

St. Clare

236 S. Beach Boulevard



Catholic Church

Waveland, MS 39576

Sunday, June 2, 2024

“We will do everything that the Lord has told us.”



On Mount Sinai, Moses presided over the swearing of a sacred covenant between God and the people of Israel. After explaining the provisions of this covenant, Moses sprinkled the people with the blood of sacrificed animals, and the people responded by promising to “heed and do” everything God had commanded (Exodus 24:7). They have their marching orders, and they intend to follow them.

The Israelites’ response to Moses is clearly admirable and pleasing to the Lord, but today’s feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to consider another aspect of our response to him. We are so used to focusing on “doing,” but at its heart, the mystery of the Eucharist is focused on “being” more than “doing.” Just as the bread and wine *become* the Body and Blood of the Lord at Mass, so do we *become* the body of Christ when we gather for worship and receive him in Communion. So when we say “Amen” just

before receiving the Eucharist, we can say in our hearts, “We will *be* everything the Lord has made us to be.”

This is one of the greatest miracles of our faith. As the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught, “Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with him and with one another” (*Lumen Gentium*, 7). Communion—with Christ! And that communion, received in faith and founded on grace, changes us. It fills us with divine love and divine grace. It transforms us so that we become more like Jesus.

Of course, it’s a good thing to *do* what God is asking us to do. But today is a perfect day to celebrate who you *are becoming*. Treasured and redeemed and beloved, you are taking on the likeness of the very One you are receiving!

~ *The Word Among Us*

Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

Readings for The Body and Blood of Christ

- ◆ 1st Reading— Exodus 24:3– 8
- ◆ 2nd Reading— Hebrews 9: 11-15
- ◆ Gospel Reading— Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

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Church Office Hours:.....
 Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

CONFESSION: Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM
 Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours.
 Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

*In the spirit of giving,
 we thank you for
 your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**
Regular Offertory:
\$3,858.00
Building Fund
\$457.00

Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.
 † First, he said that the Rosary is a “compendium of the entire history of our salvation.”
 † Then, the Pope noted, the “Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil.”
 † Finally, the Pope said, it is “an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts.”
 All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.



The Altar Flowers are a great way to honor and remember loved ones.
 Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done.
 228-342-3025

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 3	8:30 a.m.	Eunice Serio +
Tuesday, June 4	8:30 a.m.	Stephen Finley Church +
Wednesday, June 5	6:00 p.m.	Donald Marroy +
Thursday, June 6	8:30 a.m.	Shirley Jaubert +
Friday June 7	8:30 a.m.	Barbara & Paulette Hagwood +
Saturday, June 8	4:00 p.m.	Madonna Boos +
Sunday, June 9	8:30 a.m.	Henry & Bea Mestayer +
	11:00 a.m.	Alan Noonan +
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish



June 2	Pope Francis
June 3	Father Chinnappa Mark, HGN
June 4	Father Everardo Mora—Tores
June 5	Fr. Braxton Necaise
June 6	Fathers Cuddy O’Connell & Michael O’Connor
June 7	Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihnemann, III
June 8	Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Patino



