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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times are 2:00 PM, unless otherwise noted

June 4, 2023: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 11, 2023: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 18, 2023: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention: Fathers of the Parish

June 25, 2023: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Scripture Reflections

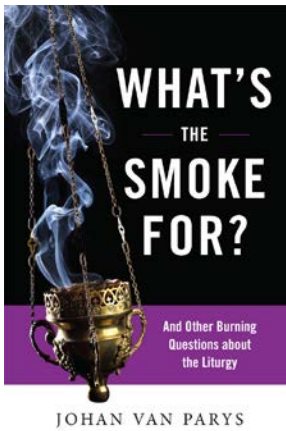
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

June 4, 2023 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: The Old Testament and Gospel readings for today remind us of the great mercy the Father, Son and Holy Spirit extend to each of us. May we show our gratitude by focusing on St. Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians and *mend our ways, encourage others, agree with others, and live in peace* with them. *May the God of love and peace be with us and everyone we meet.* (Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16:18)

June 11, 2023 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Just as Moses reminded the Israelites to look to "every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord," so do St. Paul and Jesus look to some of the fruits of the Eucharist: Christian unity and the beginnings of eternal life. Lord, we believe these truths; help us to remember them always! (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58)

June 18, 2023 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: *God's free gift* is the theme of this Sunday's readings. "I bore you up on eagle wings," the Lord tells the Israelites through Moses. "God proves his love for us," writes St. Paul, "in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." Sending out the apostles, Jesus commands: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Jesus, help us to freely give your love and compassion to others. (Exodus 19:2-6a, Romans 5:6-11, Matthew 9:36-10:8)

June 25, 2023 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion!" exclaims Jeremiah. "Fear no one," Jesus tells the Twelve. And we, too, can be confident because *the gracious gift of Jesus Christ has overflowed for the many.* Thank you, Lord. We trust in you! (Jeremiah 20:10-13, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41)



Dear Johan,

Why does the priest drop a particle of the host in the wine at Communion time?

Gentle Reader-

This is a great example of how a ritual act can be introduced into the liturgy on the basis of a specific theology, how the act is retained in the liturgy even after having lost its original meaning, and how a new theology is attached to this ritual.

The specific ritual act you mention goes back to the early church. The bishop, as the successor of the apostles, was the one who presided over the community and over the celebration of the Eucharist, its primary symbol of unity. As Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire, particularly outside of the cities, it became necessary for the bishops to send some of their priests into the country. These priests represented the bishop to the community, and they presided over the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday. As a symbol of ecclesiastical communion and unity, the bishop sent a part of the eucharistic bread that was consecrated at his Mass to the parishes in the hinterlands. The local priests would add this particle to the cup. This particle was called the *fermentum* or yeast.

Today, this particle no longer comes to us from the Eucharist celebrated by the bishop, although the theological memory and symbolic meaning still are residually present. It is now called the “commingling” and it primarily symbolizes the unity of the Body and Blood of Christ. It also symbolizes our sharing in the Body of Christ.

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From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Thank You! Thank you to +Fr. Carl for filling in for me while I was out of town for training last month!

Congratulations! The parish extends its congratulations and best wishes to our youngest parishioner, Matthew Jacobi, on his graduation from Pattonville High School on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Matthew will attend the University of Missouri – Columbia in the Fall! Congratulations, Matthew! We're proud of you!

Happy Father's Day! The parish extends its best wishes to all fathers in the parish who will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 18, 2023. A special blessing will be given to all fathers present at mass.

Birthdays: June 11 – Matthew Jacobi
June 17 – +Fr. Bob Catlett
June 23 – Marie Harbers

Anniversaries: None in June!