



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY JULY 25, 2021



What are the fruits of Holy Communion? Below you have the following points of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1391-1397:

**1391 Holy Communion augments our union with Christ.**

The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus.

Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me."

**1392 What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our Spiritual life.**

Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ, a flesh "given life and giving life through the Holy Spirit," preserves increases and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage until the moment of death, when it will be given to us as viaticum.

**1393 Holy Communion separates us from sin.** The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is "given up for us," and the blood we drink "shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins."

For this reason, the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preservice us from future sins.

**1394 As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins.** By giving himself to us, Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disorder attachments to creatures and root ourselves in Him.

**1395 By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharistic preserves us from future mortal sins.**

The more we share the life of Christ and progress in His friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from Him by mortal sin. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins – that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the Church.

**1396 The unity of the mystical body: The Eucharist makes the church those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body – the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism.** In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

**1397 The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren.**

*"You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother,... You dishonor this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal. . . . God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful."* (St. John Chrysostom, Hom. in 1 Cor. 27, 4: PG 61, 229-230; cf. Mt 25:40)

Dear friends, let us thank Our Lord for His total love and self-giving especially in the Holy Eucharist. May we have this desire to receive the Bread of Life frequently and with the best interior dispositions. Mother Mary, Eucharistic Woman, pray for us, your children, so that we may love Our Lord more and better in the Holy Eucharist.



This weekend we will welcome Fr. John Gillespie who will be with us to celebrate Masses and hear confessions and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. Inserts are in this weekend's bulletin and a display is in the foyer of the Church.

Deacon Ramsey will have a Communion Service on Friday at 9:00 a.m. followed by adoration until noon. Adoration will resume again that evening from 8:00 until 9:00 p.m. There will be no daily Masses Monday through Thursday of this week.



The Altar flowers this week are for the intentions of the Carlos Rios family.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is for the intentions of Linda Knauer.



The Knights officers meeting is this Tuesday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining this charitable family-oriented fraternity can call Morgan Stewart at 828-412-0465.

The next Knights of Columbus general membership meeting is Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:45 p.m. beginning with the Rosary. It will be a planning meeting for the organization's 2021/2022 activities. All members are invited to attend.



Both meetings will be held in the Family Life Center.



There will be a "Protecting God's Children" training session here on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. To register in advance, go to: <http://virtusonline.org> or register the day of the training. Anyone who works with children needs to have this class. Any questions, call Kristin at 200-3870.

Any youth, grade 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>, who is interested in attending this year's Eucharistic Congress on September 17-18 with the St. Francis Youth Group will need to call or text Kristin Fox at 200-3870 or Julie Taster at 421-2473. Space is limited!



Our Food Pantry could use tomato soup and canned peas for our next distribution. Thank you for your continued support of your time, food and financial donations to this ministry!

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday, July 24**

**Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest**

5:00 P.M. †Fr. Michael Kottar

**Sunday, July 25**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M. Leonila Cordero by Isobel Cordero

11:30 A.M. Parish People's Mass En Español

**Monday, July 26**

**Saints Joachim and Anne**

**Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

**Tuesday, July 27**

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

**Wednesday, July 28**

5:30 P.M. NO MASS

**Thursday, July 29**

**Saint Martha**

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

**Friday, July 30**

**Saint Peter Chrysologus**

**Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 A.M. Communion Service

**Saturday, July 31**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

5:00 P.M. †John K. Cross by Lori Harvey

†Jerry Buehler by Rosalie Perreault

**Sunday, August 1**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M. †Clyde, Kerry & Michael Blue by Helen Blue

11:30 A.M. Parish People's Mass En Español

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

## The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before Mass.



**Pray for those who seeks healing:** Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, Francis & Jackie Bourgeois, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Fiorillo, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Brandon Hatch, Joan Hatch, Millard Michaels, Dolores Molter, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Marlene Taber, Pat Thompson, Irene Tisdale, Marlene Woods

**Parishioners and all armed forces:** Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Elizabeth Scoone

