



THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 14:18 - 20

Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High, brought bread and wine, blessing Abram and the creator of heaven and earth, who delivered Abram's enemies into his hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

Paul handed on the tradition that the Lord Jesus broke bread with His disciples and drank the cup of the new covenant in His blood. Paul wrote, "As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes."

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 9:11b - 17

After teaching about God's reign and healing those in need, Jesus took five loaves and two fish, raised His eyes to heaven, and blessed and broke them for His disciples to distribute to the crowd. Afterward, leftover fragments filled twelve wicker baskets.

When an event is especially important, we repeat it in the form of a ritual. It gives all the opportunity to participate while it heightens its significance. We see rituals in all three readings. From Melchizedek and Abram to Jesus and the multitudes, food is shared and God's blessing is invoked. Looking forward to today's celebration of the Eucharist, let us take note of the elements of this ritual in today's readings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Glenroy Warrington rb His, mother.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for Francis and Allison Callwood.

10:00 AM: God's healing, guidance and protection for the Louis and Maynard families. rb Marilyn Louis.

5:00 PM: God's healing and blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. June 24, 7:00 AM: **Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Solemnity**
God's healing, guidance and blessings for Holy Family Church cleaners and their family.

Tues. June 25, 7:00 AM: **St. William of Vercelli**
God's protection and blessings for Jane Ann Casey and for her children and grandchildren.

Wed. June 26, 7:00 AM: **St. Josemaria Escriva**
God's healing, guidance and blessings for Latoya Gumbs and family.

Thurs. June 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Cyril of Alexandria**
God's healing, guidance and blessings for Mona Bedminster and family.

Fri. June 28, 7:00 AM: **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
God's protection and blessings for Pamela Charles and for her children and grandchildren.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Diocesan Seminarians**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Peter's Pence**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: The public phase of our Bishop's Appeal 2019 has concluded. As of June 3, 2019, the parishes have raised \$120,884 or 45% of the parish goals.

We are grateful to all those who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal. To make our goal, we still need everyone's participation. Our schools, Catholic Charities and Evangelization efforts need everyone's support! Your gift helps feed the hungry and gives safe shelter to mothers and children in desperate need. For your convenience, you can still make a pledge and pay it in installments. The Bishop's Appeal 2019 will formally end on December 31, 2019 so you have ample time to fulfill your pledge.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You! **"Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto Me."**

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's deliverance, guidance and protection for Felix Renal**, requested by his mother. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

CONGRATULATIONS: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends congratulations to all our 2019 college and High School graduates. May God continue to bless you. Once again, congratulations and keep up the good work.

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred this **Saturday, June 22, 2019**, at the 5:00 p.m. mass. Let us keep them in our prayers. Thank you to the volunteers and parents of our students.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that the sacrament of Confessions will take place on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners and Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to the family of McLean Fontain (Sparrow), who died on **Thursday, June 13, 2019, in New York**. The funeral service for the late **McLean Fontain (Sparrow)** will take place in New York. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING: MELCHIZEDEK MEETS ABRAHAM

The reading presents before us Abraham receiving a gift and a blessing from Melchizedek, king of Salem (Jerusalem). Some enemy kings had attacked the Kings of Sodom and Gomorrah and taken captive Lot, the nephew of Abraham and the women and the children with him along with the goods they possessed.

The kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fought back but could not defeat the enemies. When the matter was brought to the attention of Abraham he went into battle and liberated Lot and his family. Seeing this, the king of Sodom comes to Abraham to thank him for the victory and the return of goods which he and his associates could not do. Abraham did what the king of Sodom could not do. It is in this context that Melchizedek, king and priest of Jerusalem, blesses Abraham. Abraham acknowledges the blessing by giving a tenth of the recaptured booty as a tithe to Melchizedek.

2ND READING: MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE EUCHARIST CORRECTED

The rich Christians of Corinth arrive first for the Eucharistic celebration, and they start their meal. By the time the poor arrive, very little food is left for them. In order to give the Corinthians the correct understanding of the Eucharist, Paul gives an account of the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus. The Eucharistic celebration recalls the historical incident of Christ's death. It should not be confused with a regular meal which one can easily eat at home. Another important aspect is that the poor should not be neglected. The Eucharist should not be an occasion to show one's superiority over the less privileged. It is a fellowship meal which should be celebrated as such.

GOSPEL: BREAD MULTIPLIED

Jesus apparently intends to take the Twelve away by themselves for a rest after their tour, but the crowds prevent this, and Jesus seizes the opportunity to teach them. At the end of the day the disciples are anxious about the people. They themselves have little food and certainly not the money to provide for everyone's needs. The story of how Jesus uses what is available is told simply as an indication of his power.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **434**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,773.55

Youth Ministry: \$1,050.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$26,156.00, 65% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

Whereas what the disciples have, five loaves of bread and two fish, is inadequate to feed the crowd, what Jesus has, namely, his confidence that whatever he asks his Father would be granted him which is food for the hungry in this case, enables him to feed them abundantly, and with leftovers. The wonderful abundance of food stands as a double lesson to the Twelve: abundance is found not in the power to purchase with money, but in the power of the Lord; and, those who give receive back even more extravagantly. Like the other evangelists, Luke has the feeding miracle point forward to the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples (Lk 22:19). But his account has another element of anticipation. Jesus here appears as one who provides food for the people. His authority to preach and heal, in other words, is symbolized by table service. This is made explicit at the Last Supper, when he tells the Twelve, "I am among you as one who serves" (Lk 22:27). The same symbolization of authority as service applies to the Twelve as well.

"The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church. Communion with divine life and unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic celebration we are united already with liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life."