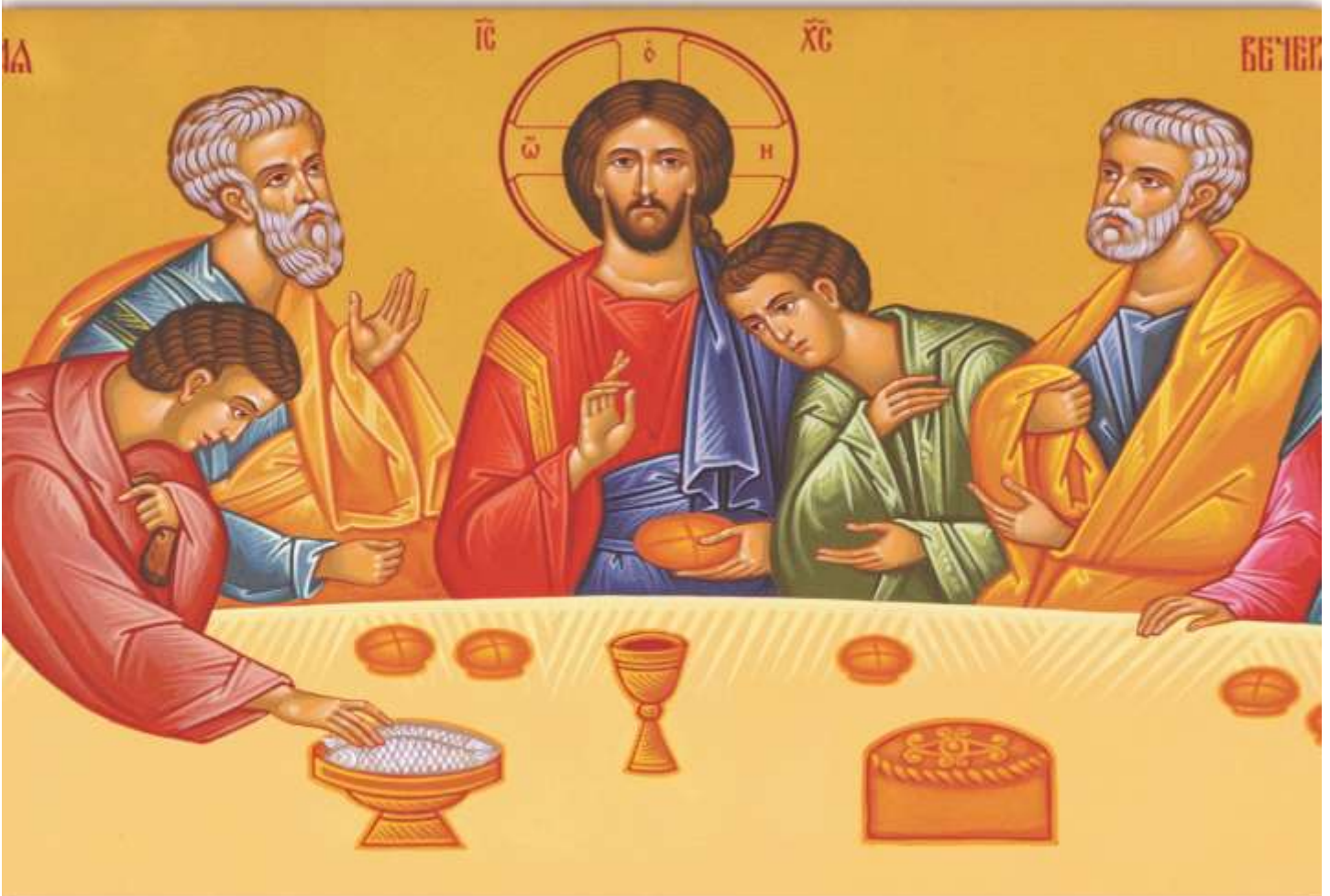


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MARK 14:24-25



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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

### Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

### Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Come Join Us

## Reconciliation

### Saturdays

3:45-4:30p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot



# Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. Vatican II reminded us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian lives! Congratulations to the 70 children who recently received their First Holy Communion. Their names are listed on the next page.

