Saint Dominic Catholic Community

God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future
Dios Nos ha Llamado a Construir:
Nuestro Puente Hacia
El Futuro

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From the first week of September through the last week of May

Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday -English 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. English
Wednesday 7:00 pm English

Liturgy of the Hours:
Morning Prayer: Sunday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
& Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Rosary of the Virgin Mary:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: Spanish - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Novena to the Sacred Heart:
During the Friday morning Holy Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:
After Wednesday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly Holy Hour:
Thursday 8:30 -9:30 a.m.
First Friday -9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Sacrament:
Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday-5:00-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism
Parents & Sponsors please register one week in advance.
English Baptism Class: First Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

English Baptism Celebration:
Third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Clase Pre Bautismal:
Primer Martes y Jueves del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Bautismos Español:
Segundo Sábado del mes al las 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations
Call the Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick
Please call the parish office to make arrangements for communion to be brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration
If you are new to the parish, please register at the office.
Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Pray For The Sick

Bobbie Anderson
Georgia Malonson
Glice Ligason
Mervin Auzenne
Joe Lozoya
Eola Corbello
Lynn Doane
Erica Taylor
Doreen Whitmeer
Elma Revelo
Gretchen King
Laura Rucka
Vitaliana Nisnisan
Jonathan Bomar
Ron Kocab
Harold Desvignes
Eva Owens
Estela Visaya
Ernesto de Jesus
Ernestine Alsen
Chris Laque
Bennie Haddox
Concepcion Ramirez
Rita Lacobie

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register
Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic Church and marriage certificate required.
If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation
Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm.
Donation for class is $75.00
Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.
Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

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Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados
deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.
Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.
Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas pre-bautismales el primer martes y jueves del mes de 6:30-9:30 pm. **Donación** para la platica: $75.00
Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 anos de edad.
Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

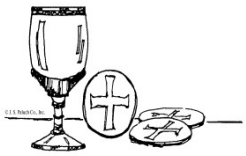
Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m. Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday . The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.

From The Pastor



Dear Friends in St. Dominic

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin forthe Body of Christ. In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question---Who is this about whom I hear such things? and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: You are the Messiah of God. In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

Rev. Roger Estorque

Queridos Amigos en San Dominic,

Hoy, segundo domingo después de Pentecostés, celebramos Una segunda solemnidad, que marca nuestro regreso al Tiempo Ordinario. Hoy es la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. En una ocasión, este día se llamaba Corpus Christi, latín para el Cuerpo de Cristo. En la revisión más reciente de la liturgia, el nombre de este día se amplía para ser un reflejo más completo de nuestra Teología eucarística.

La alimentación de los 5,000 es la única de Jesús. Milagros para aparecer en los cuatro evangelios. Lucas lo coloca entre la pregunta de Herodes: ¿Quién es este de quien oigo tales cosas? y la respuesta de Pedro a la pregunta de Jesús sobre quién pensaba que era Jesús: Tú eres el Mesías. de Dios. En Lucas, la alimentación no es el resultado de la compasión de Jesús por la multitud, sino que es instigada por los discípulos querían que Jesús despidiera a la multitud a la ciudad. En cambio, Jesús les dice a los discípulos que den algo de comida por sí mismos.

El pasaje está destinado a recordarnos dos alimentaciones en El Antiguo Testamento: la alimentación de los israelitas en el desierto y la alimentación de Eliseo de 100 personas con 20 panes en 2 Reyes 4: 42-44. También está conectado a la institución de la Eucaristía. Como en las cuentas de la última cena en Mateo, Marcos y Lucas y en el relato de Pablo en 1 Corintios 11: 23-24, Jesús toma pan, mira al cielo, bendice el pan, lo rompe y luego lo da.
a los discípulos Al usar este lenguaje exacto, Lucas es recordando a sus lectores que en este milagro Jesús está haciendo más que alimentar a personas hambrientas como Dios lo hizo por los israelitas y el profeta Eliseo también lo hizo. El pan que él da es su cuerpo, el cual continuará dando tan a menudo como la comunidad lo saque en memoria de él en la Eucaristía.

Rev. Roger Estorque

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
6– DAY (MEXICO CITY)- NOVEMBER18-23, 2019
(MEXICO CITY-GUADALUPE-CHAPULTEPEC PARK-ZOCALO-PUEBLA-XOCHIMILCO)
$ 1,690 PER PERSON FROM HOUSTON
To register, drop by the parish office and pick up brochure and registration form….For more information, please call the office during office hours, ask for Maria or Irma.

PEREGRINACIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADLUPE
6– DÍAS (CIUDAD DE MÉXICO) - NOVIEMBRE 18-23, 2019
(CIUDAD DE MEXICO-GUADALUPE-CHAPULTEPEC PARQUE-ZOCALO-PUEBLA-XOCHIMILCO)
$ 1,690 POR PERSONA DE HOUSTON
Para registrarse, pase por la oficina de la parroquia y recoja el folleto y el formulario de inscripción ... Para obtener más información, llame a la oficina durante el horario de oficina pregunte por Maria o Irma.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	**June 22nd**
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Sunday	**June 23rd**
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
9:30 am	† Felix Soto/Maria Luisa Soto
11:15 am	Pro Populo/For the People
1:00 pm	† Jose Guadalupe Vasquez /Maria Vasquez
	† Hugo Ramires/Miguel Garcia
Monday	**June 24th**
	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Tuesday	**June 25th**
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Wednesday	**June 26th**
8:00 am	†All Souls/Difuntos
Thursday	**June 27th** *St. Cyril of Alexandria*
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
7:00 pm	Asamblea de Oración
Friday	**June 28th** *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
8:00 am	† Santos S. Arteaga/Vilma Arteaga
Saturday	**June 29th** *Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles*
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos

Yearly Budget
$332,500.00

NUESTRA OFRENDA

Weekly Budget
$6,694.23

6/16/19	1st	2nd
6:00 pm	$1,317.35	$ 244.07
8:00 am	$1,435.00	$ 362.71
9:30 am	$1,195.50	$ 469.55
11:15 am	$2,905.50	$ 215.85
1:00 pm	$ 746.63	$ 299.00
Total	$7,599.98	$1,512.18

2019 - GOAL $34,000.00

Paid:	$17,603.40
Pledged:	$23,889.50
Participants:	169
Paid Under:	($ 16,396.00)
Pledge Under:	($ 10,118.50

Monday **June 24th**
Live simply so that others may simply live.

Tuesday **June 25th**
5:30 pm Coro Voces de Jubilo/Mr. Puente
5:30 pm Legion de Maria-Spanish

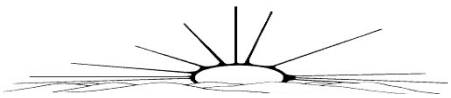
Wednesday **June 26th**
7:00 pm Formación de Asamblea

Thursday **June 27th**
5:30 pm Legion of Mary-English
7:00 pm Youth Group

Friday **June 28th**
To those who hunger, give bread; to those who have bread, give a hunger for justice.

Saturday **June 29th**
If it's both true and painful, say it softly.

Sunday **June 30th**
Sitting still, doing nothing.
Spring comes and the grass grows by itself.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26;
June 24th **Gospel:** Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5;
June 25th **Gospel:** Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
June 26th **Gospel:** Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];
June 27th Ps 106:1b-5;
Gospel: Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11;
June 28th **Gospel:** Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
June 29th **Gospel:** Mt 16:13-19
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
June 30th Gal 5:1, 13-18;
Gospel: Lk 9:51-62

Eucharistic ADORATION 1st Friday

Holy Hour for Vocations:
on Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
Next Full Day Adoration : July 5, 2019
8:30am–9:00 p.m. **Jesus asks us, "*Can you not spend an hour with me*?"** For further information, call Mrs. Gloria Casey @ 713-453-4968

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
HOUSTON, TX

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 23, 2019

ST.DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW… If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos un semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.
El boletín es enviado a impresa en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.
La donación mínima por intención son $5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.
Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.
Minimum Donation per intention of $5.00

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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SALONES

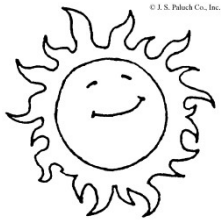
El Salón Centro de vida parroquial ya esta listo para alquilar para Bodas, Quinceañeras, Bautizos, Aniversarios, etc. Tenemos tres (3) salones; el grande tiene capacidad para 350 personas e los salones chicos, para 100 y 75 personas. Para mas información por favor, llamar a la oficina parroquial.

