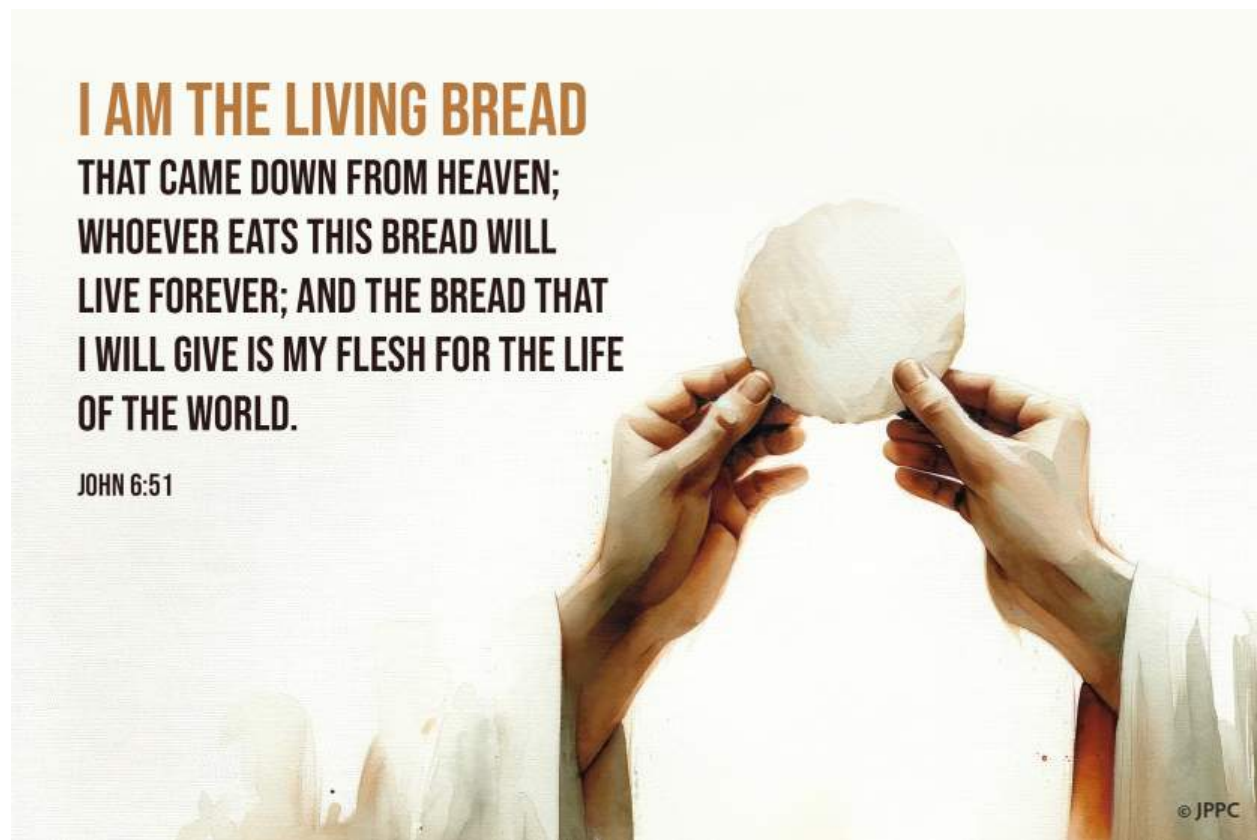


# CHURCH OF SAINT MONICA

## I AM THE LIVING BREAD

THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;  
WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL  
LIVE FOREVER; AND THE BREAD THAT  
I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE  
OF THE WORLD.

