# **BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO**



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Italian) and 12 p.m. HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. DAILY MASS: 8 a.m. SATURDAY MASS: 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. CONFESSIONS: Friday Nights 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. BAPTISMS: Sunday at 1 p.m. or by appointment. MARRIAGES: Check with Father six months before the wedding date for the office work and necessary instructions.

# \* June, 2025

**Unsettled by Doctrinal Development?** *Part 18* Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The saint who, more than anyone else, provided the Church with a detailed and inspiring treatise on the Eucharist is, of course, St. Thomas Aquinas.

In agreement with a significant number of scholastic theologians of the 13th century, St. Thomas found that the term "transubstantiation" was not only the most adequate one to describe the miracle taking place on the altar, but that any other theory floated around at that time was inadequate, erroneous, and, therefore, heretical.

As a priest, Aquinas lived daily the miracle of the Eucharist on the altar. Aided by divine grace, he placed the Eucharist at the center of his theological treatise on the sacraments. He pointed out that the Eucharist is substantially different from the other sacraments.

The Holy Mass is a Christ-ordered action which produces a sacrament, a sacred object: the consecrated bread and wine are the Gift of Christ himself to his Church for her spiritual benefit. Aquinas developed and deepened the scholastic terminology of *sacramentum tantum*, *sacramentum et res*, and *res tantum* as applied to the Eucharist (see this terminology in my April 2025 **Unsettled by Doctrinal Development?** *Part 16*).

The physical appearance of the bread and wine is only a sacrament (*sacramentum tantum*), a sign of a heavenly reality. The consecrated bread and wine are both a sacrament and a reality (*sacramentum et res*), as they signified the Body and Blood of Christ and are really what they signified. What sets St. Thomas above many of his contemporaries is his emphasis on Christ not only being really present in the consecrated elements (*res tantum*), but on Christ received and consumed by the faithful as nourishment for their souls!

Aquinas wants all people receiving Christ in Holy Communion to be aware of the reason why He makes himself present on the altar: after He is consumed, He "disappears" as sacrament from the altar to remain as reality, as heavenly food. The reality of this Sacrament received in Holy Communion makes the communicant one with Christ himself. Consequently, having been made one with Christ, the faithful are one with the Church, who is the Body of Christ herself. Being a union marked by Christ's love, it calls for the love of the faithful to become active within the Body. Awareness of this call to be active in love requires cooperation with God's grace so that through this sacrament the faithful can reduce their inclination to sin and grow in love and, thus, avail themselves of this wonderful sacrament as a means of sanctification.

Again, it is hard to find a saint who contributed more extensively, more profoundly to the faithful's appreciation of the Eucharist than St. Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas wrote beautiful prayers about the Eucharist. Before we receive a blessing with the monstrance, we sing the *Tantum Ergo* (the last two stanzas of the *Pange Lingua*) which is St. Thomas' complete hymn on the Blessed Sacrament. We recite the *Pange Lingua* in its entirety on the Feast of Corpus Christi and as we process the Blessed Sacrament to its Repository after the Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

St. Thomas insisted tirelessly on receiving Holy Communion with the best inner disposition possible and with full awareness of the Gift that the Lord is giving to us in this most wonderful sacrament.

Hence, with regards to the Eucharist, for St. Thomas, the only action carried out "automatically" is found in the words of institution uttered by the priest. By his ordination any priest receives the power to transubstantiate bread and wine into the Body and Blood of the Lord. Such is the Lord's burning desire to nourish the souls of His people. Even a defrocked priest, a bad priest has this power. Naturally, the spiritual benefit of the Eucharist to a saintly priest is significant, while it is of condemnation to the bad or heretical priest.

This juncture seems to be the best time to share with you, my dear readers, two scholastic concepts, used also by St. Thomas, and which are still fully valid and used in theology and in Canon Law: *"ex opere operantis"* and *"ex opere operato."* The former refers to the inner disposition and moral condition of the minister and/ or the recipient of a sacrament. The latter indicates that the efficacy of a sacrament derives from the action performed independently of the disposition or condition of the minister and/or recipient. Ideally, we receive Holy Communion during a Holy Mass presided over by a holy priest, and we receive the Lord in our hearts with the best inner disposition we can muster with the help of the Holy Spirit. But the Church guarantees us that our Heavenly

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Father is so merciful and so loving that He assures the efficacy of His divine Gifts even if we are not so well disposed, and the priest is not leading an exemplary life. Thus, it is very important that the priests follow the forms, words, and actions as prescribed by the Church to whom the Lord has given the task of offering the seven channels of grace called Sacraments.

