



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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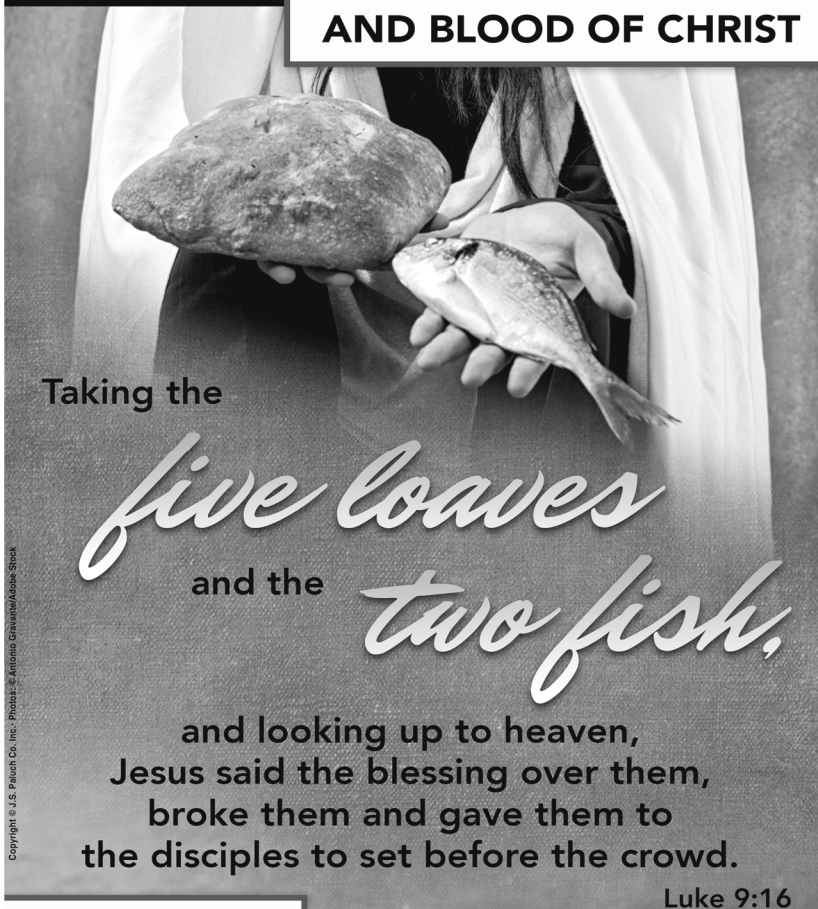
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Taking the

five loaves
and the
two fish,

and looking up to heaven,
Jesus said the blessing over them,
broke them and gave them to
the disciples to set before the crowd.

Luke 9:16

JUNE 23, 2019

Good News!

June 23, 2019

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C)

Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

One of the most interesting paintings of the Last Supper is from the 1340s by the Master of Fossa. Typically this scene is illustrated much like da Vinci's *The Last Supper*—the Twelve Apostles sitting on one side of the table. In this rare interpretation, Jesus directly distributes the host to his apostles, reminding us how we receive Communion today. This rendering could be a nod to the feast of Corpus Christi, solemnly approved some thirty years earlier by Pope Clement V in 1311 in response to a eucharistic miracle in an Umbrian town.

A German priest struggling with his belief in the eucharistic presence of Jesus was celebrating Mass in Orvieto en route to Rome. After the consecration, the host turned to flesh and began to bleed. He wrapped up the Eucharist and brought it to the bishop in a nearby town. After studying the blood and the eyewitnesses, a miracle was declared.

Hundreds of documented eucharistic miracles help confirm our faith in the Eucharist. Should you question the belief that Christ's body and blood are really present in the Eucharist, perhaps reading about these miracles would help.

The Master of Fossa's Last Supper is placed directly beneath his painting of the crucifixion, in this way reminding us that the Mass and Eucharist make present to us today the power of Jesus' death. By celebrating the Eucharist, we unite ourselves with that Jesus and those events of his passion, death, and resurrection. For this reason, many Catholics silently repeat before receiving Communion, "My Lord and my God."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

CONFESSIONS:

1st Friday of the Month
7:15am—7:50am

Saturday
3:30pm—4:30pm

INFANT BAPTISMS:

4th Sunday of the Month:
2:30pm (must pre-register)
Email: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org

WEDDINGS: (6 Months Prior)
Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:
(Call Parish Office)

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 8:00am | 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:45am
12:30pm | 5:30pm

Monday—Friday 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

(1st Friday of the Month)

Adoration: 8:30am—6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:

Every Wednesday (Novena after Mass)
Rosary: 6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the Catholic Community of St. Barnabas Parish, are a people formed by Christ, called in Baptism and united in the Eucharist; we continue the mission of the Church in the world through Prayer, Apostolic Works, Evangelization, and Christian Stewardship."