JOHN 6:51



## AUGUST 11, 2024

### Masses

Mon. to Thurs. 9 am  
Saturday 4 pm  
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

679 W. Veterans Highway  
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### *Our Parish is Served by:*

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### Confessions

Saturdays  
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to 3:45 pm  
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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 11, 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, August 10

4:00 pm Anthony & Ruth Biele  
(Charles & Arlene Jacey)

#### Sunday, August 11

9:00 am Ruth Biele  
(Bereavement Ministry)

11:00 am John Rahming  
(Diane Herceg)

#### Monday, August 12

9:00 am Marty Szymanski  
(Piacentino Family)

#### Tuesday, August 13

9:00 am John Ducas  
(Piacentino Family)

#### Wednesday, August 14

9:00 am Francis A McEnery  
(Marie Gould)

#### Thursday, August 15

9:00 am Hal Erbe  
(Piacentino Family)

7:00 pm Irene Kislan  
(Bereavement Ministry)

#### Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm Marcia Johnson Phillips  
(Chrissy Quatrano)

#### Sunday, August 18

9:00 am Deborah MacInnes  
(Liz & Jim Nelsen)

11:00 am Ulysses Alexander  
(Ernie & Barbara Rookey)

*To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.*

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Dianne Smith, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Marie Gould, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, Arlene Toth, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Elaine Stemmler, Tom Martin, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie D'Angelo, Paul Hetteroth, Cheryl Vega, Carol Spezzano, Michael Seiler, Shannon Hubert, Ronald Nuzzola, Ray Kijowski, Nicholas Biddle, Matthew Biddle, Dennis Shwiner, Laura Stoyer, Mike Scott

*Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they can be removed.*



### Readings for the Week - August 11, 2024

**Monday, August 12, 2024** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024** Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 15, 2024** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

**Friday, August 16, 2024** Ez 16:59-63 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 17, 2024** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 9:13-15

**Sunday, August 18, 2024** Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
 Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the  
**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mass Schedule:**  
 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
 Parish Office will be closed.



**Monmouth/Ocean Counties**  
**Sunday, October 6, 2024 (3PM)**  
**Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61**  
**Georgia Rd., Freehold**

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing is an annual Mass and reception to honor all couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> (or more) wedding anniversary.

This event takes place on two Sundays in October, one at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton for couples from Mercer and Burlington County parishes, and the other at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold for couples from Ocean and Monmouth County parishes.

Family and friends are encouraged to attend. **Pre-registration is open and is required;** couples may register at your parish office, or online at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing>

Couples must be validly married in the Catholic Church to participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing. Deadline to register September 15, 2024.

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**ATTENTION COR MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

**AUGUST DATE CHANGE!!!!**

Due to the Holy Day of Obligation on August 15<sup>th</sup>, (*The Assumption*), the COR Men's Prayer Group will meet on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Knights of Columbus Council meeting. All men are welcome to attend. For questions, please contact Dcn John White.

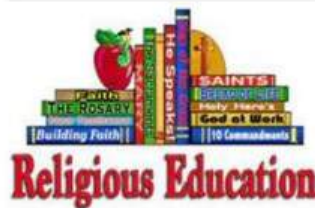
**Attention All Ministries & Groups**  
**Utilizing our Facilities**

If you have not provided the Parish Office with your calendar for July 2024 - June 2025, please do so as soon as possible.

Reminder: Any events/fundraisers must be pre-approved by Fr. Alex before submitting dates. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us accommodate your requests.







Preparations for the 2024-2025 Religious Ed. year are underway.

**Re-registration:** If you have not registered your child/children for class, we ask that you return your forms immediately. Additional forms may be found in the literature rack in the back of the church.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM YEAR**

Our Religious Education program, which runs from mid-September to early May, needs catechists. The catechist assists the parents, the primary educators of their children, to nourish the seeds of faith.

**Catechists are people like you** who are willing to take the time to help our young children grow in the love of Christ and his Church just as you have. Children are the future of our Church.

If you feel the calling to be a catechist, please contact our Religious Education office at (732) 928-4038 or email Karen at [stmonicccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicccd@yahoo.com) for more information.

Catechists are needed for the following classes:

Monday 4:30 – 5:45 Grade 1

Monday 6:15 – 7:30 Grades 1,3, 4 and 5



If you would like to help the Religious Education ministry, but do not feel called to teach, we are also in need of two parking lot attendants for each session on Mondays at 5:35 or 7:20 to ensure the safety of the children being dismissed. We also need volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs for our classes and then break down the set up for Mass on the weekend.

