



# MARY MOTHER OF GOD

## CATHOLIC CHURCH • HARRISON, AR

We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother Of God Church. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.



### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 31, 2026

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

9-10AM NO Confessions  
4:00PM Confessions  
4:30PM Rosary  
5:00PM MASS †Jaque Radisch

#### SUNDAY, MAY 31 (The Most Holy Trinity)

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM MASS †Graciela Jijon

#### MONDAY, JUNE 1

— NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 2

5:00PM NO Rosary & Confessions  
5:30PM NO MASS

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

4:30PM NO Evening Prayer & Adoration  
5:00PM NO Confessions & Benediction  
5:30PM NO MASS

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00AM NO Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM NO MASS

#### FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 5

8:00AM Patriotic Rosary  
8:00AM NO Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM NO MASS  
9:00AM Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Parish

#### FIRST SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30AM MASS †Fr Tulipana  
9-10AM Confessions  
9:00AM First Saturday Devotions  
4:00PM Confessions  
4:30PM Rosary  
5:00PM MASS †Tom Jamison

#### OFFICE INFO

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: "**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**" (John 3:16)

The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the Father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— Father John Muir, ©LPI

## CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

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Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne /Judy Keith	870-365-3570

## COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

8:00AM Patriotic Rosary

9:00AM Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Parish

### FIRST SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9:00AM First Saturday Devotions

10:00AM Marian Pathways to Holiness

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

10:00AM Consecration of the USA. Livestream by USCCB

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

8:30AM Seven Sisters Recommitment (during Mass)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26 & SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:00AM Holy Hour, Intercession for Papal Consistory.

We offer many spiritual opportunities.

Call/text Carmen at 305-815-1795 for details.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of his living body, the church, to bring the kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.

## PARISH CALENDAR

View the updated parish calendar anytime at:

[harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar](http://harrisoncatholic.org/resources/calendar)

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you're new, please register at:

[osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/directory/register](http://osvhub.com/harrisoncatholicmmg/directory/register)

## ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to all who have set up new accounts! Online giving is available at:

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## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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## FORMED: FAMILY RESOURCE

*Formed.org*, a Catholic streaming service, offers movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections. Visit

[harrisoncatholic.formed.org](http://harrisoncatholic.formed.org), search for "Mary Mother of God", select "Harrison" location, and create an account. Enjoy!

## MASS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

### Lectors/Rosary Leaders:

Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

**Ushers:** Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.

## APRIL INCOME & EXPENSE

General	\$28,721.00
Building	\$2,115.00
Gifts/Memorials	\$50.00
Other	\$1,452.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,338.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$47,936.00</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>-\$15,598.00</b>

**Capital Expense:** **-\$20,630.00**  
*amount was included in expenses*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

All musical skill levels are welcome! If you are interested in joining any of the groups below, please contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or [juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:juliemmgmusic@yahoo.com).

- MMG CHOIR
- ANGELI CHORUS
- FAITH TROUBADOURS
- SILVER BELLS
- YOUTH & HANDCHIMES CHOIR
- HANDBELL CHOIR

## PRE 2026–2027 REGISTRATION

Registration for Parish Religious Education (PREP) for the 2026–2027 year is now open. Religious education plays an important role in helping youth grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare for the sacraments. Early registration also helps us plan effectively and ensure we have enough materials and supplies for all participants. Please visit [harrisoncatholic.org](http://harrisoncatholic.org), select “Groups,” scroll down to PREP, click on it, and register your youth today.

## VOCATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“Vocation” Bible School will be held June 21–25 for children ages Pre-K through those entering 6th grade. Children will grow in faith while learning about God’s call through fun activities, music, and fellowship. Visit [harrisoncatholic.org](http://harrisoncatholic.org) and click the Vocation Bible School flyer to register.

## SEARCH #158 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #158, a retreat designed to help high school juniors and seniors know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to incoming juniors, seniors, and recently graduated seniors. Search #158 will be held **June 26–28**, 2026, at St. John Center in Little Rock. The fee is \$150. For more information and registration forms, visit:

PAPER REGISTRATION:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-158-form.pdf>

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/search-158-june-26-28--2026>