AKS, Al Arnold +, Alan Atkins, Alice Brown, Alice Richardson, Angie Pearson, Ann Mendro & family, Arden & Addie Quigley, Ashley & Chip Dupiere, Ava Hirstius, Beau Tardy, Benjamin Turner, Beverly Emerick, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bill Boyd, Bob & Donna Martin, Brandon Butera, Brian Roe, Bruce Cranmer & family, Bruce Necaie, Burt Taylor, Carmencita Baker, Carole Allen, Caspian Smith, Cathy Smith, Celino families, Charles Wood, Charlie Underwood +; Charlie, Harry & unborn baby Saale, Charlotte & John Johnson, Cherie Carlson, Chuck Tucker, Cindy Russell, Claire & Ellen Palmer, Cody Smith & family, Cooper Dupiere, D.J. Lemaire, Jr., Dana Parker, Daniel & Barbara Squillante, Danny & Daren Reinhart, Darlene Vogds, Darnell Cuevas, Dave & Laurie Stepro, Dawn Carver, Deb Bayless, Deb Cranmer; Deb, Jim & Jimmy Bourgeois, Debbie Lee, Debbie Smith, Deidrich family, Dieckhaus family, Doris Portera, Edward Besse, Jr., Eleanor Lott & family, Eleanor Otero, Ella, Eric Cranmer; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Ferron Courteaux, Fr. Joseph Dang, Gail France, George McCann, Gerard Frommeyer, Gloria Duvieilh, Gurule family, Haduca family, Hayden Rodney, Inge Felder, Janeal McKee, Jeanne Baxter, Jimmy Ferry, Jimmy Smith, John Cranmer & family, John Harrison; John, James, Joseph & Michael; Jolene Joachim & family, Josie Sandoz, Judy Gomila, Judy Therrell, Judy Yarborough, Karen King, Kathleen & Terry Asher, Kathleen Westbrook, Kenny & Kathy Sykes, Kevin & Hazel Ramond, Kevin Nicosia & family, Koffi Agbenowoko, Kolwe families, Laura F White, Laurie & Mike Stepro, Laurie Lusk, Liam Surbeck; Linda, Paul & Dominic Pitts, Liz Lirette, Loretta Hunter, Lou Samuels, Louis Smolensky, Lynn & Cookie Naquin, Mac Piazza, Marcia Rheinarker, Margie & Brian Schmitt, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Smith, Martha & Ken Conrad, Marty Wright, Mary & Simon, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Gambino & family, Mary Lou & Gene Ferry, Michael & Judy Ferry, Michael Hunter, Michelle Sharp, Mike B, Mike Besida, Mike Fitzgerald, Mike H, Mike Maddox & family, Monsignor McGough, Ms. Pat Jones + & family, Nikie & Ken Martin, Nona Mumme, Pat Cuevas & family, Pat Morris, Princy & George Harrison, Ralph Nix, Randall & Juls Shanks, Ray Weindel, Rebekah Arrington, Rene Foerster, Ricky Manieri, Jr., Robert Olgesby, Rosetta Bonadona, Rusty & Gwen Price, Rusty & Mary Waldrep, Ruth Ragusa, Sara S Ford, Scott Fayard, Sharon Gerchow, Sharon & Gilbert Tosso, Shawn Quigley +, Shirley Piazza, Steve Carlson, Susan Cordova, Tanya Walker, Tara Stewart & family, Tara Vest, Terry Calhoun, Therese & Mike Nance +, Toby Carlson, Tom & Darlene Lundin, Tom Worrel, Vicki Arnold, William Caddell, Wyatt, Wyatt Sage.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Terry Calhoun at (228) 671-8063. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact the Charles Walden for more information (985) 285-2997

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (228) 342-4117/stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

Second Collection June 15 & 16
Special Father's Day Collection
for Diocesan Priest Supplement



St. Vincent De Paul's Friends of the Incarcerated

In Honor of Father Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM

Friends of the Incarcerated sponsored by St. Vincent De Paul will be collecting hygiene items. These items will be donated to Hancock Detention Center, where Father Jacob has ministered every Thursday for the last few years. Items being collected are bars of soap, deodorant (STICK ONLY), shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and hand lotions. The goal is to collect 250 of each. A box has been placed in the hall for all donations. Contact person for this drive is Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811.

The St. Clare Seafood Festival has the very



Thank you all so much!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Friday, June 7th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12:00 noon, Fr. Jacob-Matthew will be available to hear confessions during Adoration.

Over 50's Group—June Events!

- ◉ Wednesday, June 12—Luncheon at 11:30 am at Yun Long Buffet
- ◉ Tuesday, June 18—BUNCO at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center at St. Clare
- ◉ Sunday, June 23—Sunset at the Beach 5:30 pm at the Waveland Light house. Bring a chair, food and beverage of choice!



**Janet Saxer
Gail Trahan
Matthew Duprel
Darlene Lundin
James Bourgeois
Alexis Osbourn**



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WEEK



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Religious Freedom Week 2024: Called to the Fullness of Dignity

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom.

