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*June 19. FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI*

***CALIFORNIA / MAY 2014***

## **Eucharist nourishes, sustains and should transform people, pope says**

ROME (CNS) -- In the Eucharist, Jesus makes himself the food that nourishes and sustains Catholics, even when the road gets rough, Pope Francis said before leading a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Rome.



Mass and participation in Corpus Christi processions are times for Catholics to reflect on how they follow Jesus and, particularly, what the Eucharist means to them, the pope said at Mass May 30 to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The pope encouraged Catholics to ask themselves: Is the Eucharist a "moment of true communion with the Lord, but also with my many brothers and sisters who share at this same altar?" and "Adoring Christ truly present in the Eucharist, do I allow myself to be transformed by him?"

The pope celebrated the Mass outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran, then -- on foot -- joined a candlelight Corpus Christi procession from St. John's to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, just over a mile away.

The monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament was carried on the truck that Blessed John Paul II began using in 1994 when he could no longer walk the full mile. Pope Benedict XVI participated in the procession each year, riding in the truck, kneeling before the Eucharist.

"Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Eucharist and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others," Pope Francis said in his homily at Mass. Focusing his homily on the Gospel of Luke's account of the **multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the pope said gathering around Jesus, listening to his word and being nourished by him transforms the multitude of anonymous individuals into a community of faith where people share who they are and what they have.**

"The same dynamic should be at work today when Catholics gather at Mass to listen to the Gospel and be nourished by the body and blood of Jesus," he said. The

Eucharist is the sacrament of the communion that takes us out of our individualism so that together we live our discipleship, our faith in him," Pope Francis said.

The pope said he is "always struck" by the disciples asking Jesus to send the crowd away to find food and lodging and Jesus telling him, "Give them some food yourselves."

"In the face of the crowd's needs, this is the disciples' solution: Everyone takes care of himself; dismiss the crowd," the pope said. "Many times we Christians have that same temptation; we don't take on the needs of others, but dismiss them with a compassionate 'May God help you' or a not-so-compassionate 'Good luck.'"

Jesus' solution, though, was to ask God's blessing on the little food available, then to have the disciples share it with crowd, he said.

"It is a moment of profound communion: the crowd quenched by the word of the Lord is now nourished by his bread of life, and all had their fill."

What Jesus encouraged the disciples to do was an act of "solidarity," he said, which is nothing other than "placing at God's disposal what little we have, our humble abilities, because only in sharing and in giving will our lives be fruitful."

In the Eucharist, the pope said, Catholics experience the "solidarity of God," a solidarity that can never be exhausted and should never stop causing awe.

"Once again this evening, Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist, shares our journey and, in fact, makes himself the food that sustains our lives, even when the road gets rough and obstacles slow our steps," Pope Francis said.

At the same time, he said, in receiving the Eucharist faithfully "the Lord leads us to follow his path -- that of service, sharing and giving; and that little that we have, the little that we are, if shared, becomes a treasure because the power of God, who is love, descends to our poverty and transforms it."

*By Cindy Wooden [Catholic News Service](#)*

***FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA***

*Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California*



Recently, after a hard day's work, I thought I would just relax and watch a movie. Fortunately *The Song of Bernadette* was on TV that night. I really enjoyed it and want to share with you some of my thoughts.

It was a joy to me to see the simplicity of the film. Praying the rosary was a part of their life, but the film did not make a big deal out of it. Their faith in the power of the Blessed Mother to heal was slow in coming, and completely believable.

That film started a train of thought that brought me to reflect on a long past memory of my father. When I was about three or four years old he began to have severe pain, so much so that he wished he could go to Lourdes to be healed. But for a common man at that time it was impossible. I remember that one evening they invited the pastor to come over to visit, a once in a lifetime event.

I pretended to be asleep but, of course I wanted to hear everything. Fortunately all of our life was lived in the kitchen, so while I "slept" there they discussed many things, but one thing I will never forget. My father opened up and shared with the pastor that he had made a promise to the Blessed Mother that he would pray the rosary every day. He was keeping that promise and he no longer suffered from the terrible nerve pain. "What the doctors couldn't do, the rosary did," he said. The rosary continued to be a part of our family life, and I remember my mother saying, when occasionally the pain came back, "Didn't you forget something?"

