

**BULLETIN 06-22-2025**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY**

***Pastor's Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In the Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:52). St. Paul also reminds us that the bread we break is a "participation in the Body of Christ" and the cup we drink is "a participation in the Blood of Christ" (1Cor. 10:16).

***As Catholics, when we enter a church, what makes us feel like a church is the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle because we indeed believe that the Eucharistic Presence fills us and sustains us, and we take this presence within us every time we receive communion. That is what it means to be a Catholic. We are people of the Body and Blood of the Lord.***

Since I have been here at Christ the King, I strongly believe that the spiritual life of our parish might have grown in virtue of our sincere devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. That's why we have Adoration and Benediction every Friday in order to encourage people to recognize the divine gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. The fact is that every time we come to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we do have a tremendous effect not just on those present, but on the entire parish. Why? Because we are the Body of Jesus Christ, when even only one of us is united deeply to the Eucharistic Presence, the entire body is strengthened by the nurturing life of the Eucharist. I encourage you to participate more in this important liturgical activity.

***The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord is a yearly reminder of the special Gift we celebrate that is the Eucharist. Still, some Catholics don't want the Church to focus on***

***the Eucharist; yet they do not see a spiritual value in weekly reception of communion. Perhaps some are more concerned with other liturgical signs or activities than with receiving communion. That is exactly what the disciples said to Jesus at the conclusion of the Great Discourse on the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of John. They said to Jesus: "This teaching is too difficult. People are leaving us." Jesus responded, "And are you leaving too?" Peter's answer to Jesus is our statement of faith: "Where are we to go, Lord? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:60-68).***

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord reminds us of who we are. We are People of the Eucharist.

**May God bless us all!**

***-Fr. Joe***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Congratulations to our children who receive First Holy Communion this Sunday! Please keep them in your prayers. There is an outdoor procession before the 9:30am Mass this Sunday to adore the Blessed Sacrament. Please come to join us.**

***2. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to all the catechists, teachers and volunteers for using their talents to educate our children. May the Lord fill you with divine wisdom and peace!***

**3. It is summer time, a time for traveling. If you are taking a vacation to visit your family, please remember to honor your weekly contribution to our church. We do need your help. Thank you!**

***4. If you need transportation to church for Sunday worship or prefer to receiving Holy Communion at home, please notify the church office. We are glad to do it for you.***

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

06/21 Saturday 5:00 pm + BettyHrinko  
 06/22 Sunday 7:00 am + Tom Taggart  
                   9:30 am + Fr. Carl Caltreider  
                   12:00 pm + Al Souls  
 06/23 Monday NO MASS  
 06/24 Tuesday 7:00am +Lonnie Angel  
 06/25 Wednesday 7:00 am +Daminh T Phan  
 06/26 Thursday 7:00 am +Isave Phan  
 06/27 Friday 7:00 am +Lucia Chi

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

06/28 Saturday 5:00 pm + Jesus Mena Lopez  
 06/29 Sunday 7:00 am + Don Drilling  
                   9:30 am + Thomas & Anna  
                   12:00 pm + All Souls

**(+) Deceased      (SI) Special Intention**

***And they all  
 ate and were  
 satisfied***

—Luke9:17

Diocese of Charlotte  
**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
 September 5 & 6  
 Charlotte Convention Center

Go beyond the pew at church and join thousands of fellow Catholics in the streets of Charlotte, walking with Jesus in the Eucharist. The line-up for the Congress includes:

- ♦ Matt Maher - Nine-time Grammy Award nominee
  - ♦ The Vigil Project - A collective of Catholic musical artists dedicated to leading people to God
- ♦ Paula Umaña - Former professional tennis player, wife, mother and businesswoman who redefines

what it means to be paralyzed

- ♦ Chris Stefanick - Acclaimed author, speaker, TV host
- ♦ Father John Riccardo and ACTS XXIX
- ♦ Father Pedro Mancheño Muñoz

***Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...***

Johnny Apodaca  
 Tracy Barber  
 Gilbert Carter  
 Angel M. Cuellas  
 Marie Forbert  
 Theresa French-R.  
 Amanda Garcia  
 Mario Garcia  
 Willa Graham  
 Myles Harris  
 Maria Hdz.  
 Aber Johnson  
 Jorge Lagueruel  
 Deacon Larry Lisk  
 Daysi Martinez  
 Rosario Martinez  
 Linda McKinney  
 Felicia Murphy  
 Nancy Nkwokolo  
 Gladys Ozor  
 Rosemary Peterson  
 Hector SanchezMaria G.Sanchez A.  
 Paula Rodriguez  
 Andrew Royster  
 Mariane Smithh  
 Venuste Tuyikunde

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Regular Offertory: \$ 3,480.00  
 Rice bowls: \$ 1,151.00  
 Food Pantry: \$500.00  
 Restricted Donation: \$ 675.00

Total: \$5,806.00

**THANK YOU!**

***Sacred Heart of Jesus***

June 2025 concludes celebrations of the 350<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the apparitions in France to St.

Margaret Mary Alacoque. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an invitation to “allow ourselves to be enflamed with love by the humble heart of Jesus, to return love for love, and to have a heart of compassion for the world.”

**DE PAUL ACADEMY - NC PRE-K PROGRAM  
ENROLLING NOW!!**

- \* Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open January 13, 2025 for Guilford County children age 4 on or before August 31, 2025
- \* Program starts September 2025
- \* Program is free to all who qualify
- \* We encourage families to apply in Spring 2025!
- \* **Apply online at [GuilfordChildren.org](http://GuilfordChildren.org)**

**RETROUVAILLE has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage.**

The program can help you too. Retrouvaille is hosting a [weekend in Spanish](#) for married couples in Raleigh from [July 18-20](#). Call 248-789-0276 for information (Spanish spoken), or email **[retrouvaileraleigh@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaileraleigh@gmail.com)** in English or in Spanish. [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for individuals desiring to learn more about the Catholic faith and seeking entry into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. Meetings begin this Fall.

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Checkout free online courses at Belmont Abbey College: [Resources.bac.edu](http://Resources.bac.edu)

**Attention High School Students!**

**Belmont Abbey College is offering their Schola Program** for Catholic high school students (sophomores to seniors) from July 6 to 12. This week-long summer program enables Catholic students to explore a rigorous college experience, discuss the Great Books from an authentically Catholic perspective, and simply have fun with other like-minded Catholic teens. [BelmontAbbeyCollege.edu](http://BelmontAbbeyCollege.edu) for more information and to register.