

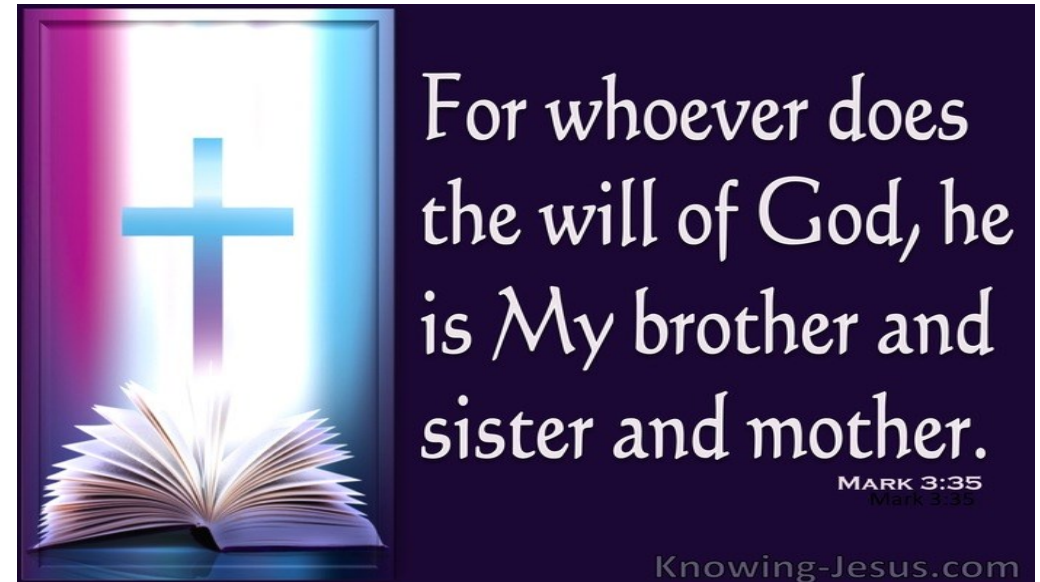
Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Jodi Aerts  
Dylan Anderson  
Robert Berry  
Patricia Bonnewitz  
Millie Budney  
Michael Burke  
Sandra Burke  
Julie Byron  
Toni Capute  
Deacon John Carey  
Riordan Cavoris  
Jim Croushorn  
Justin Curtis  
Tony Donehoo  
Carol Donato  
Islea Duncan  
Alan Ekberg  
John Evans  
Jack Fisher  
Linda Gardner  
Elizabeth Gillam  
Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lynn Goss  
Kathleen Hamilton  
Jeanne Harper  
Jeannine Iannaco  
Pablo Ignacio  
Patrick Ignacio  
Meja Irvin  
Leslie Jarrett  
Paul Lent  
Carolyn Martin  
Jamie Martin  
Kimberly Martin  
Greg Moore  
Kathleen Moore  
Beverly Moyer  
Chris Moyer  
Ray Moyer  
Don Notestein  
Patsy Notestein  
Angel Ortiz  
George Perry  
Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters  
Laurie Peters  
Frank Powell  
Nelson Sanchez  
Princess Sanchez  
John Seaquist  
Ray Servis  
Jane Sliwinski  
Joseph Souza  
Margaret Smith  
Chere Tew  
Jim Tew  
Fred Toth  
Amy Tracy  
Charles Watson  
Danielle Weedon  
Laura Williams  
Louise Williams  
Michael Williams  
Travis Williams  
Betty Jo Wolfram

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**June 9, 2024**  
**10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## June Birthdays

Stephanie Hamilton (June 2)  
Travis Williams (June 2)  
Kathern Hampton (June 6)  
Phil Hampton (June 16)  
John Evans (June 19)  
Joyce Hing (June 19)  
Beau Ellrich (June 21)  
Patsy Notestein (June 30)

## June Anniversaries

Don & Patsy Notestein (June 12)  
Bob & Sandra Burke (June 13)  
Chuck & Pat Hirtz (June 13)  
Les & Maria Leslie (June 24)  
Keith & Kathleen Hamilton (June 28)  
Chene & Emily Heady (June 30)

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday 12:15 PM**

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## **A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM**

Here are my thoughts on Corpus Christi Sunday or The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Last week's feast was the culmination of the year in which we hoped to renew our belief in the "real presence."

