

**Pange Lingua—Proclaim, O Tongue**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi (Year A)**

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: “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.” The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” [John 6:51–52](#)

It must have been shocking to Jesus’ listeners the first time He boldly proclaimed that He would give His flesh as spiritual food. Their reaction makes this clear: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus did not back down or soften what He had just proclaimed. Instead, He began a lengthy and direct discourse, starting with these words:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. 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.” ([John 6:53–56](#))

What would you have thought had you been among the first hearers? We’re told the people quarreled, indicating division. Some, we later read, murmured among themselves, saying: “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” And tragically, many of Jesus’ disciples left Him and returned to their former way of life (cf. [John 6:60–66](#)).

Despite this apparent failure and loss of disciples, Jesus did not retract or revise His teaching. Instead, He turned to the Twelve and asked if they too wished to leave. Peter, with clarity and faith, responded with one of the most profound statements of discipleship in all of Scripture: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” (cf. [John 6:67–69](#)).

In many ways, Peter’s words are as important for us today as Jesus’ own words introducing the Eucharist. Why? Because Peter shows us how to respond when we encounter divine mysteries beyond human understanding. The Eucharist is one of the most central of these mysteries.

Do you believe in the Eucharist? Do you believe that it is truly the flesh and blood of the Son of God—His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity? Though many of us have learned this teaching from childhood and accept it on some level, few penetrate the depth of the mystery we behold at every Mass. Saint John Vianney spoke beautifully of the Eucharist, revealing his profound reverence for this Gift: “If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.” And: “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.” He also said: “How beautiful it is! After the Consecration, the good God is there as He is in Heaven.”

It’s easy to approach the Holy Mass out of routine rather than with the depth of faith possessed by the saints. But that must be our goal. We must believe that we would truly “die of joy” if we understood the Mass.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is our annual invitation to step back and reflect on what we believe—and how devoutly we participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion. We need this reminder so that our worship and faith do not grow lax.

Reflect today on Jesus’ unwavering clarity: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” Believe what He says. The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is the greatest Divine Mystery on earth. In the Eucharist, we kneel before God and consume Him—so that we may become what we eat: the Mystical Body of Christ.

Let us close by praying the opening verses of a hymn Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote at the request of Pope Urban IV for the newly instituted Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264—the *Pange Lingua*, meaning, “Proclaim, O Tongue.”

*Down in adoration falling,*

*Lo! the sacred Host we hail;*

*Lo! o’er ancient forms departing,*

*Newer rites of grace prevail;*

*Faith for all defects supplying,*

*Where the feeble senses fail.*

*To the everlasting Father,*

*And the Son who reigns on high,*

*With the Holy Ghost proceeding*

*Forth from each eternally,*

*Be salvation, honor, blessing,*

*Might, and endless majesty. Amen.*

# Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

June 7th 2026

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Sunday



### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 am

12:30 pm English Mass

**Reconciliation:** Sundays at 12:00 am

### **Baptism and Holy Matrimony:**

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please contact Father Ishida. **509-998-7093**

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## Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Solemnity

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi originated with Saint Juliana of Cornillon who was born near Liège, Belgium around 1191. Orphaned at the age of five, Juliana and her sister were entrusted to the care of Augustinian nuns. Within the convent, Juliana grew in her faith, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and frequented Holy Communion. Eventually, she joined the Augustinian order.

At age sixteen, Juliana had a mystical vision during Eucharistic adoration in which she saw the moon with a dark stripe. By divine intuition, she understood that the moon symbolized the Church's life on earth, and the dark stripe symbolized the absence of a feast dedicated to the Body and Blood of Christ. Though she had the same vision several more times, she kept it to herself for twenty years.

Around age thirty-six, Juliana shared her vision with two holy women. Together, the three grew in their love of Christ in the Eucharist, adoring His hidden presence and receiving Holy Communion frequently. After sharing her vision with the bishop, he reluctantly approved an annual feast to honor the Blessed Sacrament; other bishops followed. As word spread about Juliana's visions, her superior and some clergy opposed her. She took refuge in various Cistercian monasteries for ten years.

Juliana died at the age of sixty-seven while adoring the Most Blessed Sacrament in her cell. A local Archdeacon in Liège, Jacques Pantaléon of Troyes, who was familiar with Juliana and her visions, was elected Pope Urban IV in 1261. He believed that a universal Corpus Christi feast was God's will.