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Weekly Contribution: **\$ 10,110.00**

Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution: **\$ 3,395.07**
Period: 5/16- 5/31

Thanks for your prayerful giving. Your donation supports the operations of our Parish Community.

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS:

No Sponsor this week.

If you would like to sponsor, please email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Fred & Letty Montoya
June 15 - June 29

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Please join us in reciting the **Rosary** every morning (Mon-Sat) at 7:35am before daily Mass. It's a beautiful and spiritual way to start your day. Every day following weekday Mass, we invite you to join us for the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**. Prayers usually start approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass (around 8:40am). If you can't join us, you can join the Divine Mercy on EWTN television channel at noon.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 6/26 Deacon Carlito's Retirement Party after Mass
- 6/29 Fr. Mike's Going Away Party 6:30pm/Hall
- 7/4 USA's Independence Day (office closed)
- 7/19 Fil-Am Hawaiian Night 6:30pm/Hall
- 7/20 KofC Rummage Sale 8am-3pm/Parking Lot
- 7/27 KofC Rummage Sale 8am-3pm/Parking Lot

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 24th

8:00 am— Daryl Maurito Anunsciado; +Juan De Lunas

Tuesday, June 25th

8:00 am— Camilo Velasco

Wednesday, June 26th

8:00 am— Jean Coria; Patty Foster

6:30 pm— Mary Sabate; Deacon Carlito & Rose de los Reyes

Thursday, June 27th

8:00 am— Chris & Aurora Sarmiento; Jim Supancheck; +Jason Elizaga

Friday, June 28th

8:00 am— +Pete Torres

Saturday, June 29th

8:00 am— Thanksgiving for Fr. Mike

5:00 pm— All Souls in Purgatory; +Beatriz Unas; +Marcela & +Primitivo Cahilig

Sunday, June 30th

7:30 am— Thanksgiving for Fr. Mike; Mike Demuth

9:00 am— Faustinus Gemegah

10:45 am— +Elmer Layaoen; +Rolando Sapinoso

12:30 pm— St. Barnabas Parishioners

5:30 pm— Thanksgiving for Fr. Mike; Lorne Dumo

Book your Mass Intentions at the Parish Office. (+ indicates deceased)

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Tuesday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
- Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
- Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Delia Bianchi 4/29

Fe D. Lim 6/5

John E. Neff 6/5

Pamela Sandoval 6/14

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).

Psalms — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).

Second Reading — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Gospel — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;

1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];

Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11;

Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;

Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Steve McKim, Ray Paraiso, Ken Augustine, Steven Pearson, Barbara Hendren, Serena Cabuhat, Gavin Octaviano, Barbara Adame, Florencio "Junn" Gabrillo Jr., Carolyn Espinoza, Gerry Johnston, Roseann Vetter, Maria DeRefuge Manzo, Erlinda Chua, Anna Rachel Posas, Nicandro Bernardo, Myke Bommer, Elizabeth Cannata, James Madura, Rodolfo Alejandria, Ana Raquel Posas, Fr. Mike Grieco, Yvonne Lumampao, Andrea Baylen, Jackie Spiziri, Mara & Sovannary Doung, Blandina Paterson, William & Gloria Dorsey, Mike Repp, Jim & Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Keith Wieland, Carol Jane Perreault, Gloria Staudt, Chito Bacuyag, Orlydia Chua, Jude Johnson, Sister Miriam, Leonard Loy, Hector Gustilo, Dolores Garibay, Vincent Muagututia, Nathaniel Capitulo, Ana Castillo, Fred & Laura Wong, Leda Wong, Cesar Giron, Mary Sabate, Peggy & Bob Breshears, Sonia Hanson, Len Tanguay, Mike Demuth, Julien Dolbec, Rachel Chavez, Khin Nwe, Lynda Mendola, Abby Jose, Camilo Velasco

Please pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which is presented at each Mass. Call the Office to be added to the Bulletin list. You may also write your own prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Book, that is available before each Saturday and Sunday Mass, located on a stand at the main entrance of the Church.

