



# ST. JOHN FISHER

## *Catholic Parish*

### A FAMILY OF FAMILIAS

#### MASS MISA

##### Tuesday/Martes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Wednesday/Miércoles:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Thursday/Jueves:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Friday/Viernes:

Catholic Charities @ 8:00 AM

##### Saturday/Sábado:

Church/Iglesia @ 6:00 PM English

##### Sunday/Domingo:

Church/Iglesia @ 8:00 AM Español,  
10:00 AM English, 12:00 PM Español

#### CONFESSIONS CONFESIONES

##### Saturday/Sábado:

3:00 PM-5:00 PM

#### ADORATION ADORACIÓN

##### Thursdays Blessed Sacrament/ Jueves Exposición del Santísimo

8:00 AM-6:45 PM

#### OFFICE HOURS HORARIO DE OFICINA

##### Monday – Thursday/Lunes – Jueves

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)

12:00 – 1:00 PM

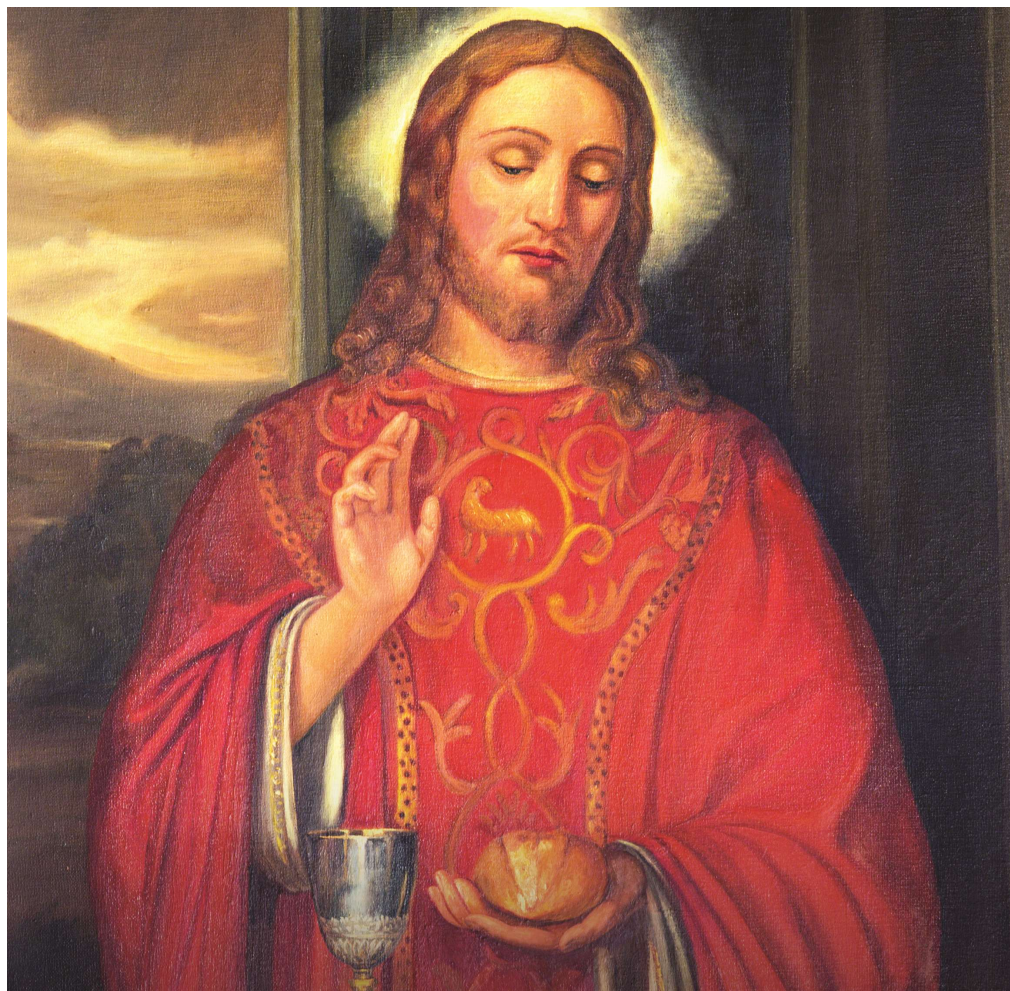
##### Friday/Viernes:

8:00 AM-NOON

#### ST. GABRIEL SAN GABRIEL

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JUNE 14TH, 2020 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains  
in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020

<b>SUN 6/14</b>	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
<b>MON 6/15</b>	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
<b>TUE 6/16</b>	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
<b>WED 6/17</b>	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>THR 6/18</b>	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
<b>FRI 6/19</b>	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
<b>SAT 6/20</b>	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
<b>SUN 6/21</b>	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day
<b>Friday:</b>	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day
<b>Sunday:</b>	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

They recognized him in the breaking of bread. This was the amazing revelation or epiphany that occurred on the Road to Emmaus. Bread that had been transformed into the Body of Christ opened the eyes of the disciples and showed them who was really with them. Their hearts were burning. Sometimes we struggle with our belief in the Eucharist because we make it too much of an intellectual challenge. If God's divinity was wed to humanity in the incarnation of Christ, then why is it not possible for God to take simple elements of bread and wine and transform them into his Body and Blood? Affirm your faith today that the Eucharist you receive is God Himself. Become what you eat and allow God to embrace your soul and touch that part of you that no one else can touch.



