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There are many references to blood in these three texts, and always in connection with a sacrifice. There is Christ's sacrifice and that of an animal at the concluding rite of God's covenant with us. People respect the Ten Commandments as rules to follow in their relations with God and their neighbors.

Just as the ancient Hebrews acknowledged in Genesis, we know that blood is essential for life. On the basis of this principle, it is forbidden to shed blood as in murder, but today it is justified to use blood transfusions to save lives. While some people have banished meat from their diets, Jews and Muslims ensure that animals are slaughtered according to rules that respect the sanctity of life.

Blood is life, and life is sacred because it is a gift from God. The violent death of an innocent person, as in the case of Jesus, is a scandal that will always be difficult to understand. In fact, Christ's death is interpreted as a sacrifice that either surpasses or minimizes all sacrifices that could be offered in the Temple. Before giving up his life, Jesus took the cup into his hands and offered it for the salvation of the world. This is how we speak of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass not as a repetition, but in the sense of a memorial, an actualization of the sacred offering that Jesus made of his life out of love for us, and whose effect lasts throughout our lives. When we commune with the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Christ, we make a spiritual offering of ourselves, a sacred offering of our lives and actions.

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## Sunday June 3, 2018 Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

There is a three-year liturgical cycle during which we use readings from each of three Gospels. We are currently in Year B which uses passages from St. Mark. Year A is devoted to passages from St. Matthew. Year C uses passages from St. Luke. We read them during the period referred to as Sundays in Ordinary Time. The Gospel readings according to St. John are used during major festivals and high points in our liturgical calendar such as this Sunday when we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Mark's passage relates the story of the institution of the Eucharist, culminating in Jesus' words as he raised the cup: "*He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God"*" (Mk 14:24-25).

This Gospel passage was preceded by the reminder of God's covenant with us and the rite of sprinkling the altar and people with the blood of an immolated bull (Ex 24:8). Referring to the blood that Jesus shed to cleanse us from all sin, we read again in the letter to the Hebrews: *...how much more will the blood of Christ, who through eternal spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!* (He 9:14).

## The Week at a Glance

Sun June 3 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**  
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Michel Leblanc**

Mon June 4 *Fr Travis' day off*

Tues June 5 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Therese Hudon**

Wed June 6 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Karen Marchildon**

Thurs June 7 no mass

Fri June 8 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home  
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park  
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**

Sat June 9 7:30pm Mass in Arborfield **For †Gerry Riou**

Sun June 10 9:00 am Mass in Carrot River **For Souls in Purgatory**  
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**

### Mass Times for May/June

**Sat 7:30pm – Arborfield**

Sun 9:00am – Carrot River

Sun 11:00am – Zenon Park

St. Lucy's parish will celebrate the **2018 Graduating class of Arborfield school on June 2** at 7:30 pm mass with presentations.

Special date to note: June 8 is the anniversary of the of dedication of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert.

## Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 9</u>
<b>Commentator</b>	Neil	Liz
<b>Reader</b>	Lisa	Pam
<b>Cup</b>	Neil, Sue	James, Guy
<b>Hospitality</b>	Louis, Jean	Brian, Pam
<b>Offerings</b>	Brian, Pam	Gabe, Mary
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sue	Pam

### Cleaning Schedule

Jun 4 - 10, 2018	Flo & Mary Ann Perrault
June 11 - 17, 2018	Dale, Rita, Stacy Mutimer

Last week's collection total: **\$ 475.00 Thank You**

**94th Annual Pilgrimage** on honor of St. Theresa will be held in Wakaw, SK on Sunday June 10, 2018. Registration begins at 8:30 am. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board or go to [sttheresawakaw.com](http://sttheresawakaw.com) or email [sttheresaparish@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresaparish@gmail.com).

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE - 139TH Annual Pilgrimage - July 15,  
 3:30 Charismatic Prayer time at the log church at 3:30pm. Praise & Worship Led by Garry St Ange, Testomonies by Don Lalonde (Saskatoon) and Suzanne Charbonneau (Spiritwood). Healing prayer, anointing with blessed oil, and prayer teams for those in need of individual prayer. Be sure to mark your calendars.