We also want to acknowledge and give thanks as two of our St. Joseph teachers are retiring at the conclusion of this school year on June 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be honored this weekend at the 8:30 AM outdoor Mass on the grass. Congratulations to Kathy Eno who has served our school for 27 years and Christy Lund who has served our school for 25 years. Their service and love for the children of our school has been an inspiration. Please pray for them as they transition into retirement!

Our Together in Mission campaign takes place this Sunday at all Masses. Thanks for caring for the 76 Archdiocesan schools and 67 parishes that need financial assistance. Our Parish Goal is \$71,733.00. We can do this!! If you did not have an opportunity to **make a pledge, just go to our website [stjosephlb.org](http://stjosephlb.org) and under “What’s Happening”,** click the link on the Together in Mission Page to make a gift and please credit your gift to **St. Joseph’s in Long Beach.**

I’m praying for you and your families!

Blessings and Peace,  
Msgr. Kevin



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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6, 2021

The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

— *Psalm 116:13*





# First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

<i>Kate Madelyn A bear</i>	<i>Everett James Gibson</i>	<i>Joaquin Anthony Puente</i>
<i>Olivia Grace Acevedo</i>	<i>William Alan Grant</i>	<i>Alexa Gisselle Puentes</i>
<i>Haven Grace Aguilar</i>	<i>Elizabeth Purevee Heggie</i>	<i>Andrea Puentes</i>
<i>Westyn James Arrowood</i>	<i>Rocco Marcelino Hentges</i>	<i>Juliet Lucia Quintero</i>
<i>Aaron Jacob Benavides</i>	<i>Michael James Woodward</i>	<i>Nathaniel James Riggins</i>
<i>Andrew Felipe Benavides</i>	<i>Landry Paul Janzen</i>	<i>Pearl Elizabeth Roden</i>
<i>Matthew Richard Grant</i>	<i>Kelsey Lorna Kennedy</i>	<i>Ema Sofia Rodriguez</i>
<i>Billish</i>	<i>Mackenzie Eve Lane</i>	<i>Diego Alejandro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Joey Dylan Bruemmer</i>	<i>Siena Mae Lapid</i>	<i>Ava Jean Rubio- Yurak</i>
<i>Bailey Ann Butts</i>	<i>Kaelyn Rose Lee</i>	<i>Brianna Nicole Salinaz</i>
<i>Nolan Bradley Butts</i>	<i>Peyton E. Linehan</i>	<i>Sebastian Ismael Samudia</i>
<i>Daniel James Conley</i>	<i>Shane Matthew Mascaro</i>	<i>Alexander John Sanchez</i>
<i>Patrick Matthew Cooper</i>	<i>Prestyn Merriman</i>	<i>Isaac Nicolas Semaan</i>
<i>Marianne Ngoc Long Dang</i>	<i>Lucas Jerry Miller</i>	<i>Henry Steven Semingson</i>
<i>Madeleine Ann de Jesus</i>	<i>Conor David Mooney</i>	<i>Finn Daniel Sicking</i>
<i>Caitlin Marie DeRuyter</i>	<i>Luke Ethan Murillo</i>	<i>Andrew Xavier Stewart</i>
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<i>Nikolai Artemi Dykin</i>	<i>Olivia Rose O' Dell</i>	<i>Charlise Amira Sulieman</i>
<i>Gavin Wallace Ellington</i>	<i>Quincy Inara O'Connell</i>	<i>Zoe S. Taylor</i>
<i>James Daniel Fernandez</i>	<i>Koda Ocean James</i>	<i>Abigail Marie Tellez</i>
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<i>Leonardo Paolo Lyons Gentile</i>	<i>Carson James Prince</i>	<i>Gabriel Theodore Wroblicky</i>



**June 6, 2021**

The cup of salvation  
I will take up, and I will call  
upon the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:13

### JESUS' SELF-GIFT

Today's solemnity celebrates Jesus' self-gift to us in the Eucharist, the Living Bread that nourishes us, the perpetual Sacrifice that redeems us, the Real Presence that comforts us on our pilgrimage and challenges us to self-sacrificing love. As in our own Liturgy of the Word, Moses in Exodus solemnly proclaims God's word to the assembled people, who solemnly affirm their acceptance of that word and pledge obedient fulfillment. Then, in a ritual reminiscent of our own liturgy, Moses seals the people's spoken assent by sprinkling the assembly with sacrificial blood. The Letter to the Hebrews portrays Christ as our High Priest, entering the Holy of Holies with his own Blood to seal the New Covenant that frees its participants from death. This Sacrifice Jesus instituted sacramentally at the Last Supper and offered on the altar of the cross, the Sacrifice and Supper of which we partake at every Eucharist.