*I have  
called you  
by name,  
and you  
are mine.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## FIRST READING

"Not by bread alone does one live,  
but by every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of the LORD." (Dt 8:3b)



## PSALM

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
(Ps 147) or Alleluia



## SECOND READING

Because the loaf of bread is one,  
we, though many, are one body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.  
(1 Cor 10:17)



## GOSPEL

"For my flesh is true food,  
and my blood is true drink.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks  
my blood remains in me  
and I in him." (Jn 6:55-56)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.



# PARISH INFO

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### RESPONDING *to the Call*

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

*The Heart of Stewardship*

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

*Mary and the Saints*

##### Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

##### Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

# PARISH ACTIVITIES

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

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**"Just as the living Father  
sent me and I have life  
because of the Father, so  
also the one who feeds on me  
will have life because of me.  
This is the bread that came  
down from heaven. Unlike  
your ancestors who ate and  
still died, whoever eats this  
bread will live forever."**

**-Jn 6:57 - 58**

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### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

#### First Reading

Moses reminds the Israelites of how God's miraculous gifts of manna (bread) and water (early images of the Eucharist) helped them through their trials and tribulations. How would you explain to a friend how the Eucharist sustains you through difficult times?

#### Second Reading

Paul spoke of how the believers in Corinth celebrating the Eucharist were engaged in an act of "participation" in the Body and Blood of Christ. How do you imagine the Corinthians reacting to this description?

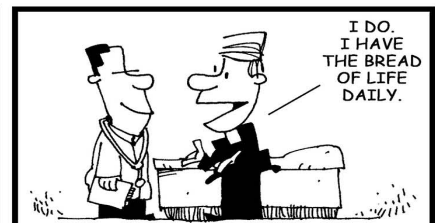
#### Gospel Reading

We hear in today's Gospel the closing remarks from Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. As a Christian who believes in the Eucharist, how would you answer the Jews' original question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

**CONSULT NOT  
YOUR FEARS,  
BUT YOUR  
HOPES AND  
DREAMS.**

**ST. JOHN PAUL XXIII**

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**





# PASTOR'S DESK

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## DEAR ST. JOHN FISHER FAMILY,

As you know, our country and all of humanity has been experiencing trying times with the pandemic and also the recognition that there is still much to do in terms of overcoming racism. If you haven't already seen the statement by the President of the US Bishop's conference, Archbishop Jose Gomez, please read it here <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-84.cfm>

As well, if you haven't seen our Daniel Cardinal DiNardo's videos addressing racism in our country, please see it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwpApV36T8E>

I would like to remind all of us to continue living the Cube of Love. Here is an experience of young Jerry who managed to live "love your enemy" (Mt 5:44) in his class.

Jerry, an African American 10 year old from Washington had already learned to live the Cube of love, including the words of 'love your enemy.' Because of his high IQ, he was admitted to a special class. He was the only African American student. But intelligence alone wasn't enough to gain him friends. All his classmates rejected him because of his ethnicity. It was Christmas time. The other children exchanged gifts, but Jerry was left out. Understandably, he cried. But when he got home, he remembered Jesus words: 'Love your enemies.' With his mother's permission, he bought presents which he gave with love to all his classmates. This act of love towards his enemies broke down the barriers in his class.

Children take God's words seriously. This is why Jesus holds them up as models to imitate. Let us therefore continue to keep living God's love, and teaching others to do the same.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

## QUERIDA FAMILIA DE ST. JUAN FISHER,

Como saben, nuestro país y toda la humanidad han experimentado tiempos difíciles con la pandemia y también el reconocimiento de que todavía hay mucho por hacer en términos de superar el racismo. Si aún no han visto la declaración del presidente de la conferencia Episcopal de los EE. UU., El arzobispo José Gómez, léala aquí <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-84.cfm>

Además, si no han visto el video de nuestro cardenal Daniel DiNardo sobre el racismo en nuestro país, puede verlo aquí <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwpApV36T8E>

Me gustaría recordarles a todos que sigamos viviendo el Cubo del Amor. Aquí está una experiencia del joven Jerry que logró vivir "ama a tu enemigo" (Mt 5:44). en su clase.

Jerry, un afroamericano de 10 años de Washington, ya había aprendido a vivir el Cubo del Amor incluyendo las palabras 'ama a tu enemigo'. Debido a su alta inteligencia, fue admitido en una clase especial. Era el único estudiante afroamericano. Pero su inteligencia por sí sola no era suficiente para ganarle amigos. Todos sus compañeros lo rechazaron por su origen étnico. Era Navidad y los otros niños se intercambiaron regalos, pero no con Jerry. Como pueden imaginar, lloró. Pero cuando llegó a casa, recordó las palabras de Jesús: "Ama a tus enemigos". Con el permiso de su mamá, compró

regalos para todos los de su clase que dio con amor a

todos sus compañeros. Este acto de amor hacia sus enemigos derribó las barreras en su clase.

Los niños toman en serio las palabras de Dios. Es por eso que Jesús los sostiene como modelos para imitar. Por lo tanto, sigamos viviendo el amor de Dios usando el Cubo y enseñemos a otros a hacer lo mismo.

*P. Jesse Garcia*



# CALENDAR & EVENTS

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### NEEDS OF THE PARISH:

Please contact the parish if you are interested in volunteering to help with the needs of the parish 281-342-5092.

Por favor de contactarnos si usted desea ayudarnos con las necesidades de la iglesia 281-342-5092.

- Volunteers to help clean the church    Voluntarios para limpiar la iglesia
- Forklift to change lights

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### 3 EASY STEPS

#### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

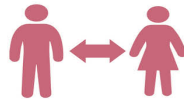
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world..."*

*"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."*

- Jn 6:51, 55-56



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