



# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## CORPUS DOMINI

### 2nd June 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7 - 8pm (animated by HAKUNA)

Congratulations to Althea, Joel, Adelola, Naod and Charlotte  
who received their Confirmation last Friday



This **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

It is a special day of prayer for the sanctification of Priests

Holy Mass as usual is at 12:30pm followed by the Litanies to the Sacred Heart



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At the National Gallery of Umbria, in Perugia, is currently being held a unique exhibition on the so-called 'Master of Saint Francis', one of the most important artists of the thirteenth century to have worked in Central Italy. Amongst the many wonderful masterpieces is a monumental Crucifix, painted in tempera and gold on wood, depicting Saint Francis kneeling at Christ's feet. What is brother Francis doing?

Nearly 600 years later, Thérèse of Lisieux, only 14-years old, on pilgrimage to Italy, is doing exactly the same...

"At the Holy Cross Church, in Rome, we were able to venerate several pieces of the true Cross, two thorns, and one of the sacred nails. The nail was enclosed in a magnificent golden reliquary which did not have a glass covering. I found a way of placing my little finger in one of the openings of the reliquary, and could touch a nail bathed in the blood of Jesus. Really, I was far too audacious! Happily, God, who knows the depths of our hearts, was aware that my intention was pure and for nothing in the world would I have desired to displease Him. I was acting toward Him like a child who believes everything is permitted and looks upon the treasures of his/her Father as his/her own."

Saint Francis and Saint Thérèse want to "touch", to "claim", to "make their own" the Blood of Jesus Christ. Because of His Blood sins have been forgiven, because of His Blood demons flee away, because of His Blood we are made worthy of Life Eternal.

Today we keep the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. Upon recommendation of our Bishops, we can resume the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds, the consecrated Host and the Precious Blood from the chalice.

**Be audacious**, far too audacious... "touch", "claim", drink the Blood of Jesus, do what Saint Francis and Saint Thérèse did. The Blood of Jesus is God's treasure, and **IT IS YOURS**.

*In manus.*

Father Ivano