PARISH NEWS & MORE

FR. MIKE'S GOING AWAY PARTY!

SATURDAY: JUNE 29, 2019

MASS: 5:00PM

RECEPTION: 6:30PM IN THE HALL

"POTLUCK STYLE"

There will be an online food sign-up list that will be sent to all Parish Ministry leaders. You can also call the Parish Office if you would like to donate and bring a dish or dessert to share.



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God Bless You! —St. Barnabas Parish Office

IMPORTANT NOTICES

FAKE TEXT MESSAGE / SPAM E-MAILS

If you happen to receive a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony requesting money thru gift cards, **THIS IS A HOAX**, it was hacked. **PLEASE IGNORE**. Do not reply to them and immediately delete it. Thanks for understanding.

A FEW COURTESY REMINDERS

We know summer is approaching and the weather is getting warmer, so please continue to dress modestly and be respectful for the Mass. If possible, please be on time and try not to leave before the final blessing, in respect of the Eucharist. Don't forget to silence all cell phones before Mass begins and keep your pews clean too. Trash cans are outside at all the exits.

Also, be mindful when parking in the neighborhood, by not blocking any driveways and/or parking at the 99 Cent Store, as you may get towed. Thanks for your help and cooperation!

DEACON CARLITO'S RETIREMENT PARTY!

**Wed. June 26, 2019 at 6:30pm
at the Parish Hall! Join us!!!**

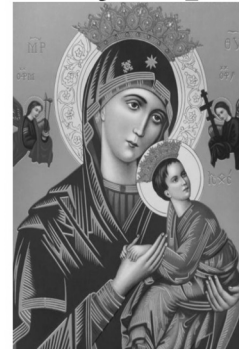
It's POTLUCK so bring a dish!



PARISH MINISTRIES

Feast Day Celebration of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Also join us in
celebrating
**Deacon
Carlito's
Retirement!**
Come to the
Parish Hall
immediately
**AFTER the
6:30pm Mass
on 6/26/19**



"Make Her Known"
—Pope Pius IX, 1865

Schedule of Activities:

Nine Day Novena

	Date	Day	Time	Place
1st	6/18	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Church
2nd	6/19	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Church
3rd	6/20	Thursday	6:00 pm	Church
4th	6/21	Friday	6:00 pm	Church
5th	6/22	Saturday	6:00 pm	Church
6th	6/23	Sunday	6:30 pm	Church
7th	6/24	Monday	6:00 pm	Church
8th	6/25	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Church
9th	6/26	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Church

Feast Day Mass

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm Mass

St. Barnabas Catholic Church
3955 Orange Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Potluck Reception will follow in the parish hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more info and/or if you would like to donate food or make a monetary contribution for the reception, please contact:

Armando Pablo at (562) 631-6361, Gigi Laluan at (562) 225-3061



ST. BARNABAS FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Invites you to its

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HAWAIIAN NIGHT



July 19, 2019 (Friday)
6:30pm to 11:30pm

St. Barnabas Parish Hall
3955 Orange Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Music by: Sounds for Mission

Entertainment — Door Prizes — Dancing — Raffle Drawings
Surprise Presentations

Attire: Hawaiian Donation: \$25.00 Dinner served: 7–9pm
Children Age 13 & below: \$10.00

For additional information, please call Gigi R. Laluan at (562)225-3061,
Helen Cajayon (562)290-2019 or Armando Pablo (562)631-6361

HEALING MASS @ST. CORNELIUS

MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE

Monday, June 24, 2019@ 7:30pm

St Cornelius Catholic Church

5500 East Wardlow Road

Long Beach, CA 90808

Father George Reynolds is the Associate Pastor of Saint Cornelius Catholic Church. (previous Assoc. Pastor of St. Barnabas)

He is a charismatic priest with a gift of healing. Father George was a convert from Jehovah Witness religion prior to becoming a Catholic priest.

He is a retreat master and a speaker at the annual SCRC Charismatic Renewal Convention. He is active in teaching on healing and the charismatic spirituality.

