood, perfecting it in the bloody death of Jesus. Mercifully, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross put an end to the bloodshed. Our Eucharistic celebration is an unblood sacrifice. As we participate in the liturgy, we share in the new covenant Jesus gives us, recorded in our reading from Mark's Gospel: "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it."



AS REAL AS IT GETS

The "new covenant" described in Hebrews is every bit as real as the dramatic blood-splashed covenant of Exodus. Jesus transformed the covenantal experience for us, putting an end to bloody animal sacrifices. The author of Hebrews explains: "he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption." Jesus died, once for all, offering his own blood in atonement for our sins. On the last night of his life, Jesus commanded us to offer bread and wine-- which he transforms into his own Body and Blood--in remembrance of his perfect sacrifice. Although pouring wine from a bottle is in a different category from killing a bull and sprinkling its blood, we must never forget that the wine we offer truly becomes the actual Blood of Christ.



ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

Jesus' free choice to die for us on the cross perfected the long tradition of priests offering bloody sacrifices on the altar. As our reading from Hebrews tells us, "Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be." In his death, Jesus served as both the priest and the victim, "once for all." Jesus died for us. For all of us. He knows us each by name and raises us all to undivided, unprejudiced dignity. In doing this, Jesus makes us part of a "royal priesthood." Under the new covenant, we are baptized into the common priesthood of Jesus and invited to make a sacrifice of our very selves. God still calls ordained priests to offer the sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood every day on our altars. This is a great gift, and the focus of our solemn feast today. Our common baptismal priesthood also reminds us that each one of us participates in the great sacrifice of Jesus when we offer our love and deeds on the altar of our hearts.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never from the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liège, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions. Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible. -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Our picnic and soccer tournament will be June 17, 2018.



We will be starting our Novena for St. Anthony of Padua on June 5, 2018.



Happy Birthdays

William Hamilton
 Alfonso Garduno Jr.
 Abigail Barzallo
 Rick Knight
 Roberto Oropeza
 Delia Saucedo



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



May 27, 2018 Collections

Regular Collection	\$1094.49
Building Fund	\$1625.00
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$75.00

Let us pray for the health of:

Fr. Marvin LeFrois, Cruz Family,
 Olivia Ursrey, Eva De Angel,
 Andrew & Mary Carrell Morrison.

For the Eternal rest of:
 All Souls