Returning to the real presence of Christ in the consecrated elements of bread and wine, Aquinas teaches that, while the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ is realized "*ex opere operato*," the inner dispositions of the priest and the recipients of Holy Communion are very important because the real presence of Christ is not physical but metaphysical; not natural but supernatural and, thus, perceived and related to only by a soul guided by firm faith and driven by love. Although the senses of sight, touch, and taste by themselves cannot perceive the miracle of transubstantiation operated by God on the physical elements, the faithful should diligently prepare themselves for the best spiritual outcome.

#### Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME, at San Francesco Church

NB: Most of the information featured in **"Unsettled by Doctrinal Development?"** is taken from the book **"Doors to the Sacred"** by Joseph Martos, Triumph Books, 1981

#### MASS INTENTIONS:



June 1-Sunday 8am Bob Ruggiroli by wife Sharon 8am Thomas Daniel by family 8am Kevin Delaere by family 8am Deceased members of Delaere family by family 10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family 10am Maria Assunta Marra by Pia Busignani 10am Damiano Biondo by Nicolina Biondo 10am Rino Rossi by Nicolina Biondo 10am Donna Fallone by Sue Boschian 12pm Sarah Melia by The Assunta Society Club June 2-Monday Special Intention for Rita Antonelli by Christensen family June 3-Tuesday Special Intention Jackie Vitale Block by Christensen family June 4-Wednesday Franca Del Serrone by family For All The Faithful Departed by Rosalia Kehrig June 5-Thursday Daniel Frank by Robert Biondo June 6-Friday Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary Daniel Frank by Robert Biondo June 7-Saturday Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
6pm Salvatore Spadafora by Spadafora family
6pm Special Intention for Blaine Christensen by family
6pm Special Intention for Lilyana Christensen by family
6pm Special Intention for Leo Christensen by family
6pm Special Intention for Roman Christensen by family

# June 8-Sunday (St. Anthony Celebration)

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family 8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family 8am Phyllis Tringali by Debbie Caron & family 8am Special Intention by Patricia Vermander 10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa 10am Assunta Melaragni by Tony & Anna Melaragni 10am Albino Martinelli by family 10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family 12pm Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

# June 9-Monday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

# June 11-Wednesday

Dino D'Andrea by Sudomir family June 12-Thursday

# Special Intention for Fr. Giulio Schiavi (Birthday) June 13-Friday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family The Conversion of Sinners by the DiMichele family

# June 14-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life 6pm Salvatore Spadafora by Spadafora family 6pm Josef & Gertrude Paupert by Paupert family 6pm Frank Audia by wife Joan & family 6pm Guido Visone by family

# June 15-Sunday (Father's Day)

8am John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti 8am Charles & Theresa MacDonald by family 8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family 8am John Hickey by son William Hickey 8am Sherry Emmons by family 8am Robert Ezzo by wife Janet & family 8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family 8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family 8am The Salvation of the Dying by the DiMichele family 10am Gioacchino Alu by daughter Carmela Simon 10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family 10am Franca Esposito by husband & family 10am Giuseppe Gonino by Ida Zicarelli 10am Ottavio & Antonio Zicarelli by Ida Zicarelli 10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe 10am Rocco Ruggirello by family 10am Giuseppe Spano by Enzo & Anna Costa & family 10am Pietro Costa by Enzo & Anna Costa & family 10am Michael Iannuzzi, Sr. by Laura & family 10am Leslie G. Warden by Laura Jannuzzi & family 10am Giuseppe Riggi by family 10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo 10am Mario Meschini by Angela Meschini 10am Alessandro Biagola by family 10am In honor of San Vito by friends of San Vito 10am Germano & Loris Costa by Angela Meschini 12pm Albert Cataldi by family 12pm Diva Bonaldi by family 12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family 12pm Mary Kolis by family 12pm Duncan & Marie Sousa by family

#### June 15-Sunday (Father's Day Continued)

12pm Giuseppe Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli 12pm Barbara Pinelli by Reno Pinelli & family 12pm Andrea' D'Angelo by daughter Maria 12pm Salvatore Di Lorenzo by wife Maria & children

### June 16-Monday

Kimberley Sahlaney by John Mantovani June 17-Tuesday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family June 18-Wednesday

Angelo Paniccia by friends

Deceased members of Gennari family by Savina

# June 20-Friday

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

# June 21-Saturday

**6pm** Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini **6pm** Domenico & Domenica Ianucci by Maria Sabatini

#### June 22-Sunday

8am Reverend Tarcisio Slongo by family 8am John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino 8am John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti 8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family 8am The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family 8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family 10am Vincenzo Esposito by wife Elena & family

12pm Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family 12pm Giuseppe Liano by family

### June 24-Tuesday

Natale Gasperoni & family by Savina Gennari June 27-Friday

John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family For All The Faithful Departed by DiMichele family Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

## June 28-Saturday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family **6pm** Rosa Spadafora by Spadafora family