Pray—Reflect—Act



June 22: Respect for Sacred Spaces

Pray that all people of faith would be free to gather in houses of worship without fear.



June 23: Blasphemy and Apostasy Laws

Pray for all people of faith who live in fear of persecution under unjust blasphemy laws.



June 24: Freedom to Speak the Truth

Pray that the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.



June 25: Service to Immigrants

Pray that the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees, and that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve.



June 26: India

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in India, who face harassment and violent attacks.



June 27: Faith at Work

Pray that business leaders would be free to promote a culture of life in their workplaces.



June 28: Civility

Pray that God would give us the grace to remember the dignity of all and invite others to do the same.



June 29: Catholic Healthcare

Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all individuals and institutions that care for the sick and vulnerable.

Grieving and Growing

Come and join us for a 5 part series for senior citizens struggling to cope with loss and grief



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or call 228-219-5595

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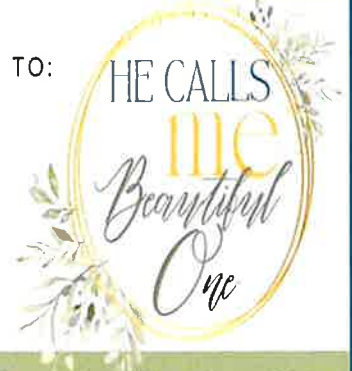
Make a friend, Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ

JUNE
27-30
2024

LADIES *Cursillo* RETREAT

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- Make new friends
- Grow spiritually
- Celebrate mass
- Learn about your faith



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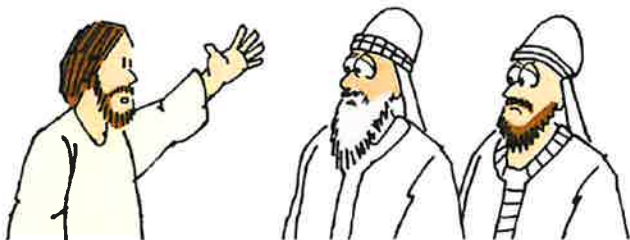
Dorena Caraviello 228.623.3622
(or the person that invited you)

Sacred Heart Retreat Center
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Pass Christian, MS

When the Pharisees saw this,
they were angry.

Write the letter "a" in each blank below.

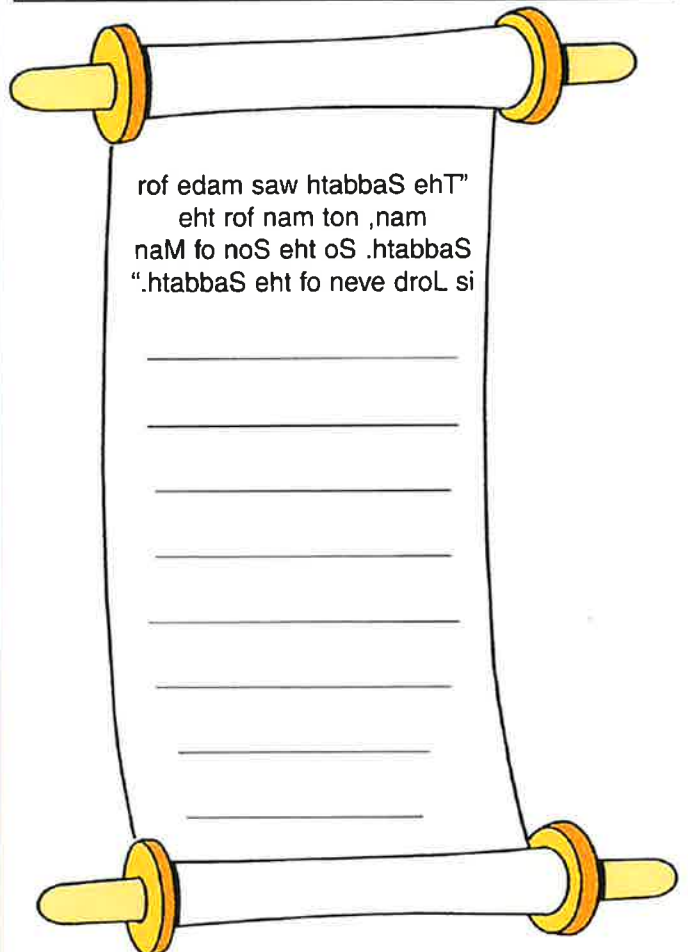
Then He s__id to them,
"The S__bb__th w__s
m__de for m__n, not
m__n for the S__bb__th.
So the Son of M__n
is Lord even of the
S__bb__th."



