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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 18, 2017

*The bread that we break,
is it not a participation
in the body of Christ?*

*Because the loaf
of bread is one,
we, though many,
are one body,
for we all partake
of the one loaf.*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17



Take and Eat

First Reading

Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a)

“He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.” In this evocative text from Deuteronomy, we see into the way that God makes history and its events into lessons of wisdom for his people.

At this early stage in the formation of the Israelites people, God brings them out of bondage from Egypt; yet, he allows them to suffer in order to form their obedience to and reliance on him. This will be a vital lesson, one to which the psalmists and prophets will return often to help Israel remember its reasons for covenant fidelity to God.

This same lesson for Israel can work in just the same way for the new people of God, the Church. We grumble often, just as did the Hebrews, over our difficulties. Like them, we sometimes lack the faith to see that everything God allows to happen to us, whether positive or negative in our perspective, is intended for our good. Every difficulty prepares us to adhere to him with a deeper obedience and love. Like Israel, the hardest lesson we have to learn is one of the simplest: that God is infinitely good and only wills our good.

Second Reading

Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians gives us the earliest description from the Christian era of the

Church’s faith in the Eucharist. Jesus, of course, would have uttered the clear words that we hear today in John’s Gospel many years before Paul’s letter (written around 57 AD), and those words very much help us to see what Paul is referring to. But if we didn’t have John 6 (or

Luke 22) to help us, we could still go a long way to reconstructing the Eucharistic Faith of the earliest Christians.

Here Paul says that the “cup of blessing”—likely a reference to the third cup of the Jewish Passover Seder that Jesus offered at the Last Supper—is a “participation in the blood of Christ,” and then that the “bread that we break”—likely an echo of the many New Testament references to the “breaking of bread” as a common facet of the early Church—is also a participation in his body. This word in the Greek is *koinonia*, which is sometimes translated as “communion” or “fellowship,” as well as “participation.” It comes from the root *koina*, meaning “common.” In the many uses of the term in the New Testament, it implies a deep form of shared life. Paul goes on to say that this sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ makes for both a mysterious sharing of his life and a



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mysterious sharing of oneness in his Body, the Church.

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

The Church usually pairs the first Old Testament reading and the Gospel reading so that we can see that Jesus is the fullness of revelation and the summation and completion of the divine plan. But this habit of pairing Old Testament and New Testament texts to show their interrelation and to cast light on the mystery of Christ and his Church is not something made up by the Church. Rather, it is something she inherits from Christ and the Evangelists who recorded the words and acts of his ministry.

When Christ says of his own Body and Blood, “This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever,” he is making a clear association between the manna of the Exodus, which fed the natural hunger of the Hebrews in their desert journey, and the new manna from Heaven, which he will give to feed our deepest hunger. And just as the Exodus manna was real food, so too is the bread he will give: “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” And this real sharing of his Body and Blood will yield just the sort of *koinonia* that St. Paul mentions in our Second Reading: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” The Eucharist is thus the sacrament that binds the Church together into Christ’s Body.

Grow in Discipleship

When we receive Holy Communion, we hear the words, “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood,” to which we dutifully answer, “Amen.” But have you ever considered exactly what those words mean?

Today’s Gospel asks us to examine Jesus’s statement in a new way, because when we really look at them, his words are as shocking now as they were two thousand years ago. Jesus is telling us to eat his flesh and drink his blood! Little wonder people thought he was suggesting cannibalism when they first heard this teaching.

As Catholics we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ each time we receive the Eucharist. But do we really believe that? It’s a question worth examining because in the Mass, Jesus is truly made present under the appearance of bread and wine.

Each time we attend Mass, we celebrate the fact our God loves us so much that he nourishes us with himself so that we can become saints. It is both the greatest gift—and greatest mystery—of our faith. Ultimately, it is also the principal reason to be a Catholic—in order to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, just as he commanded the Jews of his day...and invites us to do today.

PRAYER:

Picture yourself listening to Jesus. You hear him say that “unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” For a moment put aside what you know about the Eucharist and imagine what might go through your mind when you hear those words. Are you shocked? Horrified? Curious? If you could ask Jesus a question at that moment, what would you ask? Now imagine yourself attending Mass. It’s time to receive the Eucharist, and as you approach the altar,

think about Jesus’s words. How does this change the way you receive the Eucharist?