#### June 29-Sunday

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family 8am For All Faithful Departed by DiMichele family 8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family 8am Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

# 10am Giovanni Puccio by Casali family

10am Raffaele & Francesco Romeo by Casali family 12pm Societa`SS. Crocifisso di Montelepre Club Mass

In honor of the Crucifix of the town of Montelepre June 30-Monday

Jay Ludington by Ludington-Dawson family Douglas Paniccia by Dominic & Rosanna



June 01-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi June 08-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros June 15-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantoni, L. Sawyer June 22-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi June 29-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, N. Butros <u>Saturday, 6pm</u> June 07-D. Brosky, June 14-J. Foglyano June 21-D. Brosky, June 28-J. Foglyano

#### **CATECHISM NEWS**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all the Catechism Teachers who volunteer their time to our CCD program. I sincerely thank each one of you and appreciate the time you give to such an important program. Parents, please come together on the weekend for Mass, worship, pray together, help your children practice their faith. You will be setting traditions and examples that will follow your children for a lifetime! *Ann Burrell, CCD coordinator* 



**First Holy Communion 2025** Congratulations on this special day! God Bless you always.

# San Francesco News:

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

June is the month of the Sacred Heart, which reminds us of the love Jesus has for us.



#### SUNDAY, JUNE 8th-ST. ANTHONY CELEBRATION

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony is the Saint whom so many faithful traditionally invoke to find important objects that have been lost. Countless miracles have been attributed to his powerful intercession. We shall honor this great and popular Saint on the weekend of June 7 & 8.



SUNDAY, JUNE 15th Enjoy your day!

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Procession with Blesssed Sacrament after the 12pm Mass. All Clubs and Associations are invited and encouraged to participate with their banners.

**PRAYER GROUP** Meets @ 1pm every Monday. Join us for prayer followed by conversation & refreshments in the social hall.

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#### Scossi dallo Sviluppo Dottrinale? Parte 18ª

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Ancor'oggi, il più famoso teologo sull'Eucarestia rimane sempre San Tommaso D'Aquino (1225-1274). Scrisse moltissimo su questo soggetto; compose preghiere eucaristiche e inni come il *Pange Lingua* (il *Tantum Ergo* sono le ultime due strofe del *Pange Lingua*, cantate per la benedizione col Santissimo) che recitiamo il giorno del *Corpus Christi*, e durante la processione per portare le pissidi al Repositorio, la sera del Giovedì Santo.

Ecco i termini filosofici classici della Scolastica usati anche da S. Tommaso. *Sacramentum tantum*: si riferisce all'apparenza fisica del pane e del vino come segni di una realtà soprannaturale. *Sacramentum et res*: si riferisce alle sacre specie che, con le parole della consacrazione, diventano sia Sacramento, sia Realtà divina del Corpo e Sangue di Cristo. *Res tantum*: si riferisce a Cristo come Realtà che rimane nel cuore del fedele con la S. Comunione.

Gli altri due concetti filosofici della Scolastica usati da S. Tommaso riguardano quello che si svolge sull'altare durante la S. Messa e la S. Comunione. *Ex opere operantis* (dall'operato dell'agente) si riferisce alla disposizione interiore del sacerdote che consacra le sacre specie e quella del fedele che si comunica. Chiaramente la disposizione di ambedue è importante per i benefici che il Signore offre tramite l'Eucarestia: nutrimento dell'anima, sostegno nella lotta contro il peccato, unione più intima con Cristo e con il resto del Corpo Mistico che è la Chiesa, intensificazione della speranza nel premio eterno.

Mentre la disposizione interiore del sacerdote e del fedele che si comunica sono chiaramente a diretto beneficio dell'umanità, il termine *ex opere operato* (dallo stesso atto compiuto) si riferisce al desiderio intensissimo del Signore di venire incontro alla nostra debolezza umana. Rivela quanto il Signore ci ami e quanto desideri ricolmarci dei suoi doni. Così, Egli ha deciso che la sua grazia si riversi "automaticamente" su di noi ogniqualvolta ci accostiamo ai sacramenti! Basta che il sacramento si compia seguendo la forma che la Chiesa ha stabilito!

#### P. Dino Vanin, PIME

**<u>CSA 2025</u>** Many thanks to those who have already made their contribution. I urge all our parishioners and friends to open their hearts to the many needs of our ARCHDIOCESE and give their donations. The sooner we reach our quota the better! **Thank you all for your participation.** 

#### Remember to keep checking our website:

**sanfrancescochurch.org** for the latest Bulletin papers and Fr. Dino's weekly homilies.

#### Upcoming: Save the date!

San Francesco Church 3rd annual picnic will be on **July 27th @ 11am** on church grounds. More info to come in our next bulletin paper & facebook page.