Come, bring your family and friends to experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

L.A. ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

OPPOSE SB 360 BILL

Archbishop Jose Gomez's statement on Amendments to California "Confession Bill"

I have been studying the amendments made to SB 360 by the Senate Appropriations Committee...

I am grateful that Senators heard the voice of the Catholic people — who understand that confession is a sacred space, an intimate dialogue between the believer and the living God. We know that no government, for whatever reason, should violate the privacy and confidentiality of that sacred conversation.

And while I appreciate that the committee accepted several of the Church's recommendations to strengthen mandated reporting requirements for clergy, as amended SB 360 still denies the sanctity of confession to every priest in the state and to thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries. Even as amended, SB 360 remains an unacceptable violation of our religious freedoms that will do nothing to protect children. As a Catholic community, let us continue to work with lawmakers for a bill that truly advances our shared goals of fighting the scourge of child sexual abuse in our society.

SEE PAGE 8 TO SIGN THE FORM & RETURN TO US!



ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

SBS THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of the children, families, teachers and staff of St. Barnabas School, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution of time and support to this year's Spring Event (March 8-9). We are pleased to share that, thanks in great part to your support, we achieved our financial goals that will enable us to create a new Science, Technology, Religion, Arts, & Mathematics (STREAM) Room from which all of our students will benefit for generations to come. Plans for our new STREAM room are already underway as we are expected to break ground this summer!

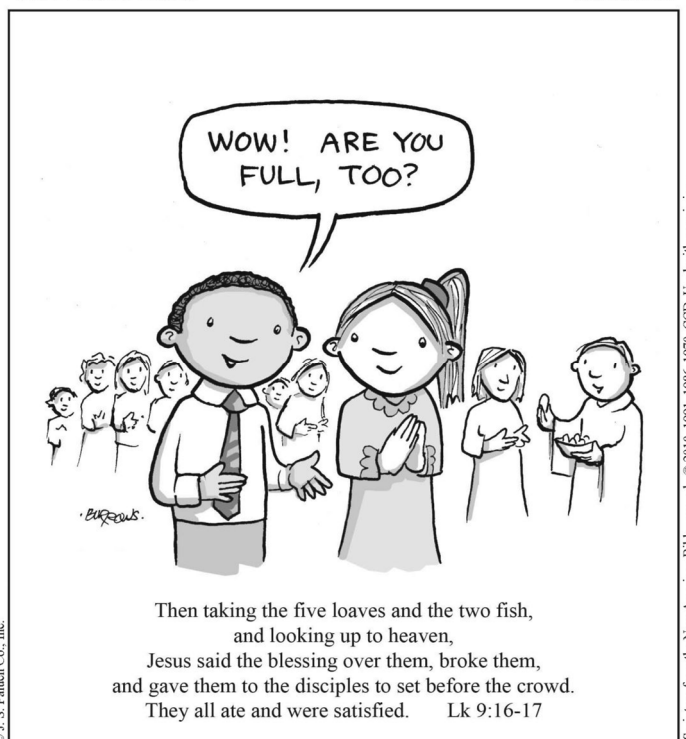
With over 700 guests in attendance, our annual Spring Event featured 120 talented students in a spectacular two-day production of Beauty and the Beast JR. Our cash raffle, live and silent auctions, and rousing paddle raises were well received and also helped us achieve great financial success.

We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for next year's Spring Event that is confirmed to take place again at Saint Joseph High School on **April 24 & 25, 2020**. We are incredibly grateful to supporters like you who champion our efforts and look forward to your continued support and partnership.

—Candice Wood (Chair/Spring Event)

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the Month

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 AM to 6:15 PM

Evening Mass: 6:30 PM

Would you like to enrich your heart and soul with an hour devoted to our Blessed Lord in Eucharistic Adoration? It is a rich and refreshing experience of deep prayer and spiritual guidance.

On **Friday, July 5th, 2019**, come join us for meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, starting after the 8:00am Mass until 6:15pm, followed a **Mass at 6:30pm**.

We invite everyone to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for an increase in vocations and your own personal intentions.

SAINT PEREGRINE is the Patron Saint of Cancer patients and we will be praying through the intercession of St. Peregrine for those who have Cancer or who are Cancer survivors. Call the Parish Office to give Names to pray for.

All are welcome to join us too!

This Novena is every **First Friday of the month at 4:15PM**, during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Saturday, **July 6th**, and on every **first Saturday of the month**, there will be a novena in honor of Our Lady of Fatima after the 8:00am mass in the Church.