***“Many hands make light work.”***

### **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Forms for new students registering are available in the literature rack in the back of church. Please attach your child’s Baptismal certificate and any other applicable sacrament certificate with the form. If your child is transferring into our program, we ask that a transfer be requested from the parish where your child previously attended. If you are not yet a registered parishioner, the parish registration form is available on our website or in church. You may drop off your family registration form to the parish office.

## CALENDAR

**Saturday, August 10**

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, August 11**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, August 12**

9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, August 13**

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Wednesday, August 14**

9:00 am Mass

10:00 am Church Unavailable 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Thursday, August 15**

Holy Day of Obligation

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

Parish Office closed

**Friday, August 16**

Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

**Saturday, August 17**

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, August 19**

9:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, August 20**

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (LC)

7:00 pm Adult Choir

**Wednesday, August 21**

9:00 am Mass

**Thursday, August 22**

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group (Church)

**Friday, August 23**

Parish Office Closed-Summer Hours

**Saturday, August 24**

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, August 25**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

## Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Never permit me to be parted from you.

From the evil Enemy defend me.

At the hour of my death call me

and bid me to come to you,

that with your Saints I may praise you

for age upon age.

Amen.





## The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 11, 2024

### THEMES FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.



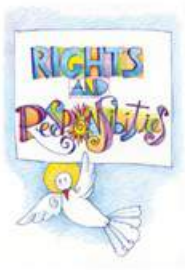
#### LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



#### CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.



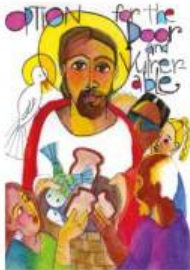
#### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.



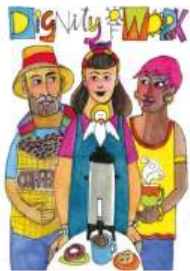


## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



### THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.



### SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



### CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.





## The Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 15, 2024

### What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."





**The Eucharist - St Monica****Masses & Reconciliation**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am--3:30 pm  
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 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am  
 Holy Days As Noted  
 Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm  
 1st Thursday of the month 7:00 pm  
 or by appt.

**Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction**

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am  
 1st Thursday of each month 7:00 pm with  
 Confessions

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

**Baptisms**

Celebrated outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**Visits to the Sick and Homebound**

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

**Knights of Columbus Council #11529**

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael McGivney. It is an international order of more than 2 million Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values in a busy, changing world. St Monica Council #11529 has a long history of support for the parish and many local charities. If you would like to join, simply scan the QR Code or go to [KofC.org/join](http://KofC.org/join) and enter council #11529.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

**Bereavement Ministry**

Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Grief Support**

For those grieving the loss of a loved one or close friend. This is a Catholic centered Support Group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment to support your journey from grieving to healing. For registration and details contact Deacon John White 848-992-1652 or [dcjohnw@gmail.com](mailto:dcjohnw@gmail.com)

**Youth Group**

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, call Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

**RCIA/OCIA**

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For those who are seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.saintmonica.com](http://www.saintmonica.com)  
 Please contact the parish office for further info.

**Adult Faith Formation Core Team**

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

**Marriages**

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey request a one year period of preparation for marriage in The Church. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Religious Education**

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in on-going Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or [stmonicaccd@yahoo.com](mailto:stmonicaccd@yahoo.com)

**Legion of Mary**

Members participate in the life of the parish through a program of prayers and service. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic men and women over 18 years of age who have the good will to want to serve God through Mother Mary. Meetings are at St. Monica every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The Legion is always looking to recruit new members. If you discern a divine connection to the Blessed Mother, and feel she is calling you to join, please contact the Parish Office.

**Women of St Monica**

A Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community, and conducting fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways. Please contact the parish office for more info.