What did Jesus reply to the Pharisees?

The Hebrew language is read from right to left.
Read this verse from the Scriptures in the Hebrew way.
Rewrite it the English way.

rof edam saw htabbaS eht"
eht rof nam ton ,nam
naM fo noS eht oS .htabbaS
".htabbaS eht fo neve droL si



EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE DIOCESE OF BILOXI



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage



DAY 1 -- SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024

Holy Family Church
22342 Evangeline Dr,
Pass Christian, MS 39571
<https://www.holyfamilyparish.cc>
PRIVATE EVENT: Dinner with Council &
Diocesan Team Conference Center 6 p.m.

DAY 2 -- MONDAY JUNE 10, 2024

Our Lady of the Gulf Church
228 S Beach Blvd.
Bay St Louis, MS. 39520-4320
<https://olgchurch.net>
Mass in Church 10 a.m., Testimonies in Church 11 a.m.
Lunch, Welcome talk Bishop Louis Kihneman III, Bishop of Biloxi,
Community Center 12 p.m., Right to life Ministries talks Community
Center 12:30 p.m., Exposition, Holy Hour and Benediction in Church 5 p.m.,
Social in Community Center 6 p.m.

DAY 3 -- TUES. START JUNE 11, 2024

Our Lady of the Gulf Church
228 S Beach Blvd,
Bay St Louis, MS 39520-4320
<https://olgchurch.net>
Mass in Church 7 a.m., Pilgrim Walk to St. Paul's Chapel 8 a.m.

DAY 3 -- TUES. MID DAY JUNE 11, 2024

St Paul's Chapel
101-199 E Scenic Dr.,
Pass Christian, MS. 39571
<https://www.holyfamilyparish.cc>
Rosary at St. Paul's Chapel 12 p.m., Cultural Event
& Lunch on Chapel Street 12:30 p.m.

DAY 3 -- TUES. END JUNE 11, 2024

Holy Family Church
22342 Evangeline Dr,
Pass Christian, MS 39571
<https://www.holyfamilyparish.cc>
Adore Event in Church 6 p.m., Adoration in Church 8 p.m.-Midnight

DAY 4 -- WEDS. START JUNE 12, 2024

St Paul's Chapel
101-199 E Scenic Dr.,
Pass Christian, MS. 39571
<https://www.holyfamilyparish.cc>
Mass in Chapel 6 a.m., Pilgrim Walk to
St. Thomas Apostle Church 7 a.m.

DAY 4 -- WEDS. END JUNE 12, 2024

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
720 East Beach Blvd, P.O. Box 1529,
Long Beach MS. 39560
<https://saintthomas.org>
Adoration in Church 11:30 a.m., Lunch in Center 12:30 p.m.,
Deo Gloria in Church 5 p.m., Blessing of the Sea 7 p.m.

DAY 5 -- THURS. START JUNE 13, 2024

Saint James Church
366 Cowan Road
Gulfport, MS 39507
<https://www.saintjamescc.com>
Mass in Church 7 a.m., Pilgrimage Rally in Parking Lot 8 a.m.,
Pilgrim Walk to Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral 9 a.m., XLT in Church 7 p.m.

DAY 5 -- THURS. END JUNE 13, 2024

Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral.
870 Howard Ave,
Biloxi MS. 39530
<https://nativitybvmcathedral.org>
Benediction in Cathedral upon arrival between 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.