Hall Rental

The Parish Life Center is ready to rent for Weddings, Quinceañeras, Baptisms, Anniversaries, etc. We have three (3) halls; Parish Life Center has capacity for 350 people and small halls, for 100 and 75 people. For more information, please call the parish office

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Mercedes Flores -**Spanish**
Clem & Cecile Monta **English** 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.
E. M. of Holy Communion:- Mary LeBlanc -English
E. M. de Eucaristia: Uriel & Lucila Duran
Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao
Lectores Spanish: Rogelio Mendez
Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5 :00 pm
Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello
Ushers/Greeters English: Parish Youth Group
Acomodadores Español: Salvador Guzman, Clementina Magallon
Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey
Parish Pastoral Council– Juan Hernandez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm
Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary
Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Clem Monta
Clases Pre -Bautismales Español Edith & Victor Leon, Hugo & Imelda Duron
Catholic Daughters: Mary Edmond 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm
Family Ministry-Melner Calvo
Knights of Columbus: Elpidio Alcantar, 1st. Sunday 9: 30 am
Legion of Mary– Esmeralda Ramirez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English
Legion de Maria –Angelita Gonzalez, Martes 7:00 p.m. Español
Facilities Maintenance: Daron Monteilh & Raymond Helfrich
Asamblea De Oración, Jesus & Ma. Dolores Velasquez Jueves 7:00 pm
MFCC St. Dominic: Gerardo y Esmeralda Marroquin
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Salvador Manzo
Parish Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales, Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez
Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes
Pre-Nuptial Class: English Melner Calvo, Clem Monta, Alex Bozon
Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta & Alex Bozon
Vocation:
Evangelization: Salvador Manzo
Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez
Parents Faith Formation:
Rogelio Mendez-Spanish
Disaster Coordinator: Salvador Manzo, Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez, Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno, Rosana Gonzalez



ST DOMINIC VBS
JULY 15-19, 2019

Early registration
Paid by July 3rd, $25.00

Inscripción temprana
pagada antes de 3 de Julio $25.00

Paid after July 3, $30.00
Pago después de 3 de Julio Costo $30.00

JUNE 24 – ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel alternate between stories of two births. One is the annunciation and birth of John the Baptist, who was, for Luke, the last great prophet of the Old Testament and who prepared the way for someone greater than any prophet—Jesus the Messiah. The annunciation and birth of Jesus is the other story. The story of John sets the very Jewish environment into which Jesus and John were born. Jesus' annunciation and birth begins to move the Gospel into the environment of the Roman empire.

In the verses before those read today, the birth of John the Baptist has been announced by the angel Gabriel to Zechariah, who was performing his duties as a priest in the Jerusalem Temple. Gabriel then announced the birth of Jesus to Mary in her home in Nazareth. Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, are an old couple who have never had children. Mary is engaged to Joseph, but they have not yet come to live together.

We read today that Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives rejoice with her because God has shown her mercy in the birth of a son. But they are confused when she tells them that his name is to be John, which means "God has been gracious." Zechariah has been unable to speak since Gabriel appeared, because, unlike Mary, he doubted the angel's word. But when he writes on a tablet "John is his name" all are amazed, and a great fear comes upon everyone. Fear, along with joy and praise, is for Luke the appropriate response to God's mercy. People ask, "What, then, will this child be?" But this question has already been answered by the angel. "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Zechariah responds with praise in his famous canticle, the Benedictus. But that is not read today. Instead we jump to the last verses of the chapter, which explain that John will become strong in spirit living in the desert until it is time to show himself to the people of Israel. When John appears again at the beginning of Chapter 3, after the stories of the birth and childhood of Jesus, he will prepare those people for the ministry of Jesus by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

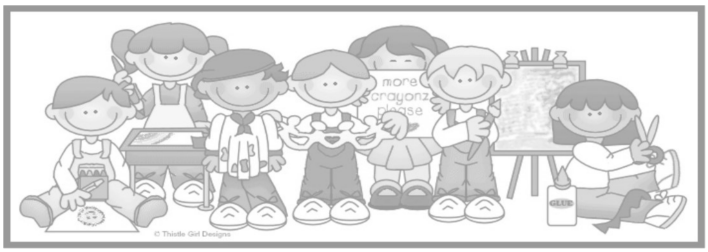
24 DE JUNIO - SAN JUAN EL BAUTISTA

Los dos primeros capítulos del Evangelio de Lucas se alternan entre historias de dos nacimientos. Uno es el anuncio y el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, quien fue, para Lucas, el último gran profeta del Antiguo Testamento y que preparó el camino para alguien más grande que cualquier profeta: Jesús el Mesías. La anunciación y el nacimiento de Jesús es la otra historia. La historia de Juan establece el ambiente muy judío en el que nacieron Jesús y Juan. La anunciación y el nacimiento de Jesús comienzan a mover el Evangelio al entorno del imperio romano.

En los versículos anteriores a los leídos hoy, el ángel Gabriel anunció a Zacarías el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista, quien cumplía con sus deberes como sacerdote en el Templo de Jerusalén. Gabriel luego anunció el nacimiento de Jesús a María en su hogar en Nazaret. Zechariah y su esposa, Elizabeth, son una pareja de ancianos que nunca han tenido hijos. María está comprometida con José, pero aún no han venido a vivir juntos.