If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at: [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

## Reflections on the Readings for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2024

### THE WORD MADE FLESH

Have you ever heard someone say something completely outlandish? The Jews in today's Gospel are not just shocked by Jesus's teaching, they are also likely disgusted and offended. Is Jesus of Nazareth really telling them that He is the Bread of Life and the fulfillment of all the Scriptures? Is he truly the new Passover Lamb? These possibilities are scandalous to them. Oftentimes, living our faith can cause scandal, at least in the eyes of the world. It's radical for us to cling to the truths of the faith and to Christ in today's culture. Let's take some time today to learn more about the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. Jesus knew we need physical signs, which is why he gave us his very self, hidden under the appearances of bread and wine, to nourish us on our journey in this life.

### PRAYER

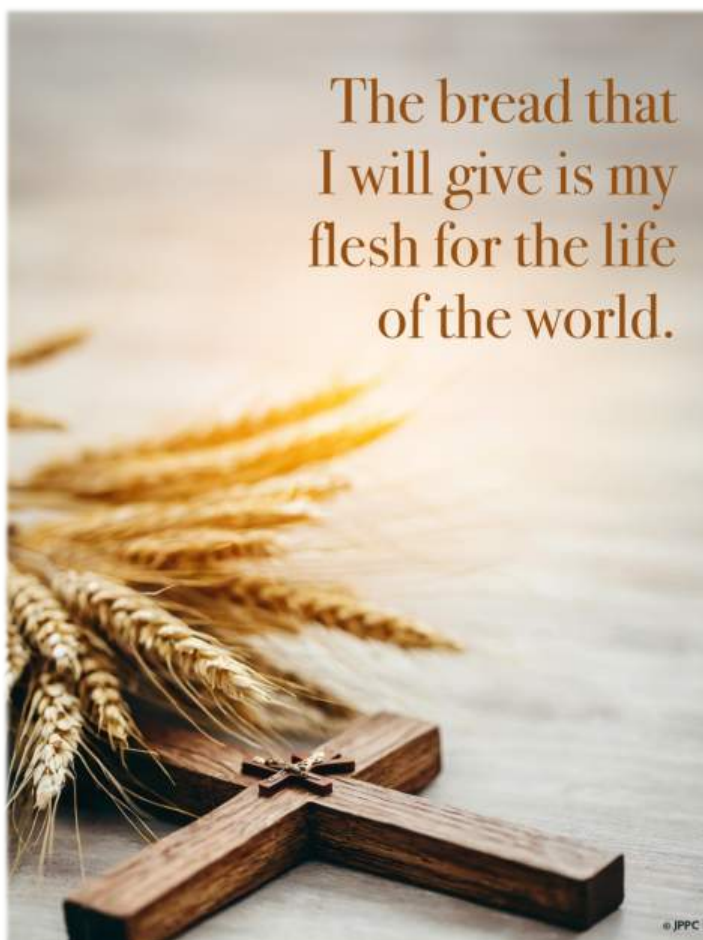
Jesus has just shared a shocking teaching with the Jewish people. He has told them that they must eat his body and drink his blood in order to have eternal life. Surprised and perhaps disgusted, they begin "murmuring" about what he has said. Jesus, however, does not correct himself or apologize to them. Rather, he continues to impress upon them the necessity of eating his flesh and drinking his blood in order to have eternal life with the Father.

This teaching is radical. How do you feel when you hear Jesus say these things? What is your first reaction? Share it with Jesus. Ask and pray for a heart of faith to believe and firmly adhere to his words.

Jesus gives us the path to eternal life--his flesh and blood. Do you make Mass a priority in your life? Do you devote yourself to the Eucharist? Or, do you allow yourself to become lax in your worship and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament?

### RESOLUTION

Foster your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament this week. Spend some time in prayer deciding how God is calling you to do this. For those who are unsure about possible resolutions, here are some ideas: attend daily Mass, stop by a Catholic church on the way home from work to pray in front of the Tabernacle, make an hour of Adoration, read Pope Saint John Paul's encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* or a passage on the Eucharist from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. | [formed.org](http://formed.org)





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