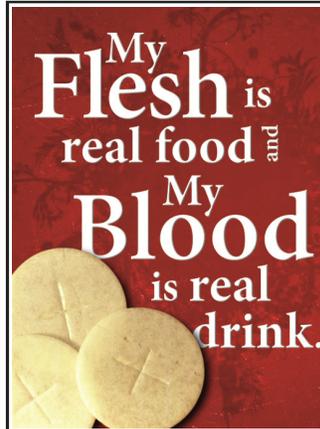


**“MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD”**

by Fr. Jeremy Myers

John 6:51-58

Once again we celebrate the tremendous Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It occurs each year at this time and allows us an opportunity to reflect on this most wondrous gift that God has given to us through His son, Jesus. We are given nourishment and sustenance for our bodies and spirits through the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Even more so, we are given the opportunity to share in eternal life with God in heaven. As the Lord Jesus says in today’s gospel, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” As Yahweh God provided for the Israelites in their desert journey to the Promised Land by means of manna from heaven, now he provides for us in our journey to the Promised Land of heaven by this new bread of life—the body and blood of Christ Jesus who continues to sustain and strengthen us on our way. Of course, the sharing does not end at the altar. Just as Christ Jesus has fed us, so now we are asked to go into the world and provide for others, just as Christ has provided for us. There is a wonderful story that captures this message in a special way. Allow me to tell it as I received it: “A bald, emaciated man lay in the hospital bed, exhausted and weak, after a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. His nurse tiptoed in. ‘Mr. Jensen, I’m your nurse, Hannah.’ The man barely nodded. Hannah checked his vital signs. ‘Would you like some soup?’ He shook his head. ‘I just want to sleep.’ Hannah came back later with medication. He took it and sank back against the pillow. Hannah offered him the paper but he wasn’t interested. Feeling defeated and concerned, Hannah left. She went to the nurses’ kitchen to pour herself a cup of tea. Then inspiration struck. She grabbed the large teapot, and placed it on a tray with some toast and two cups. Then she headed for Mr. Jensen’s room. ‘Would I be disturbing you if I have my tea here in your room?’ Hannah asked. ‘I’d like to watch the news, if it’s all right.’ ‘Not at all,’ Mr. Jensen said, but he was clearly taken aback. Hannah put on the television, then poured herself a cup of tea. ‘I brought an extra cup, if you’d like some.’ ‘Maybe I’ll have half a cup.’ Mr. Jensen and Hannah watched the news in silence, until he nodded off. As she got up to go, he asked, ‘Are you in tomorrow?’ ‘I am, and I’ll have tea with you again tomorrow, if you’d like.’ ‘I’d like that.’ The next night Mr. Jensen had two cups of tea and a piece of toast—his first solid food in a month. The third night he and Hannah talked about their families, their hometowns, their lives outside the hospital. The fourth night, he got out of bed and sat in a chair. A few days later, Hannah found Mr. Jensen’s room empty. He had recovered enough to go home to recuperate. Some time later Hannah was downtown shopping when she heard a familiar voice. ‘Hannah, it’s so good to see you!’ said Mr. Jensen, as he swept her up in a big hug. ‘This is Hannah,’ he said, introducing her to his wife. ‘She saved my life with a cup of tea.’” There is much truth in that story and its message is at the heart of our celebration today. Out of love, Christ Jesus has given himself to us in bread and asks us to become bread for others, or in this instance, a cup of tea.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A) The Body and Blood of Christ is our celebration today. Every Mass, of course, is such a celebration, but today we make a special effort to be aware of Jesus’ sacramental presence, which lifts us up from all our woes.

**El SANTÍSIMO CUERPO Y SANGRE DE CRISTO (A) El cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo es nuestra celebración de hoy.**

**Cada misa, por supuesto, es dicha celebración, pero hoy debemos hacer un esfuerzo especial para ser consciente de que la presencia sacramental de Jesús, que nos levanta de todos nuestros problemas.**



**Glorifica al Señor, Jerusalén.**

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Mass today in the Parish Hall.

**Por favor únase a nosotros para el café y compañerismo después de Misa hoy en el Salón Parroquial.**

A big thank you to all of our bulletin sponsors who participated with this past year’s bulletin. Bill Strait from Trinity Publications will be working on the new year sponsors in the coming weeks. He can be reached at the church office, 903-893-5148, or by email, [bstrait@trinitypublications.com](mailto:bstrait@trinitypublications.com).



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*“Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.”*

*William Arthur Ward*

# Father's Day Blessings

## Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family.

Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen.

## Oración Del Día Del Padre

*Dios nuestro padre, tú gobiernas y proteges a tu pueblo y los pastoreas con el amor de un padre. Usted coloca un padre en una familia como muestra de su amor, cuidado y protección constante.*

*Que los padres en todas partes sean fieles al ejemplo mostrado en las escrituras: firme en el amor, el perdón de las transgresiones, el sostenimiento de la familia, el cuidado de los necesitados.*

*Dé su sabiduría a los padres para que pueden alentar y guiar a sus hijos. Manténgalos saludables para que puedan mantener a una familia.*

*Guía de cada padre con el espíritu de tu amor para que puedan crecer en la santidad y atraigan a su familia cada vez más cerca de ti. Amén.*



First-time altar server Cayden Rose is pictured above with Fr. Jeremy, Markos Morales, Jayce Jaresh, and Pedro Lopez. Thank you to Cayden and to all altar servers for giving of your time and talent to our community of faith.



# Mass Intention

FOR JUNE 25, 2017

†Kenneth Morrell by Robert Morrell Family

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE 25, 2017

<b>Lector</b>	Deb Teuscher	<b>Servers</b>	Jake Lambke Jayce Jaresh Luke Jaresh
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ana Baeza Sharon Kirkpatrick Suzanne Cunningham	<b>Ushers</b>	Don Kolash Toby Fuhrmann
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Roger Balak Family	<b>Ministers to Homebound</b>	Sally & Jimmy

*Primera vez monaguillo Cayden Rose en la foto arriba con el Padre Jeremy, Markos Morales, Jayce Jaresh y Pedro López. Gracias a Cayden y a todos los servidores de altar por dar su tiempo y talento a nuestra comunidad de fe.*

**Please remember in your prayers all the sick and suffering, especially Nathan Morales. May he feel the power of Jesus' loving embrace.**

We want to wish a happy anniversary to all couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, especially Ken & Lois Essenburg on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Toby & Bridgette Fuhrmann on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Andy & Phyllis Brazie on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A killdeer mom and her chicks have found a home with us. Perhaps they know we are named after St. Francis of Assisi and knew they would be safe with us!



*Una mamá killdeer y sus polluelos han encontrado un hogar con nosotros. Quizás saben que estamos nombrados después de San Francisco de Asís y sabían que estarían a salvo con nosotros!*