The real presence of Christ refers to the belief that Jesus Christ is with us in the consecrated bread and wine. But even my brief explanation in the previous sentence falls short. We can talk about how Jesus is present in the Eucharist, but we will never fully define or get to the bottom of it. We are talking about an unfathomable mystery. But let us begin by saying that "CHRIST IS PRESENT."

The "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" from Vatican II says that when we gather on Sunday, Christ is present in the gathered assembly (you and me and all the people), the Word (Scripture Readings) and the Sacrament (Communion).

Lately, some parishes are struggling with the faith that Christ is present in the people. Some pastors do not want to say, "As Christ is present in the gathered assembly, let us stand and welcome one another." Moreover, some parishes or pastors do not allow the priest to leave the altar to extend the sign of peace. At St. Victoria and Our Lady of Peace, Father Jim is all over the place (which is a good thing) as he extends peace to that Christ which is in the people. Also, we do stand and welcome each other before the gathering song. Why? Again, because Christ is present in the people.

When the Word is proclaimed, we are fed spiritually because Jesus is present in each reading. The First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, the Second Reading and the Gospel - Jesus is right there talking to you and me. All the readings are important. Again, at Our Lady of Peace and St. Victoria, we give a brief explanation before they are proclaimed.

So to review, Christ is present in the people and the Word and not just communion. During the Eucharistic prayer, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate together.

There is ministerial priesthood (Fr. Jim) and there is the priesthood of the faithful (God's Holy Baptized lay people). The whole prayer consecrated the bread and wine, not just the words of institution ("This is my body..."), so you really don't need the bells. You just have to pay attention.

Christ is present in the ACTION of the Eucharist (Actio); Jesus is present in the Eucharistic Prayer; Christ is present in the eating and drinking; Christ is present in the pouring of the Precious Blood and the breaking of the bread.

Christ is present in your receiving the Precious Blood and His Precious Body. The highest point of Catholic Worship is not adoration or benediction, but the Eucharist - the mass - the action!! But even my expectations fall way short. Mother Theresa said that the same Jesus suffering in the streets is the same Jesus at Communion.

Have we this past year put the same amount of energy engaging the real presence in the suffering all around us as in the church building at mass? The Real Presence of Christ is the person with AIDS, in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and Russia, on death row... The test of the renewal this past year will hopefully be seen in outreach and justice and peace activities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Today is Breakfast Sunday** All are welcome! If you are visiting, please stay after mass and enjoy some coffee and breakfast treats. We would be honored to have you as our guest!

On behalf of the **Hospitality Committee**, Diane and Jodi wish to thank all who helped with the tea we hosted on Saturday, June 1. Thanks to all who helped set up, clean up, served and made sure they sat and talked with the ladies from Holy Cross, St. Victoria and St. Anne's. Thanks to all who brought tea, lent us their tea cups, saucers, tea pots and accessories and for all the savory sandwiches and bountiful goodies. OLP rocks! We were overwhelmed by your outpouring of help, love and just being awesome ladies! We will be hosting an ecumenical tea on August 3rd and hope to see you there, too.

**THANK YOU** from Steve and Diane. We wish to thank Our Lady of Peace parishioners who helped us celebrate the renewal of our vows on our 15th Wedding Anniversary. We were so happy that day and you all made us feel even happier! Thank you Fr. Jim for sharing our joy with the congregation. Thank you Bonnie and the choir for singing to us. Thank you Kelsey for being an awesome bridesmaid. Thank you Killian for being the best ring bearer. Thank you Jodi for the delicious wedding cake. Thank you Ronnie for the beautiful flower arrangement. And thank you parishioners for helping us share such a very special day with you and God. Christ's peace to all.

**Vacation Bible School** may have to be postponed until July 23-26. We will keep you posted with updates. Please feel free to reach out to Alice D, Helen D or Bonnie T with any questions or concerns.

## **JUNE CALENDAR**

9th: Breakfast Sunday  
11th: Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting  
13th: Hillcats Game  
15th: Mac's Kitchen  
25-28: Vacation Bible School [pending]  
June 28-July 6: Fr. Jim away