

Dear Padre,

Calendar

Monday

JUNE 20

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5–8,

13–15a, 18

Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious

2 Kgs 19:9b–11,

14–21, 31–35a, 36

Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday

JUNE 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 22:8–13; 23:1–3

Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

JUNE 23

The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

Friday

JUNE 24

The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus

Ez 34:11–16

Rom 5:5b–11

Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

JUNE 25

The Immaculate Heart of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19

Lk 2:41–51

Sunday

JUNE 26

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19–21

Gal 5:1, 13–18

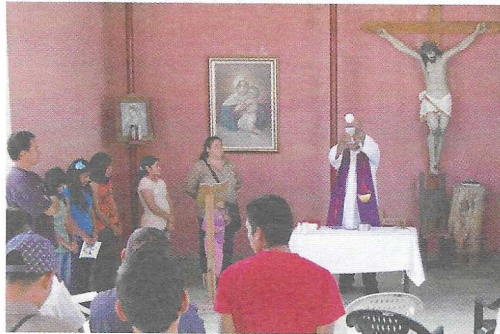
Lk 9:51–62

Don't we discriminate against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You must keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it.

In its "Guidelines for the Reception of Communion," the US Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of...the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in "canon law....All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another."



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

This is the path of ecumenism. Not only the path of doctrine, that comes last....But let us start to walk together. With good will, we can do this. We must do this. Nowadays ecumenism means moving forward together, praying for one another. Let the theologians continue to talk to each other, to study together.

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