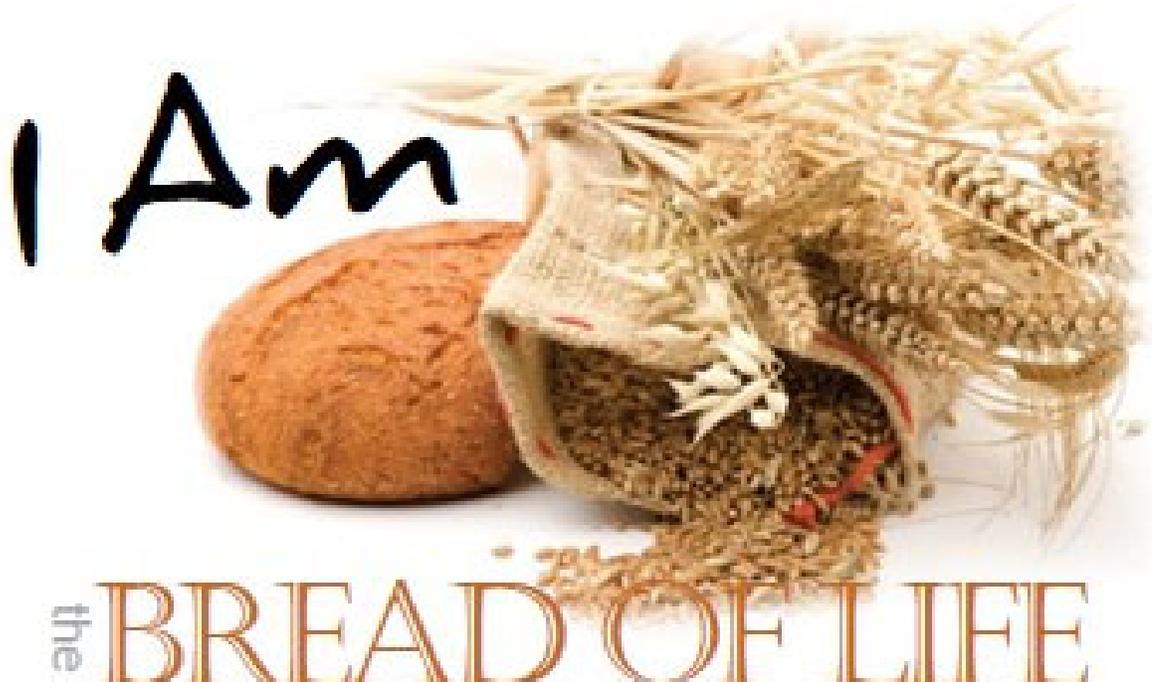
RESOLUTION:

The next time you receive Communion, really think about the fact that you are receiving the actual Body and Blood of the Lord, under the species (or appearance) of bread and wine. Make sure that you are in a worthy state (no serious sin) before you receive.

Use your journal to write down your thoughts and reflections and your resolutions.

Watch the short Opening the Word video that accompanies this reflection at FORMED.org

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 6/17

8:30am Ray Werner
Pat Werner †
5:00pm Emanuel Suarez
Elizabeth & Anthony Carrano †

Sunday 6/18

6:45am Abelardo R. Gorospe
Margarito Montana †
8:00am Jaime Algarne †
9:30am Harry & Steven Kraft †
11:00am Fr. Alfred Amos
Tarcela Gonzales †
12:30pm Mass for Our Parish
Marian Herrera †
6:00pm Melanie Maher †

Monday 6/19

7:00am Anton Gapp †
8:30am Brett & Tina Gregory
Carolina Jose Garcia †

Tuesday 6/20

7:00am Jean, Eric, Dorin, Jose, Maria
8:30am Rechilda Sanchez †

Wednesday 6/21

7:00am Julio, Isabel, Betty and Lynn †
8:30am Concepcion L. Espejon †
7:00pm For the Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday 6/22

7:00am Rae Winslow †
Chun Suk Bang †
8:30am Francisco Lee Llacer †

Friday 6/23

7:00am The Frydendal Family
Antonio Hwang †
8:30am Marino & Leonora Prudencio †

To request a Mass intention, please visit the church office.