In 1263, a Eucharistic miracle took place in Bolsena, Italy. A German priest named Father Peter of Prague stopped at the local church to offer Mass during a pilgrimage at the tomb of Saint Christina, a fourth-century martyr. Father Peter was struggling to believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. During the consecration, blood flowed from the host he was holding onto his hands and the linen corporal on the altar. He immediately went to Pope Urban, who was staying nearby, to reveal the miracle and his lack of faith. The pope absolved him and sent a delegation to investigate. The delegation brought the corporal to the cathedral in Orvieto, where it remains enshrined today.

In 1264, Pope Urban instituted the universal Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, in honor of the day that the Eucharist was instituted. He asked the renowned theologian Father Thomas Aquinas to compose the liturgical texts for the feast. Among the texts the future saint and Doctor of the Church composed are the revered hymns, "Pange Lingua," "Tantum Ergo," "Panis Angelicus," and "O Salutaris Hostia."

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi has grown and become an important annual celebration, often including Eucharistic processions, adoration, and Mass. Where it is not a holy day of obligation, the solemnity is moved to the following Sunday so as to extend the celebration to the entire people of God. In 1869, Pope Pius IX canonized Saint Juliana of Liège, adding greater credence to her miraculous visions and solidifying the importance of this holy solemnity.

*My Eucharistic Lord, please instill in me a profound love for You truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. May I always adore You, believe in You, hope in You, and love You. I pray that my faith and devotion to You in this Most Holy Sacrament will more fully unite my soul to Yours and will be a source of reparation for the indifference with which You are so often treated. Jesus, present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, I trust in You!*



### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Liturgical color: white  
Lectionary #167

Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a  
Ps 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20  
1 Cor 10:16–17  
Jn 6:51–58

Gloria  
Creed

Today's Solemnity: We celebrate today the mystery of the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist that unites our community of faith.

### Fr Ishida's 20 yr Anniversary & Transfer

Fr Miller, Br Matthew & Br Nathan

Potluck After 12:30 Mass June 28th

Adventure awaits, don't miss  
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Confessions, Adoration wherever  
you go



### PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested  
or needed. Please call Pam Harper 509-496-  
5930 to request prayers. or email

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**Please note:** Mass Intensions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

### MASS INTENTIONS

31	Sunday	Pro Populo
1	Monday	Adolf Klien
2	Tuesday	
3	Wednesday	Joan Blakely
4	Thursday	Deanna Swanson
5	Friday	
6	Saturday	
7	Sunday	Pro Populo

**Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!**  
**St. Anne ... Pray for us!**

Starts: June 12th **St Aloysius Gonzaga** Feastday June 21st Patron saint of students, young people, the blind, purity, plague victims and against epidemics

Starts: June 13th **St Thomas More** Feastday June 22nd Patron saint of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants

Starts: June 15th **St John the Baptist** Feastday June 24th Patron saint of countless dioceses, cities, and causes

Starts: June 17th **St Josemaria Escriva** Feastday June 26th Patron saint of diabetes

Starts: June 18th **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Feastday June 27th Patron saint of great needs

Starts: June 20th **St Peter and Paul** Feastday June 29th Patron saint of Greece, evangelization, the church

Starts: June 22nd **Precious Blood** Feastday July 1st Patron saint of Salvation

Starts: June 25th **St Pier Giorgio Frassati** Feastday July 4th Patron saint of students, young Catholics

Starts: June 25th **St Elizabeth of Portugal** Feastday July 4th Patron saint of the Third Order of St Francis

Starts: June 27th **St Maria Goretti** Feastday July 6th Patron saint of chastity, rape victims, girls, youth, teenage girls, purity and forgiveness

Starts: June 28th **St Mark Ji Tianxiang** Feastday July 7th Patron saint of overcoming drug & alcohol addiction,

Starts: June 30th **Our Lady of Peace** Feastday July 9th Patron saint of Peace

Starts: June 30th **St Veronica Giuliani** Feastday July 9th Patron saint of photographers, poor and sick

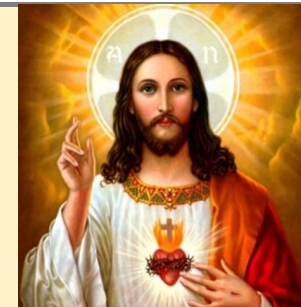


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## Mary Queen Calendar June 2026

### Dedicated to Sacred Heart of Jesus



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christ</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13 St Anne Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
14 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20 St Anne Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
21 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27 St Anne Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
28 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Fr Ishida's 20 yr Anniversary & Transfer - Fr Miller, Br Matthew & Br Nathan Potluck After 12:30 Mass	29	30	1	2	3 <b>First Friday</b>	4 St Anne Vigil Mass 5:00 pm <b>First Saturday 4th of July</b>