Thinking about my father leads me to the topic of Fathers' Day. Since this year's picnic will mark the halfway point of our fiftieth anniversary year as a mission, I am hoping to see very many of you enjoying a good time together on June 15.

Thanks for your cards and prayers at the time of my surgery. I am doing well and am resuming some of my travel later in the year.

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**Reservations required. Send coupon (below) by June 11.**



**Don't miss this!**

Our Mass on Father's Day, June 15, will be special, as it has been in the past. Now we have our own Center, Velehrad California. The last get-together there was very successful and many people asked to meet at Velehrad again, and even to have our Mass there sometimes. And

so, we will have our annual Father's Day Mission picnic in the Velehrad back yard. This year, as previously, we will have marinated barbecued steak or rotisserie chicken. The price for one large serving is \$13.00, and the meal must be ordered in advance. Please send in the coupon below **before June 11.** Directions to Velehrad are on p. 8.

I will attend the June 15 Fathers Day Mass and picnic at Velehrad:  
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***N.B.: The picnic is an major fundraiser for our mission, as well as a community builder. We hope, therefore, that you will be generous with your order. Thank you!***



*On Sunday April 27, the Polish Center celebrated the canonization of Pope St. John Paul II, occurring that day in Rome. The Czech Mission, as one of the organizations that uses space at the Polish Center, was invited to participate by bringing a basket of flowers to the altar. Thanks to **Sylvia and Peter Šilhar** for representing us at the festive event.*

**You are invited**



**TO OUR  
CZECH  
LITURGY!**

In SAN Diego our Holy Mass will begin on Saturday, June 14, at 4:00 pm in the Hall of St. John's Parish, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln. There will be refreshments after Mass.

In LOS ANGELES Holy Mass will be held on Sunday, June 15, at 1:00 pm in the back yard of our Velehrad: 344 Koch Avenue, Placentia CA 92870. After Mass our traditional picnic, featuring barbecued steaks and half chickens, will begin. Suggested donation \$13.00 in advance.

In SAN FRANCISCO our next Czech Mass will be on Sunday, June 22, at 11:00 am in the auditorium of STAR OF THE SEA Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA. Refreshments will follow.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** No Czech Masses in JULY;  
AUGUST: SD 16, LA 17, SF 24.

## **98th Birthday!**

On June 5th **Ferdinand STACHURA**, member of the San Francisco Mission, will celebrate his 98th birthday. We congratulate you, Ferdo, and pray that you are blessed with many, many more years. May God bless you abundantly.

## SPECIAL INVITATION TO SAN DIEGO MEMBERS: DIRECTIONS!

Z Polského centra (3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda CA 92886) vezměte Golden Ave. doleva. Přejedete jedno světlo (na Valencia Ave.) a hned se díváte doleva, kde uvidíte nápis Stone Gate, tam zabočíte doleva a hned zase doleva na Koch Ave. Číslo domu 344 je po pravé straně ulice. (Pojedete-li po Imperial HWY od Freeway 57, zabočte do prava na Kraemer Blvd. a na 2. světle je Golden Ave., kde jedete doleva a vpravo je Stone Gate, kde zabočíte do prava a hned na Koch Ave. doleva... 344 Koch Avenue, Placentia CA 92870.)



*You were with us for Fathers' Day on the 45th anniversary of Bishop Esterka's ordination. Here's proof. Will you also come for the Mission's 50th? We hope the answer is yes!*

## REMEMBERING OUR MOTHER

**Marie Škrobová**  
**+May 8, 2014**



Our father Karel Skrob left us for eternity in January; now we have been saddened again. On the eighth of May the Lord God called our mother. She was born in New Zámčích in Slovakia where she spent her childhood. She met her future husband Karel after the war when he was serving in the military there.

