



Saint Mark's Catholic Community of the Deaf

**JUNE 26, 2011
THE BODY & BLOOD
OF THE LORD
"CORPUS CHRISTI"**

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Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Psalm - #147

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-59

Next Sunday – July 3rd – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time "A"

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm – # 145

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD or CORPUS CHRISTI – Today's feast is about the Eucharist (or Holy Communion) which is the Body and Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi is Latin for Body of Christ and it was by this name that this feast was known in the past. Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before he died and he asked his Apostles to do the same in memory of him. Jesus knew that he would die and then later ascend to Heaven. He wanted to remain with us always and he does this in the Eucharist in every Mass and also remains in every Catholic Church in the tabernacle where we can go to visit him and pray. There Jesus always waits for us and is happy when we spend some time with him. You can pray there before or after Mass.

TODAY we welcome our faithful priest, Father Mike McCaffery. Elsie will be our interpreter today. We welcome her back with us.

LET US PRAY – For Connie van Dyk's brother who died last Tuesday morning of pneumonia. He had ALS, so there was nothing more that the doctors could do for the infection in his lungs. May he rest in peace.

SPECIAL FEAST June 29th – Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul

The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul is celebrated with greater solemnity than most saints. Peter was the first Pope and the rock (petra) on which Jesus said he would build his Church. St. Paul was a Roman citizen and a Jew who persecuted the early Christians but was converted when Our Lord appeared to him on the way to Damascus where he had gone to arrest more Christians. Paul became a great Apostle to the Gentiles (non-Jews). His name had been Saul and it was changed to Paul. (Peter's name was also changed from Simon to Peter by Jesus himself.)

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