DAY 6 -- FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2024

Saint Alphonsus Church
502 Jackson Ave.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
<https://osstalphonsus.org>
Mass in Church with Vietnamese Choir 8:15 a.m., Corporal Works
Mercy Cross Property 9 a.m., PRIVATE EVENT: Lunch at
Anthony's Restaurant 1 p.m.

National Eucharistic Revival: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>
Diocese Eucharistic Revival: <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/eucharist>



Eucharistic Adoration in the church every
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
✠ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in
the chapel 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
✠ **Adorers are needed for Wednesday Adoration.**
✠ Contact Terry Callhoun at 228-671-8063.



Catholics Participating in National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and the National Eucharistic Congress Have Opportunities to Receive Plenary Indulgences.

“It is with gratitude to the Holy Father that we receive his Apostolic Blessing upon the participants in the National Eucharistic Congress, and for the opportunity for Catholics in our country to obtain a plenary indulgence by participating in the events of the Eucharistic Revival,” said Archbishop Timothy P. Brogilio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fostering encounter, sparking personal conversion, and forming disciples will be opportunities for a personal revival in the faith and the fruits of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and National Eucharistic Congress to be held this summer.

Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

A decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis indicates that the plenary indulgence will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024. It will also be granted to the elderly, infirm, and all those who cannot leave their homes for a serious reason and who participate in spirit with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, uniting their prayers, pains, or inconveniences with Christ and the pilgrimage. This indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The faithful may also apply this indulgence through suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. In recognition of this extraordinary event, the Apostolic Penitentiary also requests that all priests who have been endowed with the appropriate faculties for hearing Confessions present themselves willingly and generously in administering the Sacrament of Penance to all who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Papal Blessing with Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Congress

The second decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis, says that Archbishop Brogilio or another prelate of episcopal rank assigned by him, following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, may impart the Papal Blessing with a Plenary Indulgence to the Christian Faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Congress, who are truly repentant, and who are motivated by charity, if the usual conditions for indulgences—sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father—have been met. Faithful individuals who, due to reasonable circumstances and with pious intention, have participated in the sacred rites and received the Papal Blessing through media communications, may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence.



START the PARTY

Registration is now OPEN for St. Clare's VBS 2024

Please go to our website www.stclarewaveland.com

To fill out the Online Form

June 24 - 28, 2024

HELP NEEDED

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED THIS SUMMER

**** ATTENTION STUDENTS ****

FUN WAY TO EARN ALL OF YOUR SERVICES HOURS

JUNE 24-28
8AM - 12PM

VOLUNTEER FORM CAN BE FOUND ON WEBSITE



Vacation Bible School Snack Craft Wish List


The items listed above may be dropped off in the Church Office, through Wednesday These items are used as a snack activity to teach our children how to 'Start the Party' and Celebrate the Good News!!

Jumbo Marshmallows	Long Thick Pretzel Sticks
Sugar Cones	Fruit by the Foot (Roll-ups)
Chocolate Sprinkles	Graham Crackers
Frosting	
Mini Oreo Cookies	

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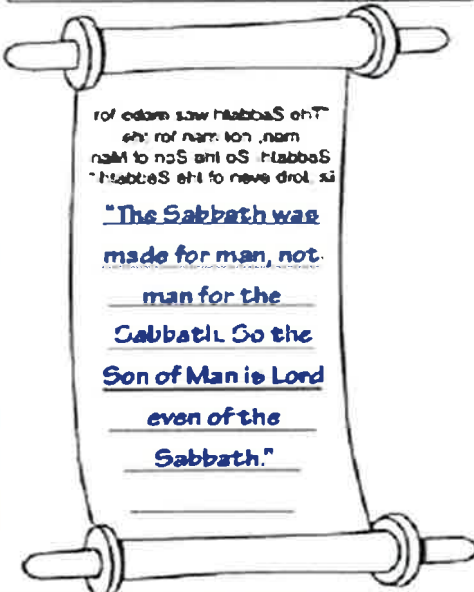
Write the letter "a" in each blank below

Then He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."



What did Jesus reply to the Pharisees?