After the marriage they moved to Blanska u Brna where their first daughter, Eva, was born. Within a year, they returned to Slovakia in New Zámčích where he found a job. In 1958 they had a second daughter, Edith. Their father found a better job in Brno and the family returned to Moravia. After the events of 1968, they decided to leave for the United States. They were already in their forties and such a decision was very difficult. Their desire to give their children the best future prevailed over any uncertainty, and after difficult beginnings, they were able to build a nice life. The years were filled with the arrival of grandchildren Roman and Yvonne.

Children and grandchildren were the beginning and the end for our mother. Years, however, accumulate, and in recent years her health worsened. The end came suddenly and unexpectedly. She lived to the blessed age of 92.

Surviving are their two daughters: Edith Hasha lives with her husband in West Covina and Eve Plachy which now resides in the state of Georgia. They also leave behind granddaughter Yvonne and grandson Roman Plachy and four great-grandchildren.

With sadness we remember and pray for Marie Skrob.

*Daughters Eva and Edith*

**May the blessed Lord God grant her rest and peace.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ČERVEN • JUNE

- 1.+Frances Kokta (3.výr +) Peter Kral s rodinu
- 2.+Karla a Marii Skrobu - dcera Eva
- 3.+Tom and Mary Ann Mahoney - daughter Karla Mahoney
- 4.+Petra Vranu - manželka Jarka
- 5.+rodinu Frolíkovu - Aška a Láda
- 6.+rodinu Zrzavých- Aška a Láda
- 7.+rodinu Štíhovuovu - Aška a Láda
- 8.+Maria Škrobovou - Barbary
- 9.+Emilii Křížovou - syn Vladimír Kříž
- 10.+Wence (Vaclav) Příkazsky– John a Rosemary Long
  
- 11.+Marii a Josefa Šimkovy - přátelé
- 12.+Anna a Josef Necas - přátelé
- 13.za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
- 14.+otec Jaroslav Skarvada (4.výr.+)- přátelé
- 15.+J.V. Reicherta - manželka Jane
  
- 16.+rodiče Annu a Jana Vadurovy - dcera Anna
- 17.+rodiče Marii a Jana Hrobařovy - Anna Hrobařová
- 18.+Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
- 19.+dceru Marii a Jaromira Hrobařovy - matka Anna
- 20.+Frank Cupal- přátelé
- 21.+Petra Vranu - manželka Jarmila
- 22.+Karla Nováka - manželka Inka a dcera Irenka
- 23.+Miloslava Mařika - manželka Edith
- 24.+Josefa Hrobaře (1.výr.+)- manželka Anna
- 25.+sestra Marii a Antonína Šablovy - Anna Hrobařova
  
- 26.+Marii a Karla Škrobovy - Anna Hrobařova
- 27.+Dr. Ludřka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte
- 28.za uzdravení Marta Jonec - přátelé
- 29.+Marii a Josefa Šimkovy - přátelé

### July

- 23.+Antoinette Chemliř (3výř.+)- dcera Karen Chemlir Miller

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**Correction from May 23, last month: The Mass was offered for Mila Hyvnarova, who died recently, not for her daughter Ludmila, who is very much alive.**

**MAY - 2014**

**Income from Mission collections: \$1,814.00**

SD collection: \$245.00, *for Velehrad \$0.00*; LA collection: \$654.00, meal \$638.00; SF \$600.00, *for Velehrad \$104.00*.

**Regular Expenses: \$1,874.00**

\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; \$375.00 (rent for the space in San Diego 50, LA 200, SF 125); \$120.00 (gas, car maintenance); Věstník printing: \$215.00 +264.00 (postage).

*May God reward you for your generosity.*

*Please take care to make out your checks so that they will match the names on our accounts: RC Czech Mission, or Czech Center Building Fund, or if you wish it to go to the Bishop or to North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics: Bishop Peter Esterka, or NAPCCC*

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YOUR TRUST OR WILL: Please remember Czech ministry in your trust or will. Our legal title is: North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics, 344 KOCH Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. For information call Bishop Esterka, 714 524 0092.

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