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One Body, Two Hearts, and Three Personas

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The brilliance of Easter light now tones down to a steady beam. We enter the month of June once more in Ordinary Time. But Holy Elder the Church puts before us several significant celebrations: Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ), the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Feast of the Trinity. Why? Because each of these remembrances opens up a new light tone in the steady beam of Ordinary Time.

The Body of Christ is not just Jesus. It is us. We are his hands and feet. When we receive him in his risen glory, he brings everyone else along. Yes, even those people you don't like. Can you stomach them? Pray for their healing and help?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary: What's with this 'heart' business? It's the seat of loving. These two dear hearts show us a kind of loving that can make you break out into a sweat. It is agapic loving...a selfless loving that seeks no return. As humans, we barely get close to this. There is always an invitation to go a little deeper. For us, there is always a tinge of "What's in it for me?" that we can get beyond.

The Most Holy Trinity: The big One. Most of us just nod, say "I believe," and leave it at that. But we are made in the 'image and likeness of God,' right? So, look in the mirror. There you are...a mystery even to yourself, dancing behind your explaining yourself, propelled by an energy to love with all your soul. Not bad. You are three clear distinctions, yet one you. You can come before God in the stillness of your mystery, you can express yourself in story and laughter, and you can love so much the tears run down your face. If you can do it, so can God. Hello, image-and-likeness-of-God!

Quite a good start for Ordinary Time and summer, don't you think?

*It's time to take a good look at myself in all that Easter light.
Yes, I am your very body, hands, feet, voice, and heart.
You feed me with your very self so I don't forget.
Your heart, and that of your mother wow me.
Red-faced, I learn how to temper "What's in it for me?"
As for that 'three-oneness,' help me to keep it simple.
Help me be amazed when I look into the mirror.*

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June 7, 2026 | Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; John 6: 51-58

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven...” Have you ever wondered why it is LIVING bread? By participation, we are the organic living substance, the bread that feeds others daily. “The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ.” Therefore, dare we say, take me, break me, pass me around to be consumed by my sister and brother. How can we be living bread for someone in need today?

June 14, 2026 | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36--10:8

“The Kingdom of God is at hand.” The message of the kingdom is that God loves us always on the other side of more. This kingdom of love is around us, within us, beyond us. As we live with and for our neighbor, in what ways do we find the kingdom? Where are you looking for it and what does the kingdom look like from your eyes?

June 21, 2026 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

“The Spirit of Truth will testify to Me, says the Lord, and you also will testify.” It is the Lord who speaks his testimony in us and desires us to share those mystical/spiritual experiences and testimonies. Today we are sent to testify to the Christ. What is your message and will you share it without fear?

June 28, 2026 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.” As a chosen one seeking the light, we pass through darkness before reaching the light. How will you help another pass through the darkness in their life this week?