The Hebrew language is read from right to left. Read the words from the Scriptures in the Hebrew way. Parents & the English say.



rof edore saw habbaS ehT
eh: rof nam: ton, nam
nam to noS eh: oS habbaS
habbaS eh: to neve drof, si

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Saint

Of the Week

St. Kevin

Abbot and Patron of
Glendalough & Patron of
Dublin, Ireland

Feast Day: June 3

According to tradition, Kevin was born in Leinster, the son of Irish nobility. He was given the Celtic name Coemgen, or "Fair-begotten." Kevin studied at a monastic school, was ordained and then decided to start a life of solitary prayer. He settled in Glendalough and lived in a cave now known as St. Kevin's Bed. Surviving on nettles and herbs, he remained alone for seven years.

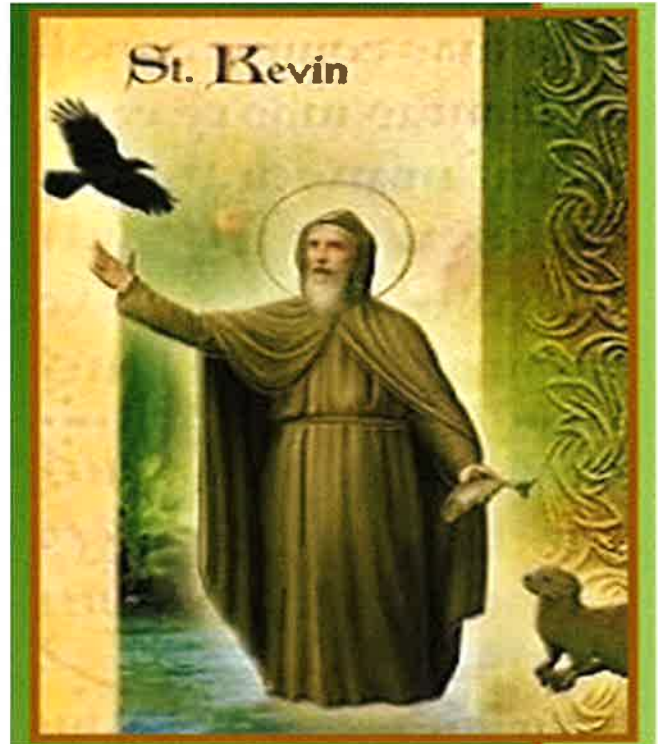
A local farmer convinced Kevin to end his solitary life, and the devout monk soon developed a loyal group of disciples. Kevin and his followers built a church on a mountain ledge, and they lived nearby in huts. The community at Glendalough grew rapidly, and Kevin became its abbot. It is said that Kevin also founded several monasteries nearby and that a town developed around them.

Seeking Solace

But Kevin missed the solitary life, and once Glendalough was well established, he withdrew again to live as a hermit for four more years.

God's creatures

All other accounts of Kevin are based on legend, and many involve his close relationship with animals. One describes how an otter brought salmon every day to feed Kevin and his followers as they built their first settlement. Another tells of a cow that often licked Kevin's clothes as the monk prayed and subsequently was able to produce the milk of 50 cows. A third legend says Kevin once had his arms outstretched in prayer when a blackbird laid an egg in his hand. The monk supposedly remained in that position until the egg hatched. Today, kind-hearted Kevin is often depicted with a blackbird in his hand.



Kevin died when he was 120 years old. After his death, Glendalough expanded even more, and it became one of the four main pilgrimage sites in Ireland.

Prayer to Saint Kevin

Saint Kevin,
you were privileged to live in the Age of Saints,
O Father Kevin being baptized by one saint,
taught by another and buried by a third.
We celebrate your saintly and holy life.
You lived a life filled with a wonderful
reverence and awe of all living things.
Let us imitate the respect and appreciation
you showed toward life in all its forms, and
to see the presence of God in all his Creations.
Pray to God that He will raise up saints
in our day to help, support and guide us
into the Way of salvation.