### JESUS' SACRIFICE AND OURS

In presenting the still-familiar four-fold "Shape of the Eucharist"—Jesus takes / blesses / breaks / gives (Mark 14:22)—Mark omits Matthew's specification of purpose "for the forgiveness of sins," and Luke's "for the remembrance of me." But Jesus does recall the covenant, Israel's liberation from Egypt's slavery. And could the disciples—or we—fail to recall that, in Mark's earliest verses, Jesus sits at table "with tax collectors and those known as sinners" (2:15)? Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' passion and pledge of our share in his future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to his disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup he would drink" (10:38–39). Soon he would beg his Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic cup, Jesus promises a day when he would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup he—or we—will drink, the cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the cup of the Kingdom of God.

### WORSHIPING AND SERVING

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (*EG*, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (*EG* 270).

### TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 24:3–8  
Psalm 116:12–13, 15–18  
Hebrews 9:11–15  
Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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## Meditation Group

**St. Joseph's Meditation Group** now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at [frmckown@gmail.com](mailto:frmckown@gmail.com) or 310-633-1744

## Movement For A Better World

*"Good works are links that form a chain of love."* St. Mother Teresa

**Next Weekend, Homeless Kit Drive:** Drive-thru collection of urgent daily needs for people experiencing homelessness. See the following flyer for more information and a shopping list of requested items

**Migrant Children Family Unification:** Our offer to assist this initiative as a group is pending a response from the City. See the following link for news about the program and ways to offer your support as an individual - [longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/lb-humanitarian-family-reunification-efforts/](http://longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/lb-humanitarian-family-reunification-efforts/). Catholic Charities is taking a leadership role to administer the program. Financial support can be provided to them directly by mailing to Migrant Children, c/o Catholic Charities, 123 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Long Beach, CA 90813. **Include "Migrant Children"** as a memo.

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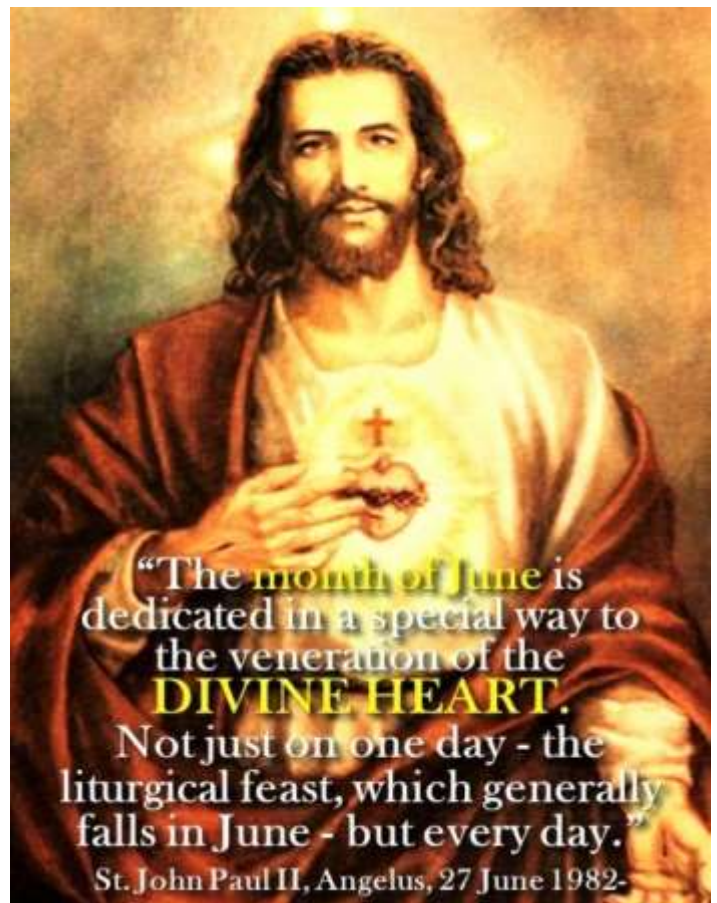
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