Prayers & Devotion



Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from Christ's side, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me and bid me come unto thee, that I may praise thee with thy saints and with thy angels, forever and ever.
Amen.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

St Michael is one of only four parishes in the diocese to offer Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: Jesus, present in the Eucharist, exposed on the chapel altar 24/7. Anyone can come and sit in the quiet serenity of Jesus' presence.

For safety reasons, you will need an access code to get in between the hours of 9:00 pm and 6:00 am. To get the code, please call Dennis at 775-772-6369. Security cameras are in place throughout the church property.

Parish Prayer Requests

For the repose of souls

Anastacio E. Gallardo and Shannon Estill

For Healing

Those struggling with addictions
For marriages and families in crisis
For all those who are sick in body and mind

**Please send your prayer requests to
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News & Announcements



Eucharistic Ministers Needed to Serve at the VA Hospital

The Homebound Ministry is asking that Eucharistic Ministers consider serving fellow parishioners who are either at the VA Hospital or Valley Care Memorial here in Livermore. Maybe you have a relative who's served in the military or perhaps you once had a hospital stay yourself and know how wonderful it is to have the Body of our Lord brought to you.

If you're interested in learning more, please call or text Sridhar at 650-219-4500. There's a training session to complete then we can have you begin shadowing experienced homebound ministers. The need is the greatest on weekdays and Saturdays.

Thank You for Your Offerings!

Collection Report	
6-11-17 Collection	\$17,862.56
Month-to-Date	\$38,362.77
Month Goal	\$86,274.51
Percentage Reached	44%
Faith Direct for June	—
Maintenance for June	\$7,470.39

7:00 am Daily Mass Permanently Canceled

Due to a shortage of available priests, the Monday - Friday 7:00 am Mass will be permanently canceled effective July 3. The Monday - Saturday 8:30 am Mass will continue as usual.

Looking for a lunch break Mass?

St Elizabeth Ann Seton in Pleasanton offers daily Mass at 12:10 pm. St Raymond in Dublin offers daily Mass at 12:15 pm.

Summer Office Hours

June 21-July 28 the Church Office will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

It's not too late!

You can still turn in the Birthright baby bottles filled with cash, check or change during Father's Day weekend after Mass or to the parish office.

DIGGING DEEPER: Transubstantiation

"The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist by declaring: 'Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.'" —CCC 1376

Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend

This weekend is Commitment Weekend. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, it is not too late to do so. You can also find more information and make a gift online by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving

If you have any questions you can contact the diocese at 510-267-8358. Thank you for your previous support and prayers!



Things to Do This Week

MONDAY, JUNE 19

St. Romuald

Readings: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

Reminder:

Return Birthright Baby Bottles this week, in case you forgot to bring them to Mass!

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Readings: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Events:

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest at Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave, 10 am to 3 pm. Come make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Events:

Afternoon Confession at 2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

St. Paulinus of Nola;

Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Readings: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Suggestion:

Pick a Saint for the Summer, learn about his or her life, and ask for patronage. Pray for his or her intercession throughout the summer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Reminder:

All Fridays of the year are days of penance. If we choose to eat meat, we are required to offer another sacrifice, act of piety or charity.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Readings: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Events:

Confession at 9:15 am and 3:45 pm in English, 6:15 pm in Spanish.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Jesus was very clear about the cost of discipleship. It might entail family division, persecution, and even death. He didn't mince words when he talked about the hardships his followers would face. And yet, at the same time he says, "Do not be afraid." Isn't this a bit of a contradiction? Does it seem odd that Jesus warns us about future difficulties but then tells us not to worry?

Events:

Livermore Knights of Columbus will hold a membership drive. All Catholic men are invited to join. Contact Jim Shirley for information at: 925-518-1189, jshirley@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us.



Save These Dates

Maintenance & Improvement Collection

July 1 & 2

The first weekend of every month this second collection will take place to benefit our community here at St. Michael's. This fund will be used to continue to make improvements towards our parish facilities including the Church building, Convent, and Education Center. Not only will this fund be used for parish improvements, but will be used to help make daily maintenance repairs.