Amen

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The Body and Blood *of Christ*

Jesus Christ, God with Us

The incarnation is more than a doctrine of faith just found in theology textbooks. It reveals the most fundamental way that God chooses to relate to creation and to us as human beings. The idea of a divine being taking human form is not unique to Christianity for many pagan religions had similar tales of their gods appearing in human form. But Jesus' incarnation is unique in what it says about the God who comes into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

First, we must be precise: to speak of the incarnation is to speak of the human embodiment of the second person of the Trinity, the Word of God. In itself the incarnation is an act of the whole Trinity—the Father wills that the Word become human through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The spatial notion of Christ being in heaven before the incarnation and being on earth after it cannot be applied here. God is not bound by the same strictures that bind us as embodied creatures who are always in

one time and place. As St. Hilary of Poitiers noted, "Christ does not cease to be divine because he became human, nor fail to be human because he remained forever divine." The Word made flesh involves God in time and history in a new way and declares God's Lordship over both.

Second, the incarnation expresses God's love and desire for a new creation, one not distorted and disfigured by evil and sin. The Word becomes flesh in order that the children of flesh might become children of God, not just in their origin but in their very nature. The early teachers of the Church spoke of this as *theopoesis* (Greek: "making God-like"). By this they do not mean that Christians become gods, but rather that through our baptism into Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to share in the divine life (sanctifying grace) and thus be completely transformed into Christ's image. Through this divine life working within us we share with God in the re-creation of the world.



Jesus Gives Himself So We Might Live

Without food, we cannot survive and we die. So feeding was the responsibility of the father or head of the household. When the Hebrews were liberated from Egypt in the exodus to become God's covenant community, they expected that God the new "father" of their community would feed them. God fulfilled this expectation and first gave them manna and quail for their food in the wilderness (Ex 16), then gave them a land where they could grow crops to support themselves.

This gift of food was only a preview of what God would do with Jesus. Jesus, who shows his divinity by doing the things that only God can do (forgiving sins, controlling storms) also shares God's ability to give food. Jesus makes bread available to the hungry crowds—a sign of how eager and willing God is to provide what we need for survival.

But Jesus, at the Last Supper, went one step further. He not only gave bread; he also promised that he would actually become the bread and wine in the celebration of the eucharistic ritual. With this holy food and drink, his own body and blood, he nourishes us so that we can begin to share now in communion with God's own life. His gift of himself as our food and drink is the gift making possible our ongoing communion and life with God.

The sign of our "thanksgiving" or eucharist is to imitate Jesus' action of taking, blessing, breaking and sharing bread and wine, which represent the essential nourishment for our lives. He transforms the bread and wine into his body and blood so we can share his life and sustenance. Just as plants and animals give up their lives to become our food, so Jesus gives his life to become our nourishment. He expects us to do the same.

The Eucharist: Growing in Communion with Christ

The Eucharist is the way that we nourish our relationship with God and deepen our communion with God and one another. At Mass, we do some of the same things that we do at home—gather with others, listen to God's word, praise and thank God, bless bread and share meals, and carry on Christ's mission. Both at home and at church, Christ is present, inviting us into deeper communion with him and with others. Our communion grows through the ritual of receiving and giving, gathering to immerse ourselves in God's word, sharing a sacred meal, and eagerly accepting the commission to carry on Christ's work for the world.

Growing in relationship with Christ is an everyday task, so the more we understand about the Eucharist, the more we will be able to move from celebrating on Sunday to living eucharistic lives during the rest of the week. Communion with Christ and with the Christian community in each Eucharist offers the nourishment we need for a life-long process of becoming a Christian. Our goal is not just participation in our eucharistic celebration (communion), but on making our whole life a eucharistic experience.

We participate in our Eucharist so that we may be transformed by God and sent back into the world. Our Eucharist is a celebration of the Eucharist of our daily lives. Everything is changed when God gifts us with life and we say "thanks" with our lives.

Our challenge, then, is to connect our experience of Christ's presence found in the eucharistic celebration with those found in our households and in our everyday lives. Thus our whole lives become an experience of growing in communion with Christ and with others. Celebrating the Eucharist brings about changes in ourselves and then invites us to change our behavior in our household, in our school, at our job and in every other part of our life.



