

# Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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## REFLECTIONS

### The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, which translates from the Latin as “Body of Christ.” For the first 1,200 years of the existence of our Church there was no other special liturgical celebration of the Eucharist other than Holy Thursday, which celebrates the Last Supper event and the initiation of the Eucharistic sacrifice by Christ. However, in the mid-13th Century in what is today modern Belgium, Saint Juliana, a Benedictine prioress, first suggested to the local religious authorities the potential for a special celebration focused on the Eucharist. Beginning when she was age 16, Juliana had experienced visions which were later interpreted for her by Christ as his desire to establish a special Eucharistic feast day. Although her initial request was denied, success came in 1246 when this liturgical celebration was permitted in the Diocese of Liege. Ultimately, in 1314, Pope Clement V established this Solemnity for the universal Church.

Many of the liturgical texts associated with the celebration of *Corpus Christi* were composed by Saint Thomas Aquinas at the request of the Holy Father. During this time historically, theologians were debating vigorously the corporeality of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, that is, whether it was to be understood that Christ was really present physically or merely spiritually or symbolically. Saint Thomas Aquinas was chief among the defenders of the theology of the Real Presence. In his writings, Saint Thomas provided the philosophical grounding of the Church’s Eucharistic doctrine by defining transubstantiation, the understanding that

during the Eucharistic celebration, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. These elements are not merely symbols of Christ present but are in fact the Real Presence of Jesus. As with much of theology, this is mystery beyond human comprehension and calls forth faith.

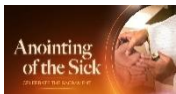
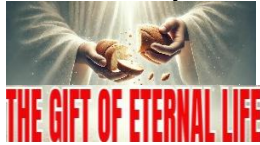
The Solemnity is celebrated in most parts of the Catholic world on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday; in the United States, however, it is celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday. The primary focus is the Eucharist, defined at the Second Vatican Council by the Church in *Lumen Gentium*, No. 11, as “the source and summit of our faith.” As well, the celebration emphasizes that the Church is the Body of Christ nourished by the Eucharist. These two concepts are intimately linked in the light of the challenge of Saint Augustine that as Christians receiving communion, we “become what we receive.” Christ’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist calls us firstly to pledge ourselves to God in undivided love and then to offer ourselves in the service to others.

*From Father Ken*



## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In this week's gospel reading Jesus teaches the crowd gathered that He is the living bread from heaven, and His body is the food given by God for our pilgrimage on earth. Jesus tells us that if we partake of His body we will live forever. Our reception of the Holy Eucharist allows us to become the body of Christ and unity with the church.



Anointing of the sick will be done during 9:00 AM Mass this week on Thursday, June 11th.



**Don't say No before you say Yes ... Visit the Secular Franciscans, get to know them, and ask yourself, Is God calling me?** The Franciscan Saint Clare Fraternity invites you to attend a *Come and See* **after Mass on Sunday June 14th at 11:15 AM.** It will be held in the Chapel Building A&B Rooms. Please add your name to the Sign-up sheet on the counter in the Chapel foyer.



**Please consider giving a donation to help buy rice and other food for Father Valentine's Village in Nigeria.**

Food insecurity remains a pressing concern in Imo State where Father Valentine's village of Umuodaa – Amuzu is located. Economic hardship, climate change (flooding), and

conflicts including attacks by unknown gunman disrupt farming and supply chains leading to reduced food availability. If donating by check, please put "Father Valentine" on the memo line and place any cash donations in an envelope marked with your name. *[If you deprive yourself for the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, your light will rise in the darkness, and your darkest hour will be like noon. (Isaiah 58:10)].*



**SAFE Environment Training** will be presented in the A & B Activity Rooms on Thursday, June 25th, after 9AM Mass. All SFV Catholic Chapel Volunteers must have Safe Environment training to serve in the Chapel's volunteer ministries. Sign up sheet is at Chapel Entry.

**We thank Cross Catholic Outreach's priest for celebrating Mass with us this weekend.** Please be generous in your support of the Cross Catholic ministry that partners with bishops, priests, religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, disaster relief and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the poorest of the poor around the world.

## Chapel Donations: *For it is in giving that we receive (St. Francis)*



**Little Portion Hermitage** is a Christ-centered place of solitude, sacred silence, prayer and penance, founded to serve the glory of God and inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. In essence, the mission is to live a life of love and truth in communion with God and the Church, to be a "school of communion" and to bring the healing of Jesus to society through spiritual, environmental, and communal witness.



**Missionaries of the Poor** was founded in 1981 with a main objective to build family and community among the poor and disadvantaged. The brothers began their work in a government-run house for the homeless, destitute, and aged, where they succeeded in opening the consciousness of the public to the needs and struggles of the poor. They continued their work with prisoners, where they helped to bring to light the need for rehabilitation among prisoners, not mere isolation.

A recent article in the North Dallas Parish newsletter on Altar Stones reminded me of the Altar Stone in our Chapel Altar. Just prior to the tearing down of the Franciscan rectory a few years back, I made a final walk through the rectory and discovered what is believed to be the altar stone from the original Altar in the Catholic Chapel at Saint Francis Village. In questioning many people associated with the Chapel, it is believed to contain a relic of Saint Francis. When Bob Frank built the new altar for the chapel he molded the relic into the surface of the new altar. It is strongly encouraged by the Catholic Church that all fixed altars contain a relic embedded in a square or rectangle piece of marble and be placed at the top of the altar. It was providential that the Altar stone was discovered and not destroyed.

**May Christ's will be done on earth**

**as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.**

**Mike Pierson**



### Mass Intentions

June 7, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
June 8, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Victor Rodriguez By SFV Catholic Chapel Community
June 9, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
June 10, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jim Moran By SFV Catholic Chapel Community
June 11, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Matthew Howard, son of Sheila Howard, By Teresa Stichnot
June 12, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Antoinette Childs By David and Kathy Skinner
June 13, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Omer Marie Bruno Tapsoba by Marione Tapsoba (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

