

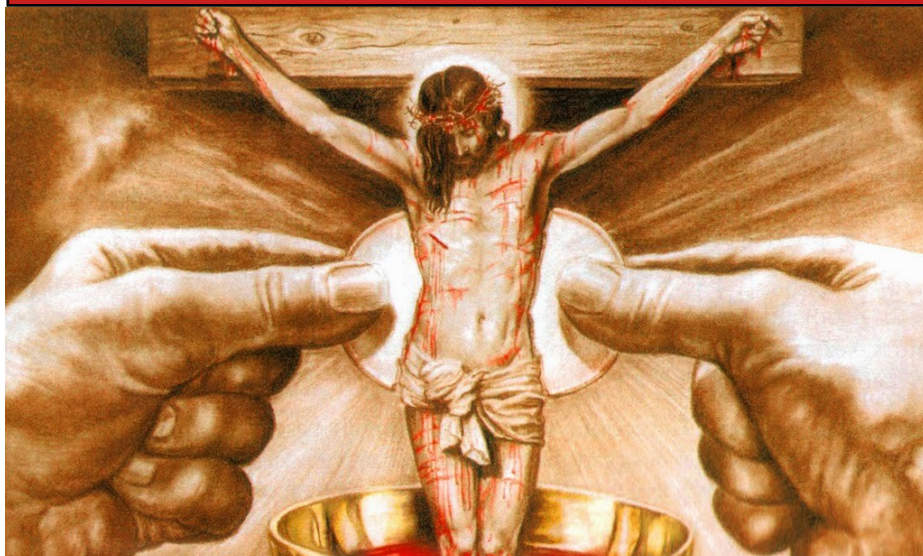


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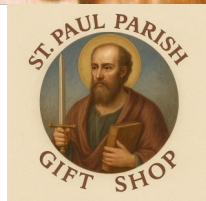
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 22, 2025



NEW! PARISH GIFT SHOP

Our Parish Gift Shop is Now Open! **Hours:** Saturday Evening 4:30-5:30. After Sunday 8am and 10:30 Masses. In Matthias Hall. Open during office hours. All proceeds go to support our beloved Parish.



Daily Rosary: 7:15 a.m. lead by the members of the Altar & Rosary Society.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: The chaplet is prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass every day.

St. Anthony Devotion: Every Tuesday after Mass.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Devotion: Every Wednesday after Mass.

Mother of Perpetual Help Group: Meets every first Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's with Mass at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests: Meets every first Thursday after Mass. They for our Priests through the powerful help of Our Blessed Mother.

St. Paul's Bible Study: Every Thursday after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Library.

First Friday & Saturdays Every First Friday and First Saturday of the month we have Adoration, prayer and Benediction after morning Mass.

Second Friday—Divine Mercy Mass: Every Second Friday we have a Divine Mercy Mass at 8:00 am, followed with Adoration, prayer and Benediction.

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11-17
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3,13-15/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66,80
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12,17-18/Ps 105:1-4,6-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12,15-16 or 16:6-12,15-16/Ps 106:1-5/
Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50,53-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18/
Mt 16:13-19

Holy Mass:

Mon.—Sat. 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil:

5:30 p.m. (Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.



Reconciliation:

Mon.-Sat. 7:15 a.m.-7:55 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: 2nd Saturday of the Month
10:30 am

Baptism Prep.: By appointment

Funerals: Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Marriages: 6 months in advance

Communion for the Sick: Please call the office.

Adoration: Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Peace and all God's blessings.

I remember when I was a seminarian in 2006, I read many articles of embryonic stem cell research in newspapers and yahoo's website. A lot had been written and spoken about it in the media. People obviously were divided: many did not know what to think; others had taken up opposed positions. I presume that there were intelligent and thoughtful people in both categories.

Those in favor of it see it as a source of hope in fighting debilitating diseases. Those against the project base their attitude on their deep, instinctive sense that human life, and human identity, are sacred. They acknowledge humans as unique in all creation through their openness to the transcendent and their capacity to relate to mystery, to understand and to love and ultimately to find God.

There is something uniquely special to being human. While being an eminently reasonable attitude, and, as far as I can see, instinctive, to accept it may yet be an act of faith, which may explain why so many don't.

Embryonic stem cell research involves human cloning, which, in turn, involves the artificial manufacture of a human embryo, experimentation on the embryo, and then the eventual destruction of that embryo. Any possible medical advance would come only at the price of destroying the radical sacredness of humanity.

Most (though possibly not all) who see human life as sacred, see it also as a gift of the creating God: something to be received, appreciated and nurtured, but something beyond their right to take away or to destroy. It's not theirs to do with as they choose.

We Christians see something even more. We appreciate a further specialness in being human because we believe that God became human. In Jesus, as Jesus, God became a human embryo. He grew up like us, one of us in every way, as human as we are. Such is the uniqueness, the specialness, the greatness and the sacredness of being human.

Jesus wants us to be mindful of this. He loved being human; he loved his human capacity to reach out beyond himself to his Father, to love, to love us in all our humanness and our messiness, even in our sin. He didn't

come among us in some sort of germ-free, insulated capsule. He dirtied his hands. He even let us torture and kill him.

