# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# June 6, 2021

## "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

How can we know God? Jesus revealed to his disciples the great mystery of our faith - the triune nature of God and the inseparable union of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission is to reveal the glory of God to us - a Trinity of persons - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to unite us with God in a community of love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the blessed Trinity.

The Jews understood God as Creator and Father of all that he made and they understood the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son. Jesus reveals the Father in an unheard of sense. He is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son, who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father. The Spirit, likewise, is inseparably one with the Father and the Son.

The mission of Jesus and the Holy Spirit are the same. That is why Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will reveal the glory of the Father and the Son and will speak what is true. Before his Passover, Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" and Helper who will be with Jesus' disciples to teach and guide them "into all the truth". In baptism we are called to share in the life of the Holy Trinity here on earth in faith and after death in eternal light.

How can we personally know the Father and his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our ancient faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ until he comes again. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit as our divine Teacher and Helper that we may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. Do you seek the wisdom that comes from above and do you willingly obey God's word?

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. He assured them of his power - a power which overcame sin and death. Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to give them the power of his Holy Spirit, which we see fulfilled ten days later on the Feast of Pentecost. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left alone or powerless. Jesus assured them of his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to the entire world. Their task is to proclaim the good news of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The gospel is the power of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life. Do you believe in the power of the gospel?

#### SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm). The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidk SQAZ\_Buk3g-bhw?

#### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Fridays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exposition-of-theblessed-sacrament-and-adoration-tickets-</u> <u>130608933837</u>



MONDAY, June 7 – 7:00 P.M. S.I. Jason Akl and Family TUESDAY, JUNE 8 – 8:00 A.M. + Purissima Melchiorre S.I. Thanksgiving for favours received by the Rodrigues Family WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 - 7:00 P.M. + Jack Quigg + Ted Wielgus S.I. Denis Thibault THURSDAY, JUNE 10 - 8:00 A.M. S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage. FRIDAY, JUNE 11 - 7:00 P.M. + Hermina Manglo Perez S. I. Denyse Schnoeckel SATURDAY, JUNE 12 - 5:00 P.M. + Wilfredo Estacio SUN., JUNE 13 – 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME S.I. Parish Community

### **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**

Every weekend while the provincial "Stay-at-Home" order persists, Communion Services will be held on Saturday evening and on Sunday during the times when our regular Sunday Masses would normally be celebrated. Those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions are strongly encouraged to remain home. No public Masses are taking place at this time. The dispensation from the Sunday Eucharist remains.

Each Communion Service can only accommodate 8 people, in addition to an usher and the presiding priest or deacon. Registration is required in order to attend a Communion Service. Walk-ins are not permitted. Please register on our parish website as you have done in the past.

#### RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

#### PRAYER GROUP VIDEO SERIES

Join Deacon Don and the Prayer group on Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursdays, for a new video series. "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" is a dramatic 10session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley. All are welcome. To get the Zoom link please contact Deacon Don at ddroberts828@vahoo.ca



# Living the Gospel by supporting the **Deaf community**

ShareLife funded agencies have been working on the front line of the ShareLife Covid-19 pandemic. One of them,

Silent Voice, has been continuing to offer programs in ASL (American Sign Language) to the Deaf community.

"You are indeed agents of change, enabling Silent Voice to provide entirely accessible programming, in ASL, that open the world to vulnerable Deaf adults, youth, children, and their families."

— Kelly MacKenzie, Silent Voice

Sunday, June 20 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

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#### THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Many countries immediately rush to provide food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual "Pope's Pastoral Works" collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, the Holy Father displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer. This collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 12/13. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **BUNDLE UP**

On the weekend of June 12/13 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to receive your donations of gently used clothes and leather shoes. Please place your donations in securely tied green garbage bags or sealed boxes. Thank you for your generosity.