



Food for the Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

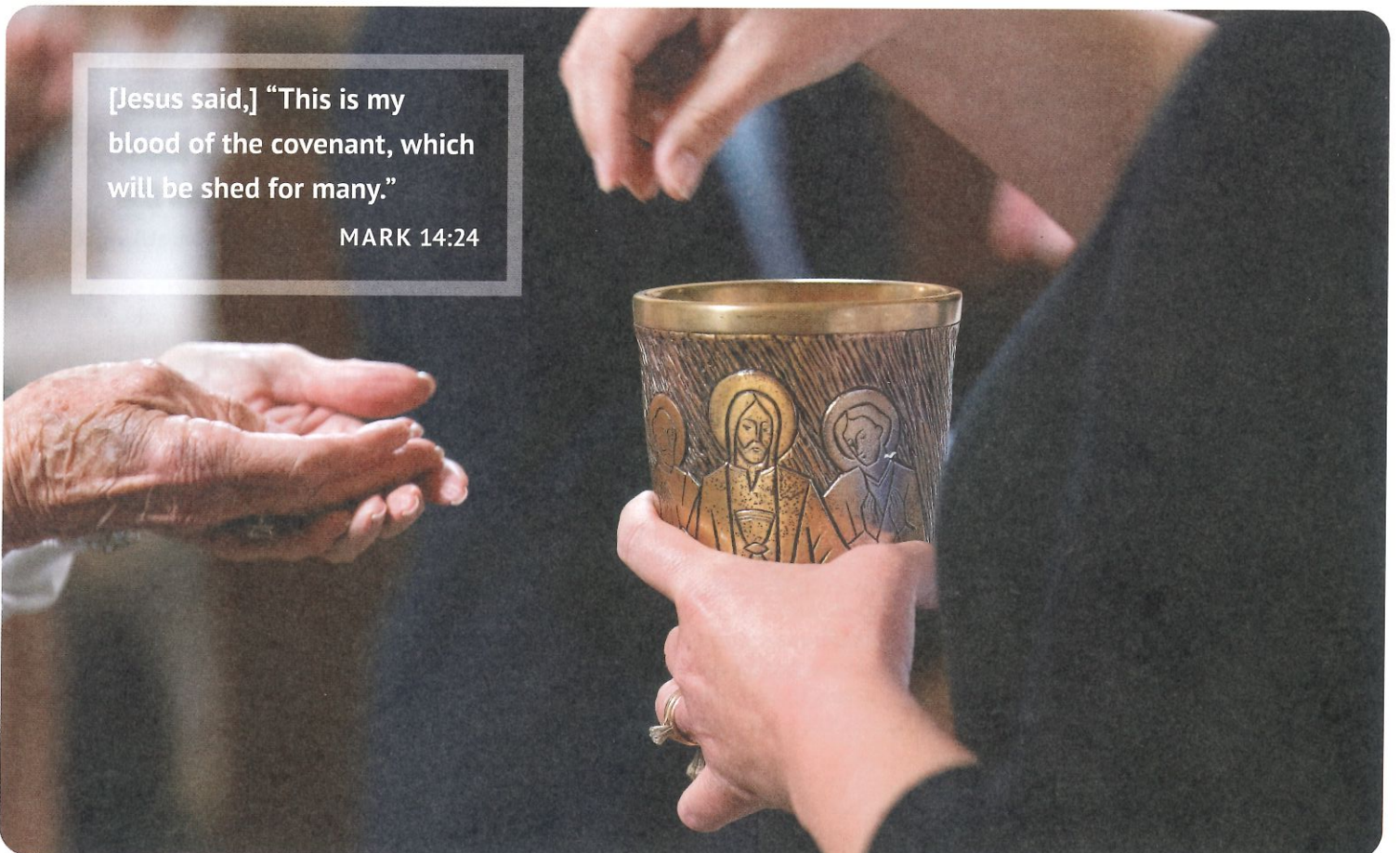
As the story is told, two men were talking about why they go or do not go to church every weekend. One argued why he no longer comes to Mass: “I went every Sunday for almost thirty years and I can’t remember a single sermon from all those years that I sat in a pew.” The other thought about that and then replied, “You know, my wife and I have been married for more than twenty-five years. Just about every day during those years my wife and I sat down and shared a meal at least twice a day. Now I can’t say that I remember more than one or two of those meals, but if we hadn’t sat down to share those meals every day, I don’t think we would still be married today.”