"We earnestly pray that the precious blood, poured out for all mankind, may at long last bring to all, to all persons everywhere, salvation and conversion, that the blood of Christ may be to all the pledge and promise of eternal life.

—Pope St. Pope John XXIII

While this is not our favorite season of the year, it is necessary we familiarize ourselves with the terms and plan to be prepared in the event we are threatened or affected by a tropical system.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE SEASON

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



2024 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

Alberto
Beryl
Chris
Debby
Ernesto
Francine
Gordon

Helene
Isaac
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie
Milton
Nadine

Oscar
Patty
Rafael
Sara
Tony
Valerie
William

Names provided by the World Meteorological Organization

Hurricane Watch & Warning Terms

Tropical Storm Watch	High winds (39-73 mph) are possible within 48 hours.
Tropical Storm Warning	High winds (39-73 mph) are likely within 36 hours.
Hurricane Watch	Hurricane-force winds (74 mph or greater) are possible within 48 hours.
Hurricane Warning	Hurricane-force winds (74 mph or greater) are likely within 36 hours.
Storm Surge Watch	Life-threatening coastal flooding from storm surge is possible within 48 hours.
Storm Surge Warning	Life-threatening coastal flooding from storm surge is likely within 36 hours.
Flood Advisory	Flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning, but may cause significant inconvenience. If caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.
Flash Flood Warning	Flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area move immediately to high ground. A flash flood is a sudden violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.
Flood Watch	Hazardous conditions are favorable for flooding. Flooding possible.
Flood Warning	Hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.

Hurricane season is here. Are you ready?

PREPARE YOUR HOME TO WEATHER THE STORM.

MDOT recommends you make plans, take action and gather the materials needed to secure your property.

EMERGENCY HOME READINESS CHECKLIST

- Be prepared to cover all of your home's windows by installing permanent storm shutters or plan to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install.
Note: Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Reduce roof damage by installing straps or additional clips to fasten your roof to the frame structure.
- Trim trees and shrubs so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce your garage doors with a counterbalancing kit.
- If you have a boat, determine how and where to secure it.

IF A HURRICANE IS COMING

- Shut off utilities and propane tanks.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and leave the doors closed.
- Fill a tub with water.
- Unplug appliances and electronics.
- Listen closely to advice from local and state emergency officials.
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- Fuel and service vehicles.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the impacted area of your evacuation plans.
- Stay with friends, relatives or at an inland hotel or, as a last resort, go to a designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- Leave mobile homes in any case.



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Hurricane season is here. Are you ready?

PACK YOUR HURRICANE SURVIVAL KIT NOW.

Two-thirds of hurricanes that have hit land struck the Gulf Coast. It's not a matter of if you're going to need it, but when.

MDOT recommends you include these items in your survival kit. Get it all together now and keep it all together in one safe place.

HURRICANE EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

WATER



- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day for 14 days)
- Water for cooking and hygiene (one gallon per person per day)
- Water for pets

FOOD



- Non-perishable packaged or canned food to last 14 days
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed juice and milk
- Powdered coffee or tea
- Bread, crackers and cookies
- Special food for babies and the elderly
- Trail mix
- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Granola bars

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



- Cooler for ice and food storage
- Flashlights with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Car charger for cell phones
- Grill with extra propane, charcoal or Sterno
- Waterproof matches
- Disposable plates, bowls, cups and utensils
- Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper
- Water purification tablets
- Outdoor extension cords
- Important family documents and photos
- Waterproof container for important documents
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Maps
- Emergency generator
- Blanket
- Towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Work gloves
- Duct tape
- Multi-tool
- Waterproof tarps
- Plastic sheeting
- Rope
- Basic tool kit
- Moist towelettes
- Extra cash
- Bicycle helmet
- Plastic garbage bags

HEALTH ESSENTIALS



- Two week supply of prescription drugs
- Two week supply of vitamins
- Over the counter pain reliever
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Antibacterial hand soap
- Diapers

FOR YOUR PETS



- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Medications
- Documentation and license
- Crate or pet carrier
- Collar and leash

