

June 18, 2017

A Festival Thought

The Body and Blood of Christ is more than just bread and wine. It is the real presence of Christ on the altar and in our hearts. But the Body of Christ is so much more. It is each and every one of us, united as one Body together as the Church of Christ on earth

ENTRANCE RITE (Wisdom 16:20-21)

- V. Lord You nourished Your people with food of angels and furnished them bread from heaven, ready to hand, untoiled for, endowed with all delights and conforming to every taste.
- R. For this substance of Yours revealed Your sweetness toward Your children, and serving the desire of him who received it, was blended to whatever flavor each one wished.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

About Today's Bible Readings

DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3, 14-16

The Lord feeds the Israelites with Mana from Heaven after testing their intentions.

Responsorial Psalm: 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread come down from Heaven and that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood if we are to have life eternal.

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Solemnity – Corpus Christi

SEQUENCE – LAUDA SION

Laud, O Zion, your salvation, Laud with hymns of exultation, Christ, your king and shepherd true:

Bring Him all the praise you know, He is more than you bestow, Never can you reach His due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving Is the quick'ning and the living Bread today before you set:

From His hands of old partaken, As we know, by faith unshaken, Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting, Joy near sweetest grace be wanting, From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden, When the institution olden Of that Supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation, By the king's revelation, Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces, Truth away the shadow chases, Light dispels the gloom of night.

What He did at Supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated, His Memorial ne'er to cease:

And His rule for guidance taking, Bread and wine we hallow, making Thus our Sacrifice of Peace.

This the truth each Christian learns, Bread into His Flesh He turns, To His precious blood the wine:

Sight has failed, nor thought conceives, But a dauntless faith believes, Resting on a power divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden Priceless things to sense forbidden; Signs, not things, are all we see:

Blood is poured and Flesh is broken Yet in either wondrous token Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes, Does not rend the Lord nor breaks; Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers, One, as thousands of believers, Eats of Him Who cannot waste.

Worship Services

TODAY – June 18th Solemnity – The Body and Blood of Christ

"Corpus Christi"

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession to the four Altars with readings.

SUNDAY – June 25th 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Father's Day

Today is Father's Day. We will hold our annual Father's Day Breakfast immediately after Mass in the Fellowship Hall. I hope that everyone will join us in honoring all of our fathers, both living and departed. There will be good food, Christian fellowship and prayers of thanksgiving to honor all that our fathers have done for us.

Clergy Pension Remembrance

The Polish National Catholic Church asks us to remember those who serve God's people as clergy in our beloved church by making a special donation to the Clergy Pension Fund on Father's Day. Please find it in your hearts to remember those who give of themselves in service to you by giving generously.

Sacred Vocations Month

The Polish National Catholic Church sets aside June as Sacred Vocations Month. The PNCC, much like all denominations, suffers from a shortage of priests and deacons to serve the needs of the faithful. While some relief is in sight, (see above) many more are needed. Please remember to pray ever more fervently during this month that the Lord God Almighty will call more men to His service and that they may hear Him and answer His call. Bad and good the feast are sharing, Of what divers dooms preparing, Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation, See how like participation Is with unlike issues rife.

When the Sacrament is broken, Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken, That each severed outward token doth the very whole contain.

Naught the Precious Gift divides, Breaking but the sign betides Jesus still the same abides, still unbroken does remain.

Lo! the angel's food is given To the pilgrim who has striven; See the children's bread from heaven, which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal Lamb, its life blood spilling, manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of Your love befriend us, You refresh us, You defend us, Your eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see.

You Who all things can and know, Who on earth such food bestows, Grant us with Your saints, though lowest, Where the Heavenly Feast You show, Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Amen. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Bill Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Eric White, Berne Bloom, and Joan Mainzer. **Our Father...**