Surely there are many reasons why Catholics come

to the Eucharist each weekend. Some come for the homily, some for receiving holy Communion, others for the singing, and still others to be part of a faith community. For most, it is probably some of each. Yet behind all of it, though most might not think of saying so, is a commitment to be people of faith, to believe in the Lord Jesus, and to live as his disciples. It is the same commitment the Hebrews made in the desert in Exodus 24:3: “We will do everything that the LORD has told us.” Indeed, how long would we be believers and disciples of Jesus without being fed at his table? ●

Reflect

Why do you come to Mass each week?

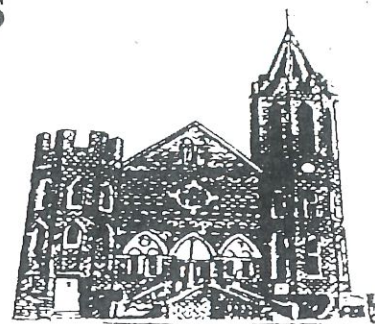


[Jesus said,] “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”
MARK 14:24

Catholic Communities



Parish Pastor
Rev. William Pifher
419-446-9288



Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



OLM PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday and Thursday

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MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- * **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- * **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- * **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- * **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- * **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- * **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday, Noon.** Please either call or email at

OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9th Sunday of Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

THE MOST REVERAND DANIEL E. THOMAS

Bishop Thomas will be celebrating Mass here at Our Lady of Mercy on June 9th at 8:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

This is Anita Van Zile's 25th year as Catholic Heart Workcamp Youth Leader. Please pray for the participants youth and adults as they make their way to Louisville, KY for their mission.

Evan Beauregard, Will Maginn, Brendan Woenker, Mary & Dave Borer, Mike Maginn, and Anita Van Zile, May God guide your path for safe travels and your hands and feet for a great works - Amen.

NEW MISSALS

Starting on June 9, 2024, the "We Celebrate" Missals will be on a stand when you enter the church, please pick it up there. When Mass has concluded please return to the stand. Thank you for your understanding during this transition.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Right is right if no one's doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it."
St. Augustine

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

229 (106) +At the beginning of the retreat, Jesus told me, **During this retreat, I Myself will direct your soul. I want to confirm you in peace and love.** And so, the first few days passed by. On the fourth day doubts began to trouble me: Is no this tranquility of mine false? Then I heard these words, **My daughter, imagine that you are the sovereign of all the world and have the power to dispose of all things according to your good pleasure. You have the power to do all the good you want, and suddenly a little child knocks on your door, all trembling and in tears and, trusting in your kindness, asks for a piece of bread lest he die of starvation. What would you do for this child? Answer Me, my daughter.** And I said, "Jesus, I would give the child all it asked and a thousand times more." And the Lord said to me, **That is how I am treating your soul. In this retreat I am giving you, not only peace, but also such a disposition of soul that even if you wanted to experience uneasiness you could not do so. My love has taken possession of your soul, and I want you to be confirmed in it. Bring your ear close to My Heart, forget everything else, and meditate upon My wondrous mercy. My love will give you the strength and courage you need in these matters.**

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 4 – Sept. 28 – Farmers Market, Opera House parking lot 9 am – 1 pm
---June 19 – Community Meal – 5 – 6 pm Fayette Methodist Family Life Center

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilejn@hotmail.com or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.

