

# *People Progress*

## **Sunday Community**

June 2, 2024

Body and Blood of Christ

E R Whelan

**Welcome,** Fr Prakash!

**Reflection:** Corpus Christi: the Underlying Unity of the Human Family

Arthur Blomme, May 30 2024

This Sunday, we gather to reflect on a profound metaphor that is presented to us in the Epistles of Paul, the Gospels and contemporary mystics like Teilhard de Chardin: the Body of Christ.

The apostle Paul uses the analogy of the body of Christ extensively in his Epistles to teach that the church is not confined to walls or borders. It is universal, encompassing all of humanity. In 1 Corinthians 12:13, Paul writes, “For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” This passage calls us to a radical inclusivity, where no one is excluded from the love of Christ.

Later in Corinthians Paul reminds us that just as the eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you,” we cannot dismiss the value of others who are members in the same body.

Inclusivity is not merely a suggestion; it is a mandate. In Galatians 3:28, we read, “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Our unity in Christ transcends all earthly divisions, calling us to embrace every person as a cherished member of the Body of Christ.

This theme of radical inclusivity also permeates all four Gospels. We are taught to love our enemies and esteem the lowly and downtrodden.

In the Gospel reading this Sunday from Mark, we find Jesus instituting the sacrament of Communion during the Last Supper. He took bread, and after blessing it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take; this is my body” (Mark 14:22). Jesus does this in the context of inviting the lepers and the outcasts to his table.

In one of his most striking pieces of mystical literature, Teilhard de Chardin wrote “The hymn of the universe,” where he expressed the idea of the Eucharist extending beyond the church walls into the cosmos. He saw every element of nature as part of a grand Eucharistic celebration, with the world itself serving as an altar.

Teilhard insisted on viewing the human population as one global family, recognizing the need for global solidarity. He believed that the act of seeing, or growing in consciousness of the reality we live in to be essential to that unity.

From my earliest memories, the metaphor—or more accurately, the sacrament—of communion has held a special place in my spirituality. It serves as a profound reminder of our interconnectedness and shared humanity. Just as the bread and

wine symbolize Christ's body and blood, they also represent the underlying unity of all people. By participating remotely in this online ceremony we join with Pope Francis's exhortation to pray for the unity of the human family, transcending divisions and embracing the evolution of consciousness towards a more interconnected and harmonious world.

### **Readings:**

<b>June 2</b>	Ex 24:3-8	Psalm 116	Heb 9:11-15	Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
<b>June 9</b>	Gen 3:9-15	Psalm 130	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Mk 3:20-35

### **The Liturgy schedule:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Planner(s)</u>	<u>Priest</u>
June 2	Art Blomme	Fr Ron MacDonnell
June 9	Elizabeth Whelan	Fr Paul McAuley
June 16	Maryanne S-J & Roberto J.	Fr. Prakash Lohale
June 23	Lindsay & Bill Watson	Fr. Jack Costello
June 30	Rita & Brian Shaughnessy	Fr Ron MacDonell
July 7	Dwyer Sullivan	Fr Ron MacDonell
July 21	Sheila & Rob Barrett	Fr Prakash Lohale
August 18	Dean Riley	Fr Prakash Lohale

This schedule, as always, is flexible. Planners, feel free to switch if you cannot do a liturgy on the scheduled date. Just be sure to tell the People Progress Reporter, so that we all know.

### **People Progress Schedule**

June: Elizabeth Whelan: [erwhelan@icloud.com](mailto:erwhelan@icloud.com)

Summer Sundays: John MacMillan: [met191970@gmail.com](mailto:met191970@gmail.com)

Please send your submissions to the People Progress Reporter by Thursday evening. People Progress welcomes new reporters. Thanks!

### **Announcements:**

#### **2023-2024 Financial Report (updated)**

September 1, 2023 up to and including June 2, 2024

**Donations**                \$5,492.33

**Expenses**

Priests                    \$3,800.00 (38 Sundays)

Insurance                \$97.20

Room                     \$174.78

Technology              \$133.08

Music Royalties        \$155.00

Christmas                \$200.00

Postage                  \$33.88

Zoom                     \$207.60

Total                     \$4,801.54

**Financial Assets**

Bank                     \$1,119.08

Cash                     \$43.20

Total                     \$1,162.28

We received \$1,284.16 in the last two weeks.

We are scheduled to have four more Sundays in June (after June 2), and three Sundays in July / August. With our current finances, we have enough to finish the current year and begin 2024-25 with a sound balance.

Thank you. We are blessed by the multiple ways you support us.

John

- During the summer, Elizabeth Whelan hopes to have two Saturday, potluck gatherings for the Community, at her house. Dates to be determined, but likely late in July and August. All are welcome!
- Egg cartons: Please continue to save your egg cartons and flats for Elizabeth Stocking. You can bring them to Elizabeth Whelan's home and Elizabeth Stocking pick them up. Thank you from both Elizabeths!

**Happy June Birthdays to:**

1 Paula Alas

21 Robet Barrett

1 Lauren Watson

5 Mario Calla

10 Roberto Jimenez

13 Gabriel Shaughnessy

14 Angela Sutkaitis

16 Pat Smiley

21 Sheila Barrett

20 Clare Moncrieff

20 Nora Anderson

20 Michael Halferty

22 Germaine Quintas

26 Fiona Wright

28 Mary Lou Halferty

### **Re-printed weekly for reference:**

Duties of liturgy planners for virtual masses:

Early in the week before the liturgy:

Call or email the priest to confirm Sunday's liturgy (contact info provided).

- Prepare or find a Reflection and send it to the People Progress reporter by Thursday. Please notify the People Progress reporter early in the week if you cannot do a Reflection.
- Select readers for the 1st and 2nd readings. Check with Sylvia Skrepichuk re: psalm

On the Sunday of the virtual mass:

- Greet the group (Ask newcomers to introduce themselves)
- Give a brief introduction to the liturgy.
- Read your passage or be prepared to do a reading (if a volunteer is unable to log-in)
- Thank everyone who helped and attended. (at announcements)