



The Great St. Josephs

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Do this in remembrance of me

Twice the Apostle Paul, writing to the community in Corinth, recalls this command of Jesus in his account of the institution of the Eucharist. It is the oldest testimony we have to the words of Christ at the Last Supper.

“Do this”. That is, take bread, give thanks and break it; take the chalice, give thanks, and share it. Jesus gives the command to *repeat this action* by which he instituted the memorial of his own Pasch, and in so doing gives us his Body and his Blood. This action reaches us today: it is the “doing” of the Eucharist which always has Jesus as its subject, but which is made real through our poor hands anointed by the Holy Spirit.

“Do this”. Jesus on a previous occasion asked his disciples to “do” what was so clear to him, in obedience to the will of the Father. In the Gospel, Jesus says to the disciples in front of the tired and hungry crowds: “Give them something to eat yourselves” (*Lk9:13*). Indeed, it is Jesus who blesses and breaks the loaves and provides sufficient food to satisfy the whole crowd, but it is the disciples who offer the five loaves and two fish. Jesus wanted it this way: that, instead of sending the crowd away, the disciples would put at his disposal what little they had.

And there is another gesture: the pieces of bread, broken by the holy and venerable hands of Our Lord, pass into the poor hands of the disciples, who distribute these to the people. This too is the disciples “doing” with Jesus; with him they are able to “give them something to eat”. Clearly this miracle was not intended merely to satisfy hunger for a day, but rather it signals what Christ wants to accomplish for the salvation of all mankind, giving his own flesh and blood (cf. *Jn6:48-58*). And yet this needs always to happen through those two small actions: offering the few loaves and fish which we have; receiving the bread broken by the hands of Jesus and giving it to all.

Breaking: this is the other word explaining the meaning of those words: “Do this in remembrance of me”. Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others. This “breaking bread” became the icon, the sign for recognizing Christ and Christians. We think of Emmaus: they knew him “in the breaking of the bread” (*Lk24:35*). We recall the first community of Jerusalem: “They held steadfastly... to the breaking of the bread” (*Acts 2:42*). From the outset it is the Eucharist which becomes the center and pattern of the life of the Church. But we think also of all the saints – famous or anonymous – who have “broken” themselves, their own life, in order to “give something to eat” to their brothers and sisters. How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the slices of bread they provide each day on the tables of their homes, have broken their hearts to let their children grow, and grow well! How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have broken their own lives to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, the marginalized and those discriminated! Where do they find the strength to do this? It is in the Eucharist: in the power of the Risen Lord’s love, who today too breaks bread for us and repeats: “Do this in remembrance of me”.

May this action of the Eucharistic procession, which we will carry out shortly, respond to Jesus’ command. An action to commemorate him; an action to give food to the crowds of today; an act to break open our faith and our lives as a sign of Christ’s love for this city and for the whole world.

(Homily from Pope Francis for Corpus Christi courtesy of Zenit)

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am

Saturday 5:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday

4:30 pm

Thank you to
Father Vince
Burns

For his 15
months of service
to the people of
Western Alaska
from Bishop Chad
Zielinski, Fr Ross
Tozzi, Deacon
Bob Froehle and
the communities
of Saint Joseph,
Saint Ann, Saint
Jude and Saint
Francis Xavier

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CALENDARS!!

Fr. John Hinsvark
comes to celebrate
Mass in Nome for the
next 2 weekends



Please pray the Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena as we count down to the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our Fairbanks Cathedral on June 3, 2016:

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of.....*(here name your request)* Then pray an Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father....**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of.....*(here name your request)* Then pray an Our Father...Hail Mary....Glory Be To the Father....**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of.....*(here name your request)* then pray an Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father...**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. *Then pray the Hail, Holy Queen* and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Thank you for your support of the Parish

Saturday, May 28	5:30 p.m.	Betsy Brennan
Sunday, May 29	10:30 a.m.	Gretchen Froehle
Saturday, June 4	5:30 p.m.	Spruce Lynch
Sunday, June 5	10:30 a.m.	Sylvia Paniataaq
Saturday, June 11	5:30 p.m.	Elsa Bronson
Sunday, June 12	10:30 a.m.	Kitty Scott
Saturday, June 18	5:30 p.m.	Pat Malone
Sunday, June 19	10:30 a.m.	Sylvia Paniataaq

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May 14 and 15	\$579.00
May 21 and 22	\$394.88