Privacy Issues for Parish Office:
IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

June

2024

Our Lady of Mercy

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Bishop Thomas						
Catholic Heart						
Workcamp						
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Happy Father's Day						
Donuts for Dads						
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Please Pray for our Diocesan Priests						
Priest Convocation						
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Youth and their						
Leaders						
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Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of June 2 – June 8

Sunday, June 2 – St. Elmo - St. Elmo (d. 303 AD), also known as St. Erasmus of Formia, was an Italian bishop during the reign of Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. During their brutal persecution against Christians, St. Elmo left his diocese and fled to Mount Lebanon where he lived for seven years. An angel advised him to return to his diocese in order to vanquish his enemies. As he traveled there he was stopped and questioned by Roman soldiers. After declaring himself to be a Christian, he was brought to stand trial before Diocletian himself. St. Elmo confessed his faith in Christ and denounced the emperor for his impiety. For this rebuke he was tortured and thrown into prison, but an angel miraculously freed him so that he could continue on his journey and save many souls along the way. Two more times St. Elmo would endure the cycle of working miracles, baptizing thousands of people, getting arrested and mercilessly tortured, and being miraculously freed before arriving back in his own diocese. During his travels he suffered many horrible tortures at the hands of his enemies, but according to the oldest tradition he died at peace in Formia, though later accounts have him being martyred there by disembowelment. St. Elmo is the patron of mariners and sailors, abdominal pain, intestinal cramps, and women in labor. The electrical discharge on ships at sea, "St. Elmo's Fire," is named for him. His feast day is June 2nd.

Monday, June 3 – St. Kevin of Glendalough - St. Kevin of Glendalough (498-618 A.D.) lived in Ireland during the age of the great early Irish saints, many of whom were his contemporaries. He was baptized by St. Cronan, and from age seven was taught by St. Petroc. From age twelve he studied under the Irish monks as a student of St. Eonagh, and eventually became a monk himself. Among his friends were St. Comgall, St. Columba, St. Cannich, and St. Kieran. After his ordination he lived a penitential life as a cave-dwelling hermit for seven years. Word of his holiness spread, and he attracted a group of followers which led him to found the famous monastery at Glendalough. Because of his fame this remote spot became a town and then a city, with offshoots of several other monastic foundations rising up around it. He served as abbot at Glendalough, and once the monastery was well-established he withdrew to live as a hermit again for four years. He was then called back to Glendalough, and continued to serve as abbot there until his death at age 120. St. Kevin has many legends surrounding him involving wild animals obeying his commands, seeking him for refuge, and helping him feed others. St. Kevin is the patron of blackbirds, Glendalough, the Archdiocese of Dublin, and he is one of the patron saints of Ireland. His feast day is June 3rd.

Tuesday, June 4– St. Filippo Smaldone - St. Filippo Smaldone (1848–1923) was born in Naples, Italy, during a time of upheaval and unrest both in Italy and in the Church. He decided to become a priest, and while in seminary he took on a personal apostolate of assisting the deaf and mute community in Naples. He dedicated so much time to this work that he barely passed his exams. After his ordination he continued to assist the marginalized of his community, especially the sick. When the plague hit his city he contracted it, however, he was healed after praying to Our Lady of Pompeii, to whom he had a special devotion. He continued his pioneer work in the education of the deaf and mute, though he became discouraged at the difficulty of the task and considered going into the foreign missions instead. Dissuaded from the abandonment of his work by his confessor, St. Filippo committed his life's mission to the needs of the deaf and mute, training a group of nuns in the work which grew into a new religious foundation. He later expanded his work to include children that were blind, orphaned, and abandoned. His feast day is June 4th.