All are welcome to join us in this special Marian Devotion.



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The glory of God is man fully alive.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

2nd-century bishop and defender of the truth handed on from the Apostles

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEW OR RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Teresita Tabayan, Nino & Katrina Banzuela, Lourdes De Vera and their families

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Roy & Faye Rivera 6/12

Erie & Joy Mercado 6/21 (16yrs)

Richard & Joan Watson 6/22 (46yrs)

Arnaldo & Lucita Luna 6/23 (29ys)

Florente & Merlita Trinidad 6/26 (37yrs)

Chris & Aurora Sarmiento 6/27 (43yrs)



Celebrating your Wedding Anniversary? Email us Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to: church@stbarnabaslb.org



"Pancakes and sausage instead of loaves and fish? But it'd be tough to gather all the leftover syrup!"

2019 TOGETHER IN MISSION

DON'T FORGET TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGES!!! THANK YOU!!!

**ST. BARNABAS PARISH #628
GOAL FOR 2019
\$ 69,600.00**

collection

\$ 67,632.50

pledges

As of
6/17/19

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KNIGHTS KORNER

KOFC RUMMAGE SALE!!!

Save the date for the Knights of Columbus Rummage sale on: **Sat. July 20th & 27th from 8am-3pm** at the basketball parking lot.

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS ON

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH
AFTER ALL THE
MASSES AT THE
LUNCH BENCHES.**

Please NO TVs, NO electronics, NO large items/furniture, NO chemicals, paint or liquids of any kind. Contact **James Teahan** at **562-221-3296** for pick-up of items or other questions.

A SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE!

THANK YOU to all of your Knights of Columbus and Parish Office for getting the word out, we had a fantastic blood drive on June 9th!

Here are the blood drive results:

*Projection/Goal: 28 pints

*Collected: 31 pints

So St. Barnabas **saved up to 93 lives** that Sunday, that gave hope to many families!



We value our partnership and look forward to our future blood drives, we cannot save lives without Churches like yours. Such a supportive congregation.

Best,
Lisa Love|Account Manager

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HOLY HUMOR

The pastor was greeting folks at the door after the service. A woman said, "Father, that was a good sermon."

The priest replied, "Oh, I have to give the credit to the Holy Spirit."

"It wasn't THAT good!" she said.

THE BOOK OF CATHOLIC JOKES, by Deacon Tom Sheridan published by ACTA Publications, Chicago, Ill

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We owe today's beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that "nobody wanted." He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ's hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an " anchoress," a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ's presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ's Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

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THIS SACRED MEAL

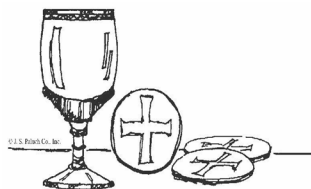
Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Each of the readings includes a blessing and a sharing of food. They remind us of the central place of meals in our lives. Each meal brings to mind other meals: the sharing of cookies and milk, pizza and beer, loaves and fishes, bread and wine. When we prepare a meal for our family, our friends, even strangers, we always put something of ourselves into the preparation and the meal itself. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of what God put into the preparation for this meal that we celebrate today. We share this sacred meal and are transformed as we remember the death of Jesus and the sacrifice that nurtures our faith, sustains our lives, and supports our work.

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 23, 2019

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

—1 Corinthians 11:26



I oppose **SB 360** and urge **CA Assemblymembers** to **#KeepTheSeal**

Dear Assembly Member,

For Catholics, Confession is sacred, and the ability to confess our sins confidentially is essential to our religious belief and practice.

SB 360 would deny the right to confidential confessions to priests and to tens of thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries.

We agree with the intention behind SB 360: that all youth should be protected from abuse. But clergy and ministers are already “mandated reporters” — which means that when they hear information about suspected child abuse, they are required to report this to law enforcement. And there is no evidence that denying tens of thousands of California Catholics the right to seek God’s forgiveness in Confession will protect children.

Please vote NO on SB 360 unless it is amended to ensure that all Californians are able to confess their sins to their priests to receive the grace of the Sacrament.

Any law that does not keep this unique form of religious communications private and available to every person, is wrong and violates Californians’ rights to practice their religion freely.



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For more information on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles abuse prevention efforts visit protect.la-archdiocese.org.

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