He is one of us. He wants us to remember this – not just for his sake, but in order to understand our own incredible dignity as humans. He even left us his crucified and risen Flesh and Blood in the Eucharist. It is this that we celebrate especially today on this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

I wonder if our familiarity with the Eucharist is one reason why we Catholics seem to be the loudest in saying "NO" to the whole embryonic stem cell research project. Our opposition is not some blind opposition to progress. It is not insensitivity to those who suffer and yearn for further breakthroughs in the treatment of debilitating diseases.

Our opposition springs from our unwillingness to allow the continual wearing-down of the sense of sacredness of the human being. We applaud further research, but we must ensure that it enhances, not compromise, the very basis of human uniqueness and dignity.

Proclaiming what is right or wrong may sometimes be helpful. More difficult is to open people to recognize and embrace the sacred—us and others. Yet it is the same flesh and blood of ours that Jesus made his, and that now, transformed by resurrection, we receive sacramentally in every Eucharist – as today's feast so eloquently reminds us.

O Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share of your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.

In Christ,

Fr. James Phan, OFM Conv.

MAY 2025: PLATE COLLECTION & AMA

- **SUNDAY:** \$ 25,168.42
- **AMA** Received to date: \$ 24,951.67 / **GOAL:** \$ 27,000.00

Thank you everyone for your generosity!





Saturday, June 21st

8:00 am † Dr. Ken Bagwell (Knights of Columbus)

5:30 pm † Roman Nathan Lacayo (Mary Shea Haub)

Sunday, June 22nd

8:00 am Cameron Kerr on his Birthday (Phil & Jennifer Hanf)

10:30 am Health & healing for David & Victoria Powell (Rebecca Untalan)

5:30 pm Int of Dominica & Genevieve (mother, Martha Tosé)

Monday, June 23rd

8:00 am † Joe L. & Lorraine Bettencourt—Wedding Anniversary (Steve & Lynn Lawrence family)

Tuesday, June 24th

8:00 am Rosemonda Sullivan —Birthday (Surbeck Families)

Wednesday, June 25th

8:00 am Birthday blessings for Mila & Maddie Zambo (Family)

Thursday, June 26th

8:00 am † Elizabeth Cabrerros—Anniv of death (Maryson Cabudoy)

Friday, June 27th

8:00 am † Wendy Downey Teichert (Wendy Marie Teichert)

Saturday, June 28th

8:00 am † Dr. Ken Bagwell (Knights of Columbus)

5:30 pm † A.V. & Katherine Goulart (Mary Goulart)

Sunday, June 29th

8:00 am In honor of Ss. Peter & Paul (Arlene Gee)

10:30 am Jordan & Alyssa Smith - 6th Wedding Anniv (Firman Family)

5:30 pm For the souls in Purgatory (Martha Tosé)

Prayer List

MILITARY: Lieutenant Colonel Chris Valine USAF, Lieutenant Ashley Valine, USCG, MSgt. Robert James Gassman, II 101st US Army, Capt. Chris Mount USMC, Maj. Grace Anderson USAF, CPO Nicholas M. Cabansag USN, LT. Jason Walsh USN, AA. Nicholas Garza, USN

SICK: Annie Delgado, Frank Spane, Pauline Leon Moreno, Beverly Lloyd, Cynthia Toscas, Dorothy Avila, Richard Como, Judy Hughes, Dr. Joseph Castro, Paul Mahlmann & Family, Vincent DeParini & Family, Leo Shiffrar, Nona Henn, Harold Crawford, Marie Ellen Ragusa, Joshua Vincent Ray, Olivia Catherine Ray, Kevin Wayne Outram, Rosemary Olmedo,

Prayer List (continued)

SICK: John Byers, Magdalena Corona, Sue Regusci, Eileen Wagner, Luis Ramirez, Joseph Henschel, Alexia Sandoval & Family, Abraham Nicholas Noriega, Bert Heredia, Christina Sheerin, Manuel Garza

RIP: +Tyler Steven Halweg, +Wayne Toscas

Announcements

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For all those interested in becoming Catholic or completing the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation—the **2025-2026 OCIA Class** will begin on **August 6th Wednesday, 7:00 pm**. For more information please call 805-773-2219, ext. 102 or email: admin@stpaulspismobeach.com.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The A&RS will take a **Meeting recess** during **June, July, & August**. Our work continues over the summer in serving the Church's and Altar needs. Happy Summer to all!

*Next **Meeting** is **Tues., Sept. 16, 2025**.

FAITH FORMATION 2025-26

Do you sense God calling you to help our young people learn their Catholic Faith? We're looking for volunteers for our Wednesday, 4 pm – 5:15 pm K – 8th grade Class & our Sunday, 6:30 pm 8 pm, High School Class. Starts in September. Snacks included. If you're interested, please call the Rectory.



MILITIA IMMACULATA

St. Maximillian Kolbe devotion every Wednesday after 8am Mass.



St. Maximillian Kolbe Quote:

"It will not be us but [the Immaculata] who acts in and through us, and exerts an influence on the surrounding environment. Under the loving breath of grace, the icy barriers placed in front of the hearts of our neighbors will melt away." (KW 1232)

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