



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

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Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM
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Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
or by appointment
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June 23 / 3-Hour Perpetual Adoration

Monday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Come, spend time with the Lord!

Mass Intentions

Sat. June 21 Vigil

5:00 p.m. †Larry Haller - JH

Sun June 22 Mass/Corpus Christi

8:00 a.m. †Margie Samber - JT

10:00 a.m. Graces/Ramirez Family - EP

Thur June 26 Mass

5:30 p.m. †Paul Wilson - JW

Fri. June 27 Mass/Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 a.m. For our Priests - EP

Sat. June 28 Vigil

5:00 p.m. †Jim Dulaney - BD

Sun June 29 Mass/St. Peter & St. Paul

10:00 a.m. †Ranee Ramirez - FIR

12:00 p.m. †Forrest Tappy - JT

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joseph Wilson, Gia Marquez, Jan Yokum, Rosa Maria Santos, Deja Adam, Kane Schrock, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary Garcia, Sean Gleason, Ben Mettlen, Arabella Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Stan Prather, Caiden Lee, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal, Shelby Daughenbaugh, Norma Wolfe, Stella, Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Nadine Odell, Amanda Weisensee, Eloy Padilla, Jennifer Romero, Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Carmona Family, Leo Millburg, Gary Bloemker, Josie Contreras, Emmalyn Potts, Anne Mertens, Carter Wiedrich, Apolonio Ramirez, Felix Acosta, Aurelia Lopez, Dave Willich, Chuck Blackwelder, Honey Riter, Peter Deditz, Tom Morrow, Donna Amack, Ashley, Dena Lawrence

For the Soul: Jose Melendez, Heather Caza, Ranee Ramirez, Quirino Zavala

Our Lady of Fatima here thru June 25th

Restore faith through prayer.
Come and pray the rosary!

**THE EUCHARIST AND SACRED
HEART OF JESUS**

In June, we celebrate both “**Corpus Christi**” and the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Pope Pius XII said that the Sacred Heart is not just a private devotion but an invitation to deeper participation in the Eucharist, where Jesus’ love continues to be poured out. He continued to say that:

+ The sacred Heart and the Eucharist are inseparable.

+ Lukewarmness and indifference toward the Eucharist are a grave offence against the love of Christ’s Sacred Heart. This can be traced from scripture – Apocalypse 3:15-16

+ Popes have called on adorers of the Sacred Heart to make reparation for these offences, especially through Eucharistic Adoration.

+ Christ presents His Sacred Heart as a model of self-sacrificial love and calls Catholics to imitate this love by offering themselves more completely in the Eucharist.

+ Reject lukewarmness and cultivate an ever-deepening love for the Eucharist.

If you know someone in need of prayer, call a **Prayer Warrior Coordinator**:

Jimmie Likely 970-768-3692

Janet Wilson 720-982-1208

Please note: Sometimes in our response to your email, it can't be delivered because your inbox is full.

St. Mary’s Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Friday, June 27 after 8:00 a.m. Mass

**World Day of Prayer
for the Sanctification of Priests
Friday, June 27, 2025**

/ The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart /
Sacred Heart Catholic Parish
(2760 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205)
Adoration at 6 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Mass

June 29 / Peter’s Pence Collection

This fund helps Pope Leo XIV reach out to people suffering in our world.

A percentage our collection will be offered.

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Anointing of the Sick

June 28/29 after each Mass



**ARCHBISHOP’S
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As of June 2025

St. Mary’s ACA Goal: \$ 19,212

% of goal: **31.6%** Paid to date: \$ **6,073**

St. John’s ACA Goal: \$ 4,608

% of goal: **12.1%** Paid to date: \$ **556**



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items
for the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

Drop off at St. Mary’s

Thank you for your support!

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23

Weekday

Gn 12:1–9

Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24

The Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25

Weekday

Gn 15:1–12,

17–18

Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26

Weekday

Gn 16:1–12, 15–

16 or 16:6b–12,

15–16

Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27

The Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus

Ez 34:11–16

Rom 5:5b–11

Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28

Weekday

Gn 18:1–15

Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29

Sts. Peter and

Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8,

17–18

Mt 16:13–19

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