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—CORPUS CHRISTI—

—Fr. Kevin Fernandes O.C.D.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*, a feast that draws our hearts back to the very centre of our faith—the Eucharist. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, but the liturgy of that night is wrapped in the shadow of the Passion. Today, however, the Church gives us the space to contemplate the Eucharist with joy, gratitude, and wonder.

This feast has a long and beautiful history. In the 13th century, Pope Urban IV established the celebration of Corpus Christi, and St Thomas Aquinas was asked to compose the prayers and hymns for the feast. His words still echo in the Church today, reminding us of the sacred mystery we receive at every Mass. In 1970, the Church gave the feast its current title—the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*—inviting us to reflect not only on Christ’s presence in the Eucharist but also on the communion it creates among us.

The Gospel for ‘Year A’ comes from the sixth chapter of John, where Jesus speaks of Himself as the Bread of Life. In this passage, Jesus does not soften His language. He speaks with boldness and clarity: **“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.”** These words are not symbolic or poetic. They are an invitation into a profound intimacy with God. Jesus promises that those who receive Him will live in Him, and He will live in them. This is the heart of the Eucharist: a mutual indwelling, a holy communion, a life shared.

John’s Gospel does not include the Last Supper narrative we hear in the other Gospels. Instead, John gives us this long discourse on the Bread of Life, helping us understand the meaning behind the Eucharist. It is not only a ritual action; it is a relationship. It is not

only a remembrance; it is a real encounter with the living Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we become what we receive. We are called to become Christ’s presence in the world—His compassion, His mercy, His patience, His love.

Meals have always been sacred moments in human life. We gather around tables to celebrate birthdays, weddings, achievements, and reunions. We share food when words are not enough. We comfort one another with meals in times of grief. Something holy happens when people sit together, break bread, and share their lives. The Eucharist takes this human experience and elevates it. It becomes the place where God shares His life with us, and where we learn to share our lives with one another.

Jesus’ words today also carry a tender, almost maternal image: **“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.”** It is the image of a life held within another life, like a child resting in the womb of its mother. This is how close God desires to be to us. This is how deeply Christ longs to dwell within us.

And this communion is not only for today. Jesus promises, **“The one who eats this bread will live forever.”** The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, a pledge of the glory that awaits us, a reminder that our lives are moving toward God’s eternal embrace.

As we celebrate this feast, we can pray with the words of St Thomas Aquinas: **“O Sacred Banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.”**

May this Eucharist strengthen us. May it transform us. And may it send us forth to make Christ’s love present in our world. Amen. –

PARISH LITURGIES

—SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST—

Tuesday June 09 - *St. Ephrem*

8:30 am + Felcia Aranha

Wednesday June 10 - *Bl. Caspar Sadamazu*

8:30 am + Alfredo Mancini

Thursday June 11 - *St. Barnabas*

8:30 am Int. Paikeday Family

Friday June 12 - *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:30 am Int. Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

9:00 – 10:00 am Adoration

—11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday June 13 - *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:
+ Merrick Family + Bernice Duggan + Taunia Borsellino + Beatrice & Alfredo Carvallo + Mario Anzola

Sunday June 14

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – the living sign of Christ’s infinite love for humanity. In the Heart of Jesus, we encounter both the source of Divine Mercy and the call to love as He loves. This month, Bishop Dabrowski invited us to place the Sacred Heart at the center of our homes, and continue offering daily this prayer:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

Additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are available on the diocesan website:

hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart

RESTING IN THE HEART OF JESUS CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF JUNE

The Universal Church dedicates the month of June to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 12, 2026) celebrates the deep and personal love Christ has for all humanity. Rooted in the Gospel, devotion to the Sacred Heart reminds us of Jesus’ compassion, mercy, and sacrifice shown especially through His Passion and death on the Cross. The image of His heart symbolizes His endless love that is always open to forgive and heal, and welcome us home. To learn more about this blessed month and how you might wish to participate, visit us at:

hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart

*“I am the living bread
that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats of this bread will live forever.”*

SANCTUARY LAMP



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week
In Memory of Antonio & Maria Pereira, and
for the Intentions of Fr. Ranjan D’Sa O.C.D.*

SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON



The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon will once again be received by Marion Council 3881 from Sunday, June 14, 2026 through June 26, 2026.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon was painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner, and is one of more

than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

It will be on display in Saint Dominic Church on Friday, June 19th. That day we will have our usual morning Mass in the Church at 8:30 am and then we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. We encourage parishioners to sign up for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The sign up sheet will be in half hour increments and will be on the stand next to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine.

9-DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

A 9-Day Divine Mercy Novena for the Intentions of Fr. Ranjan D’Sa and all involved will be held here at Saint Dominic Church beginning Saturday, June 6th at 6:15 pm (after the Saturday evening Mass) and will continue Sunday June 7th through to Sunday June 14th at 7:00 pm. Information about the Novena is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and at all door entrances.

ANNUAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY



Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and fresh air at our Annual Summer Garden Party on Saturday, June 13th at 6:30 pm in the Prayer Gardens (west of the parish front entrance). Festivities begin at 6:15 pm. This is a free event for all parish members. We will be distributing tickets for this event this

weekend after all Masses so that we know how many of you are planning on attending. We invite each family to bring an appetizer to share.

There will be games, music, and dancing for all ages. We'll have some garden seating available, but we do recommend bringing your own folding chair.

Come and enjoy a wonderful night under the stars, filled with laughter, community, and fellowship in our peaceful prayer garden. And don't worry, if the weather isn't on our side, we'll move everything into the parish hall. **We hope to see you there!**

BRONTE COAT DRIVE

Do you have coats or jackets that no longer fit or are no longer needed? Our annual Bronte Coat Drive is now collecting gently used winter outerwear for toddlers through adults, including coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots.

Please bring donations with you to weekend Mass and place them in the large red collection box in the Narthex.

Your generosity helps individuals and families shop for warm winter clothing at our October Coat Drive. Thank you for helping keep our community warm this winter!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, June 08	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday, June 09	Rev. Michael Bennett
Wednesday, June 10	Comboni Missionaries, M.C.C.J.
Thursday, June 11	Rev. Paul Voisin C.R.
Friday, June 12	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus <i>World Day of Prayer for the</i>
Saturday, June 13	Rev. Francisco Cruz

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Healthy marriages matter in so many ways! Proven benefits include: having a support system, learning to grow with another, having increased happiness levels and many physical benefits proven in research. Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your marriage and reconnecting. Join us November 21st for a day to reconnect and spend time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord."

WALK WITH JESUS: RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A CHILD

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 10th or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date retreat of the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

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