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE

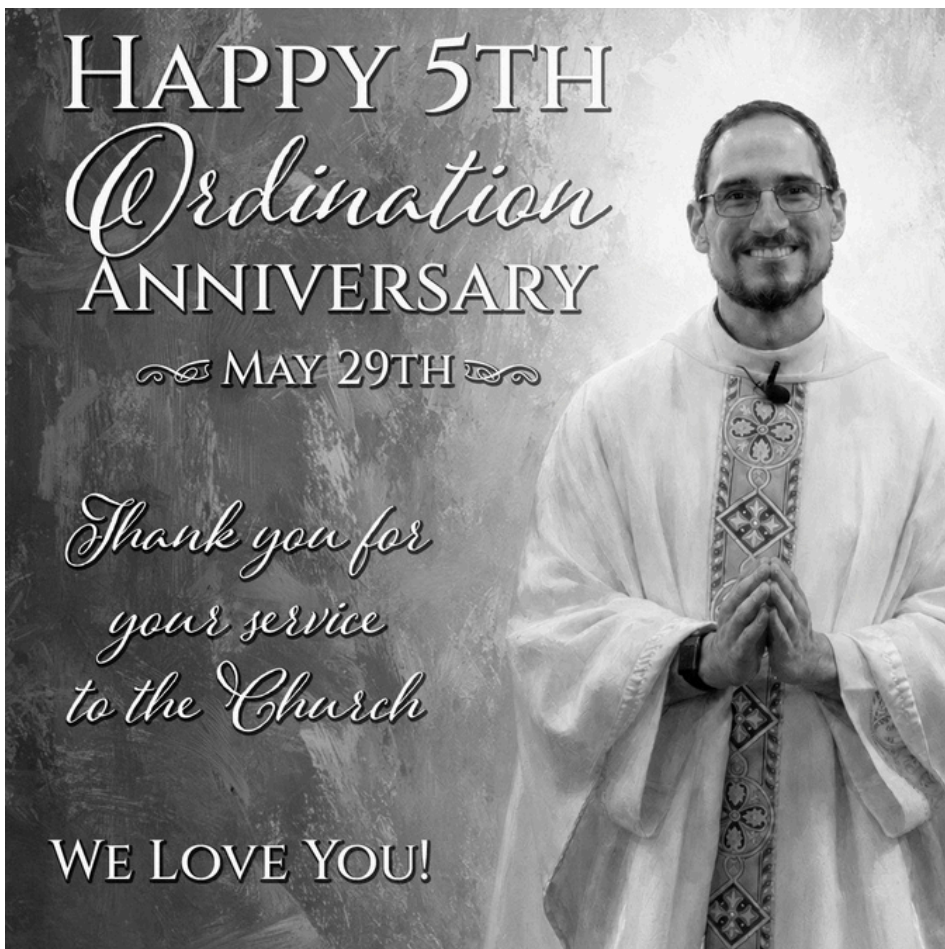
Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program presented by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week-long program is open to youth in grades 10–12 who are interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During the 5-day session, participants will learn how to put those teachings into action through worthwhile hands-on community service experiences. Join us in Jesus’s invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. C2SI will be held **July 13–17**, 2026, at St. John Center in Little Rock. The fee is \$250. For more information and registration, visit:

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c2si-catholic-charities-summer-institute-july-13-17--2026>

PAPER REGISTRATION:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/c2si-registration-form-26.pdf>





HAPPY 5TH  
*Ordination*  
 ANNIVERSARY

❧ MAY 29TH ❧

*Thank you for  
 your service  
 to the Church*

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**BULLETIN ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

The church is pleased to announce the availability of advertising space on the back of our weekly bulletin. This offers businesses a valuable opportunity to reach members of our congregation while supporting the parish’s mission. Current advertisers will soon receive a renewal letter with details for continued partnership. We sincerely appreciate your support and engagement.

If you are interested in becoming a new advertiser, please contact the church office for information on ad formats, pricing, and submission deadlines. We look forward to working with you and fostering meaningful connections within our parish community.

**ENHANCING THE CRUCIFIX & MEDITATION AREA**

We invite you to join us in a meaningful transformation at the Mary Mother of God Cemetery. Our new landscaping project is dedicated to creating a serene and beautiful environment around the crucifix and meditation area, a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and remembrance. Your generous donations to the cemetery project are deeply appreciated and may be made online or in person at the church office during normal office hours. For more information, please see the project board in the vestibule. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

**CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING**

Creating or updating an estate plan is an important responsibility. It allows you to provide for your loved ones, put your intentions in writing, and make decisions rooted in your values.

To help with this, the Diocese of Little Rock offers FreeWill, a free and secure online program that makes it easy to create or update your will or trust in about 20 minutes. It is a practical resource for planning wisely and offers the opportunity to remember a parish, Catholic school, or diocesan ministry in your plans.

In this season of Easter joy, taking time to plan for the future can be a meaningful expression of faithful stewardship. Get started at [FreeWill.com/DioceseofLittleRock](http://FreeWill.com/DioceseofLittleRock).