Wednesday, June 5 – St. Boniface - St. Boniface (d. 754 A.D.) was born to a noble Christian family in Devonshire, England. He became a Benedictine monk and devoted his life to the evangelization of the pagan Germanic tribes in what is now Germany. He went there at the request of Pope Gregory II in 719 A.D. and systematically opened up the vast tracks of wilderness to the Gospel, building on the work of the earlier Irish missionaries. St. Boniface organized the Catholic Church in Germany, instructed the faithful, and converted the pagans. He became the bishop of Mainz and founded or restored many dioceses. Working alongside him as evangelists were his nephews and niece, St. Willibald, St. Winebald, and St. Walburga, who all came from England to Germany to assist him.

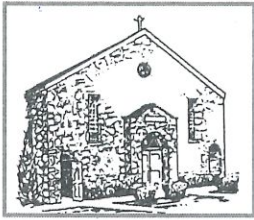
(St. Boniface – cont.)

Legend has it that at Christmastime he chopped down a large tree which was worshiped as a god and used in child sacrifice, and the local pagans converted to Christianity as a result. Instead of worshiping the tree, St. Boniface gave them a smaller evergreen tree as a symbol of eternal life in Christ, the origin of the Christmas tree tradition. He was martyred for his faith along with 52 others as he read the Scriptures on Pentecost Sunday. St. Boniface profoundly influenced the course of German history in the Middle Ages and helped to make it a Christian nation. For his missionary work he is known as the "Apostle of Germany." St. Boniface is the patron of tailors, brewers, and Germany. His feast day is June 5th.

Thursday, June 6 – St. Marcellin Champagnat – St. Marcellin Champagnat (1789–1840) was born to a peasant family near Lyons, France, in the same year the French Revolution erupted. He grew up amid the havoc and instability it left in every area of life. Like many other children, St. Marcellin was poor and illiterate due to the collapse of education. Yet a visiting priest encouraged him to enter the seminary, which he did at the age of sixteen despite his poverty. Because of his lack of education he struggled academically, which inspired him to combat the illiteracy and spiritual poverty resulting from the violence and chaos of the French Revolution. With hard work, prayer, and the support of his family, he was ordained in 1816. The following year he bought a simple house, opened a school, and recruited other peasant men to join him in a new community devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and committed to giving young people a proper Christian education. He made his school year flexible with the farming seasons, and the fees were affordable to the poor. His congregation became The Little Brothers of Mary, now called The Marist Brothers. They were dedicated to the education of youth, especially the most neglected. When Marcellin died his order had 48 establishments in France with 278 Brothers. Today there are 5,100 Brothers working in over 80 countries. St. Marcellin Champagnat's feast day is June 6th.

Friday, June 7 – Blessed Anne of St. Bartholomew - Bl. Anne of St. Bartholomew (1549–1626) was born in Spain, one of seven children. Her parents died when the plague swept through Spain, leaving her an orphan at the age of ten. She then became a shepherdess tending her brother's sheep. From a young age she had an extraordinary spiritual life, including being graced with many visions. In one of them the Blessed Virgin Mary told her she would become a nun, which was further encouraged by a vision of Jesus. When she tried to enter the monastery she was turned away for being too young. Years later, when her family tried to arrange her marriage, she finally entered the Carmelite monastery at the age of 21, the same one in which St. Teresa of Avila lived. St. Teresa chose Anne as her personal secretary and assistant, even though she had to teach Anne how to write. For five years St. Anne was the companion of St. Teresa of Avila, traveling with her and assisting her in the establishment of new foundations. It was in Anne's arms that St. Teresa died in 1582. After Teresa's death, Anne assisted in the foundation of several other monasteries in France, becoming prioress at three of them. She went on to found a monastery in the Netherlands where she remained until her death. After her death over 150 approved miracles (and more that have not been officially approved) were attributed to her intercession. Her feast day is June 7th.

