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**OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**June 6, 2021**

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## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**  
**Sunday Octave of Corpus**  
**Christi**

Holy Mass  
9:00 A.M.

+ **Mary Strychalski** Int. David & Sandy Kost; +**Joseph Parknavy** Int. Frederic Chopin & Annunciation Choirs



**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Holy Mass

+Jon Adamek Int David & Sandy Kost

**11 Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M.

*Although the state and other denominations have loosened Covid-19 restrictions, to play it safe, we will continue with our current practice here in Holy Family for the next 2 months, to see how everything develops. Masks are still required and please do not congregate in the Narthex before and after Mass. You can extend your greetings six feet apart outside keeping everyone safe. Thank You.*

*Holy Family Parish would like to acknowledge and honor our graduates. Please forward to Father their names with a synopsis of their academic and other achievements before June 27th.*

### **About our readings today**

The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only

Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

From the first reading from Exodus, one of the central passages of Scripture in the Old Testament is the “blood of the Covenant” which is sprinkled by Moses over the altar and the people is what seals the relationship between God and the people. Blood is a symbol of life, and the Covenant itself is a promise of life and prosperity. Much of this reading may be strange and unfamiliar us, and there are many words and phrases which may well not be understood (“ordinances”, “holocausts”. “immolate”). The key to understanding comes at the end, when reference is made to the “blood of the Covenant.” This should make both reader and listener think of the words of the Mass: “This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting Covenant.” This reference will help to link this reading in today’s Mass. The New Testament reading from Hebrews links everything together: the sacrifices and priesthood of the Old Covenant (the blood of bulls and goats) and the role of Christ as Priest and Victim of the New Covenant. We should always remember that it is a present reality: at this very Mass, we will once again have the blood of our great High Priest on our altar, as the “perfect sacrifice” which gains our “eternal inheritance”.

### **Future Directions for June**

June is Sacred Vocations Month across our Holy Church and the first weekend of June is clergy appreciation weekend. Please pray for our clergy and those men God has called. During June on our Discipleship 2021 journey we focus on Ruth and Naomi.

### **A Prayer for Vocations**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Reflection and Action Item:**

The story of Ruth and Naomi speaks to our hearts of the great dignity of family life and the call to be faithful to one another, come what

may. This month reach out to a member of your own family with whom you have been out of touch for a while. Make that call you've been putting off for some reason or send a card with a note to catch them up on family happenings. This is a great chance for all of us to emulate the faithfulness of Ruth and Naomi!

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