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4

Parish offices will be closed in celebration of the 4th of July. There will be no 7:00 am Mass.

All are welcome to park in the church parking lot and walk downtown to watch the fireworks display! The best seats will be closest to the parking garage.

Consider offering a novena of prayers for our country, starting on June 26.

Mass of Remembrance

Wed, July 5

We gather to remember departed loved ones at 7:00 pm at St. Charles. Our bilingual Mass helps us honor the memory of our passed loved ones by celebrating Mass in their honor. You are encouraged to bring a small framed photo of your loved ones to place before the altar during Mass. This quarterly Mass is offered by the Grief Support Ministry of St. Michael and St. Charles. All are welcome.

Covenant of Love Date Night

Saturday July 8th

All married and engaged couples are invited to join us at 6:30 pm at St. Charles Keely Hall. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

It's an evening to enjoy adult fellowship and nurture your marriage relationship. This session is a joint effort between St. Charles' and St. Michael's parishioners. Walk-ins are always welcome!
stmichaeldatenight@gmail.com

Young Ladies' Institute

Monday, July 10

Catholic ladies of all ages are invited to join other Catholic women in Young Ladies' Institute Livermore #44 ... to deepen spiritual awareness, form enriching friendships, foster seminarian education, provide charitable support, and develop personal talents in the service of our parish and community. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Convent. Refreshments served. Contact Annie at 925-447-7211

Quo Vadis Camp for Young Men

July 9-12

Young men ages 13-18 are invited to join a three-day camp at the Diocese of Oakland Retreat Center in Lafayette. This camp will assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ. Activities include fun, games, music, Mass, prayer and talks. Registration is \$50—space is limited. Contact Cielo Branco at 510-267-8356 or C Branco@oakdiocese.org



2017 St Michael Fall Festival

Sat, Sept 30th and Sunday, Oct 1st

Come out and join us for the most delicious variety of ethnic food, representing our diverse community and fun and games for the whole family. We're celebrate our patron, Saint Michael, and kicking off the Centennial Year for our church.

Save the Dates!

Hours of Operation: Saturday, September 30th from 11-9:30pm and Sunday, October 1st from 10-4pm.

Noticias Parroquiales



Recordatorios del Padre Van

Por favor, mantenga sus pertenencias con usted cuando vaya a recibir la comunión o deje los objetos de valor encerrados en su coche. Lamentablemente, han habido casos de robo.

Por favor esté atento a la Presencia del Señor cuando está en la iglesia. Asegúrese de hacer una genuflexión (si es físicamente capaz) siempre que pase delante del tabernáculo.

Por favor mantenga silencio de oración en la iglesia, antes, durante y después de la misa.

MISA DEL RECUERDO EN ST. CHARLES Miercoles 5 de JULIO - 7:00 pm

Nos juntamos para recordar a nuestros seres queridos difuntos a las 7:00 p.m. Nuestra Misa Bilingüe nos da la oportunidad de hacer honor a nuestros amados difuntos al celebrar una misa en su nombre. Los motivamos a que traigan una foto de su ser querido en marco y puesto ante el altar durante la misa. El ritual del recuerdo nos da una oportunidad de venir hacia adelante con una rosa, encender una vela, y hablar sobre las personas que estamos recordando, si así lo desea. Rosas y velas serán dadas. Esta misa trimestral es patrocinada por el Ministerio de Apoyo de Dolor de St. Michael y St. Charles. Todos están invitados.

CONOZCA Sus DERECHOS Sesión Informativa

Aprenda cuáles son sus derechos constitucionales y cómo estar preparado

Jueves 29 de Junio
6:30 PM

La Iglesia Católica de San Raymond y Caridades Católicas del Este de la Bahía presentan una sesión informativa de inmigración

Iglesia Católica de San Raymond Moran Hall
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Informe de recaudación

6-11-17 Recaudación	\$17,862.56
Mes hasta la fecha	\$38,362.77
Meta para el mes	\$86,274.51
porcentaje alcanzado	44%
Directorio de la Fe para junio	---
Fondo de mantenimiento mensual	\$7,470.39

Seguimiento de la apelación del obispo

¡Gracias a todos los que dieron al Pedido del Obispo de este año! Hasta la fecha hemos recaudado \$ _____ de _____ donantes en _____ parish. Este total representa ___% de nuestra meta parroquial. Tenga en cuenta que la parroquia recibirá todo lo que se reciba sobre nuestra meta, así que hagamos todo lo posible para no sólo alcanzar, sino que superar nuestra meta parroquial!