Saturday, June 8 – St. William of York - St. William of York (d. 1154) was born to a powerful family in England, the nephew of the king. He became a priest and then treasurer of York Minster Cathedral at the time when the English crown was contested by two grandchildren of William the Conqueror. When the Archbishop of York died, William was chosen to take his place. Kind-hearted and generous to the poor, he was well-liked by the people; however, he faced political and ecclesiastical opposition from the rival to the English throne. Because he was consecrated without papal approval, William was accused of wrongdoing by those who wanted their preferred prelate in the position; even St. Bernard of Clairvaux opposed him. Although he eventually confirmed William's appointment, the Pope died before the pallium was given, and the new pope took the side of William's detractors. A new archbishop was ordained in his place while William went to live as a monk with his uncle, a bishop, in quiet prayer and penance. The people of York, upset that their favorite had been deposed, took to rioting. Six years later the Archbishop of York died, and another new pope made William the successor. The people were overjoyed at his return—so many came to greet him as he entered the city that a bridge collapsed under their weight; the fact that no one was hurt was considered a miracle. A few months later, after celebrating Mass on Trinity Sunday, William became ill and died. Poisoning was suspected but never confirmed. Miracles took place at his tomb which gave rise to his canonization in 1227. His feast day is June 8th.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish



JUNE 2, 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. June 2	8:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner, Gina Damman
Tues. June 4	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. June 5	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. June 6	9:00a.m.	OLM	Joy Short
Fri. June 7	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. June 8	4:30p.m.	SP	Loman Radabaugh
Sun. June 9 Bishop Thomas Celebrant	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin, Giovanni Stella, Living & Deceased Sarnac Family
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner, Gina Damman

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---June 8 – 14 – Catholic Heart
Workcamp, Louisville, KY
---June 9 – Bishop Thomas celebrating
Mass – Meet & Greet breakfast after
Mass
---June 16 – Donuts for Dads after
Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT Reported for May 26, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (10 envelopes)	\$ 771.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 188.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 788.00)
OTHER COLLECTION	
CPC Jar	\$ 20.00
Postage Help	\$ 5.00
Fayette Local Ministries	\$ 50.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 1,034.00

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	June 9, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
Reader	Mary Bird
Servers	Hannah Kovar Kennedy Kunkle Alise Herr
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Barb Bruggeman Terry Kovar

Word(s) of the week (from The America
College Dictionary)

EUCCHARIST – the sacrament of the
Lord's supper; the communion; the
sacrifice of the Mass.

While they were eating, he took bread, and said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is the blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day I drink it new in the kingdom of God." **Mark 14:22-25**

Dear Padre,

Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?

By only taking the host you are participating fully. And if you only drink from the chalice, you also are participating fully. Christ is always fully present in each form.

Many times, it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation. There are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially a person who is very ill, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier.

In the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, we are invited to receive both. The *Eucharisticum Mysterium* (32) says it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a feast that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the kingdom of God is established in its fullness. In John 6, Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully by taking the host. Both forms are always present, because the priest must always receive both. ●



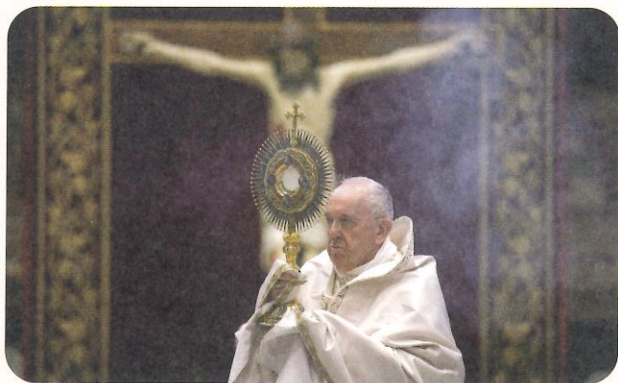
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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Pt 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12	June 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17	June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27	June 6 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34	June 7 <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37	June 8 <i>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Tm 4:1-8 Lk 2:41-51	June 9 <i>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gn 3:9-15 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ... we receive his love within us, not to hold it back selfishly, but rather to share it with others. This logic is inscribed in the Eucharist: we receive his love within us and we share it with others. This is the eucharistic logic.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 3, 2018

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