**LAUDATO SI'**

*"When we contemplate with wonder the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity."* (Pope Francis Laudato Si para 238)

**OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK**

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Monday: St. Justin, Martyr

Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

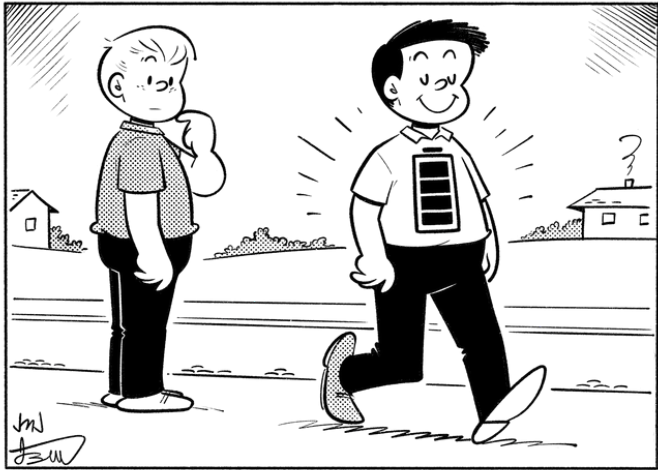
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“What do you call someone who has just been confirmed?”



THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

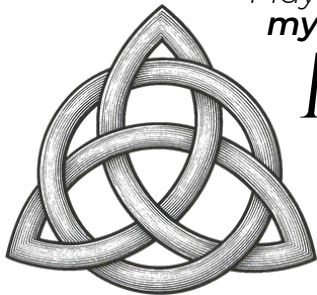
“Fully charged.”



When the members of our parish get confirmed, they are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Let's keep them in our prayers!

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May we *behold the mystery* of the



**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

God	gave	eternal
loved	believes	Son
world	perish	save

oGd	<u>G</u> <u>o</u> <u>d</u>
presih	_____
noS	_____
levod	_____
geva	_____
eetrnla	_____
wrodl	_____
bleevise	_____
vase	_____

## MISSION

Read John 3:16-18 with your family. Thank Jesus for taking all of your sins away.

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### PRAYER LIST

#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

#### INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, Larry Benner & family, Patricia Bel, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Jim Conner, Sally Conner, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Meghan Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Lavonne Keehn, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Baby Guy Reading, Seamus Roche, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Liz Smalley, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, †Linda Thompson, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor | General Counsel, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer at (501) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

# JUNE IS THE MONTH *dedicated to the* SACRED HEART OF JESUS

## *Activities at Mary Mother of God*

### JUNE 5TH, FIRST FRIDAY

8:00AM  
PATRIOTIC ROSARY

9:00AM  
ENTHRONEMENT OF THE  
SACRED HEART. MAIN CHURCH  
AND PROCESSION TO CHAPEL.

### JUNE 6TH, FIRST SATURDAY

9:00AM  
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS I  
N THE CHAPEL

10:00AM  
MARIAN PATHWAYS TO HOLINESS  
IN THE PARISH HALL.

### JUNE 11TH, THURSDAY

10:00 AM  
CONSECRATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED  
HEART. LIVESTREAM BY THE  
USCCB TO BE VIEWED IN THE  
PARISH HALL.