Si no ha entregado su tarjeta de compromiso, no es demasiado tarde para hacerlo. También puede encontrar más información y hacer un regalo en línea visitando www.oakdiocese.org/giving. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede ponerse en contacto con la diócesis al 510-267-8358. ¡Gracias por su apoyo y oraciones!

Reflexiones de Domingo

El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo

CARNE Y SANGRE

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan 6:51-58, encontramos una "versión eucarística" de versículos anteriores 6:35-50, en el que Jesús dice: "el que cree en mí tiene vida eterna" (6:47). Y ese "cree" ahora Jesús lo cambia por "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tienen vida eterna" (6:54). Este paralelismo está reflejado en la complementariedad de la Liturgia de la Palabra y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía, la íntima relación entre el ambón y el altar, "la mesa de la Palabra de Dios y la mesa del Cuerpo de Cristo". Pero el Evangelio de hoy presenta un paralelismo subsecuente, la complementariedad de carne y sangre. Al usar "carne", una palabra que Jesús algunas veces usa para denotar la completa naturaleza humana en lugar de "cuerpo", Juan parece sugerir que, al recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo en la Eucaristía, nosotros los discípulos nos disponemos a asimilar la completa naturaleza humana, su propio auto sacrificio radical hacia la muerte como nuestra distintiva manera de ser humano. Más aún, la misma razón por la que la ley prohíbe participar del sacrificio de sangre es precisamente porque Jesús dice que nosotros debemos beber su sangre, "la sangre es la vida" (Deuteronomio 12:23). Al partic-

ipar de la Sangre de Cristo en la Eucaristía nosotros "tenemos la vida eterna" aquí y ahora; es decir, vivimos por la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte en esta vida, una victoria que será hecha permanente cuando Jesús nos resucite en el último día (6:54).

SOMOS UNO

Al participar de este don, nos hacemos uno con Cristo en realidad. Pero hay más. También nos hacemos uno con nuestro prójimo. Al participar todos de este misterio, estamos unidos en la carne y el espíritu -en el Espíritu Santo- con nuestro prójimo también. Así como Pablo dice "Porque el pan es uno, nosotros, siendo muchos, formamos un solo cuerpo, pues todos comemos del mismo pan" (1 Corintios 10:17).

Hoy celebramos este maravilloso don. Aun cuando no lo comprendamos en su totalidad, lo creemos y aceptamos con una gran alegría. Somos uno con Cristo y uno con el prójimo. Nosotros también nos convertimos en el Cuerpo de Cristo en el mundo.

Lecturas de hoy

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Registración de Flocknote

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Consulte el sitio web en español

...para las noticias y actualizaciones de la parroquia!

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¡Importante!

No habra ninguna misa los miércoles por la noche durante el mes de julio.

El Rev. Alfonso Borgen, OFM Conv, será el nuevo Vicario Parroquial de la Parroquia San Miguel, Livermore Efectivo 1de Agosto del 2017



Boletín en Español

Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia. Si estan interesados en agregar o presentar un artículo en el boletín en español, por favor contactar a Brenda Zavala 510-691-2864

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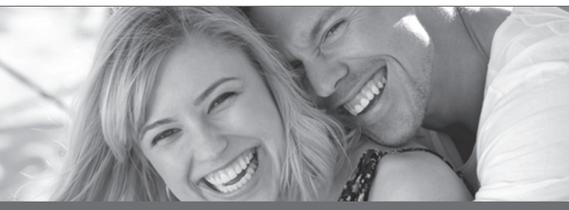

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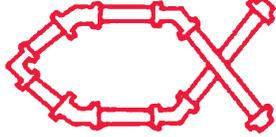
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5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

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