### JUNE 12TH, FRIDAY

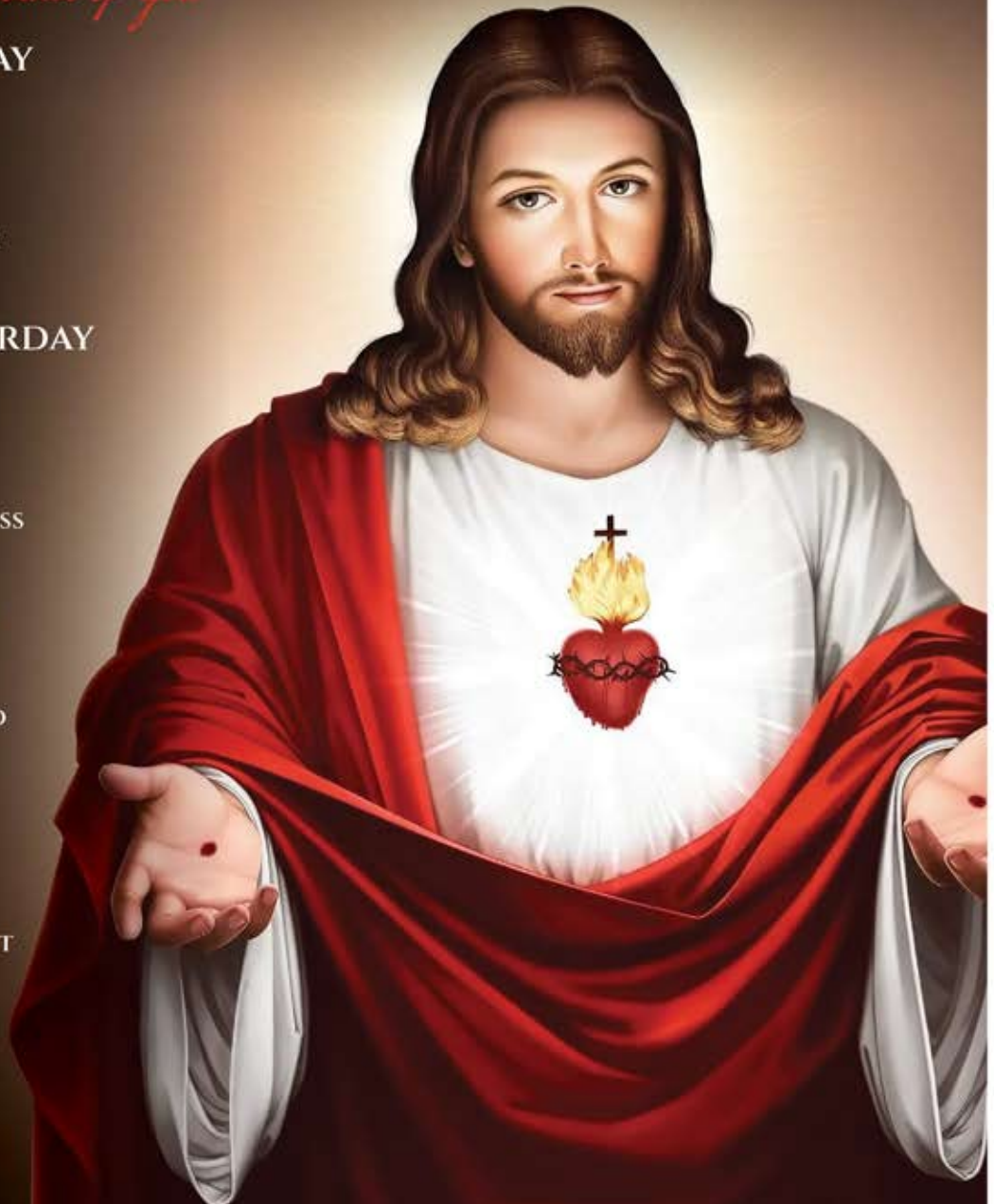
8:30 AM  
SEVEN SISTERS RECOMMITMENT  
CEREMONY (DURING MASS)

### JUNE 26TH, FRIDAY

9:00 AM  
HOLY HOUR, INTERCESSION  
FOR PAPAL CONSISTORY  
INSIDE THE CHAPEL.

### JUNE 27TH, SATURDAY

9:00 AM  
HOLY HOUR, INTERCESSION  
FOR PAPAL CONSISTORY  
INSIDE THE CHAPEL.





MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**WALKING WITH JESUS**  
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION  
DOWNTOWN HARRISON SQUARE  
**6.7.2026**  
STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

### FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF CHRISTIANITY

the doctrine of Jesus' body and blood being truly present in the "Eucharist," a word meaning thanksgiving, has always been held. In keeping the teaching of the Holy Scripture and the earliest traditions of Christianity, the Catholic Church has maintained that the Eucharist, consecrated by a priest in the line of apostolic tradition, is not a symbol or image of Jesus, but is truly, actually, and substantially, His body, blood, soul, and divinity.

In acknowledgment of this reality, Catholics all around the world worship the Eucharist in adoration through various liturgical celebrations, including Eucharistic processions.

Mary Mother of God would like to invite you to a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00pm on the Harrison Town Square. All are welcome to participate in prayer as we walk with Jesus.

#### John 6:51

"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."

#### Matthew 26:26

"While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, 'take and eat; this is my body.' "

#### 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

"The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

#### Acts 2:42

"And they held steadfastly to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

Mary Mother of God • VBS 2026

# DISCOVERY MISSION

Catholic **Vocation** Bible School

Sunday, June 21  
— THROUGH —  
Thursday, June 25



## **COST**

\$20 per youth  
Discounts for 2 or more siblings;  
Scholarships available

## **AGES**

Pre-K to Children  
Entering 6th Grade

## **ITINERARY**

5:30 PM - Dinner  
5:55 PM - VBS Starts  
8:30 PM - VBS Ends

Adults and youth entering 7th grade and older interested in helping, please contact Holly Coffman

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**Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. Amen.**

In loving memory of †Newt and †Ruth Foster