Hoy leemos que los vecinos y familiares de Elizabeth se regocijan ella porque Dios ha mostrado su misericordia en el nacimiento de un hijo. Pero se confunden cuando ella les dice que su nombre debe ser Juan, que significa "Dios ha sido amable". Zacarías no ha podido hablar desde que apareció Gabriel, porque, a diferencia de María, dudaba de la palabra del ángel. Pero cuando escribe en una tablilla "Juan es su nombre", todos se asombran, y un gran temor recae sobre todos. El temor, junto con el gozo y la alabanza, es para Lucas la respuesta apropiada a la misericordia de Dios. La gente pregunta: "¿Qué será, entonces, este niño?". Pero esta pregunta ya ha sido respondida por el ángel. "Él será grande a los ojos del Señor. Él convertirá a muchos de los hijos de Israel en el Señor su Dios ".

Zacarías responde con alabanza en su famoso cántico, el Benedictus. Pero eso no se lee hoy. En lugar de eso, saltamos a los últimos versos del capítulo, que explican que Juan se volverá fuerte en espíritu y vivirá en el desierto hasta que sea el momento de presentarse ante el pueblo de Israel. Cuando Juan vuelva a aparecer al comienzo del Capítulo 3, después de las historias del nacimiento y la infancia de Jesús, preparará a esas personas para el ministerio de Jesús predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados.



NOW REGISTERING

RETURNING STUDENTS
FOR OEC 2019-2020
TUESDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 am – 4:30pm

YA ESTAMOS REGISTRANDO
ALUMNOS QUE
REGRESAN POR
SU SEGUNDO AÑO
DE DOCTRINA
MARTES- VIERNES
8:30 am – 4:30pm

NEW STUDENTS

JUNE 11 TO AUGUST 16
MUST BRING IN
BIRTH & BAPTISM
CERTIFICATE AT TIME
OF REGISTRATION

NUEVOS ALUMNOS DE
JUNIO 11– AGOSTO 16
DEBE PRESENTAR
ACTA DE NACIMIENTO Y BAUTISMO
PARA PODER REGISTRASE

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME IN AT THE SCHEDULED TIME PLEASE CALL OFFICE FOR APPOINTMENT.

SI NO PUEDE ENTRAR A LA HORA PROGRAMADA, POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARA UNA CITA.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we hear how Abram encounters Melchizedek, "king of Salem . . . and a priest of God Most High" (Genesis 14:18). Melchizedek appears nowhere else in scripture, but is nonetheless significant. Psalm 110 declares of the great King David, "You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek," a description later given (in the letter to the Hebrews) to Christ as High Priest.

Early Christians saw in Melchizedek's bread and wine the bread and wine of the Eucharist; Paul's account of the Last Supper (in today's second reading) is the oldest one in scripture. In the Gospel, Luke describes Jesus providing bread for a crowd in words similar to Paul's, words still used by the Church: Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it. Together, these three readings reveal how Christian priesthood, Christ's Real Presence, and the call to serve those in need are all found in the gift of the Eucharist.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

We are familiar with the instructions that Jesus gives his disciples at the Last Supper. But what exactly is it that we are to do in remembrance of Jesus? One answer focuses on the "institution narrative" found in the Eucharistic Prayers: we are to consecrate the bread and wine, changing them, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into the Body and Blood of Christ. This is true; but let's think about what it takes to actually do this, as the Church has done for almost two thousand years:

- We are to remember Jesus—to remember *Jesus,* the Word of God in human form. To do this, we need that other word of God, given in a different form: the words of the scriptures.
- We need to assemble to do this. The Last Supper is a communal meal with Jesus. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes actions done within a group, actions that began with that communal meal with Jesus. We gather as today's disciples and continue that group activity in our assemblies.
- We need to find a way to assemble with some degree of order. We need leaders. We need preachers to preach the Word, we need presiders to repeat the actions of Jesus, persons who are "ordered"—ordained—for preaching and for the consecration of the bread and wine.

CHURCH, EUCHARIST, AND THOSE IN NEED

There is a saying: "The Church makes the Eucharist, and the Eucharist makes the Church." In the Eucharistic celebration, we find Christ truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. We also find him in the assembly, the scriptures, and the preacher-presider—everything we do to "do this," and in doing "this," we become the Body of Christ. Our Eucharistic remembrance of Jesus is a living sacramental memory that transforms us, too. We receive Communion to live in communion with Christ and one another, to become the "real presence" of Christ in the world. We do what the disciples did: we feed those in need with the love and compassion with which Christ feeds us.

Today's Readings: Gen 14:18–20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23–26; Lk 9:11b–17

El Santísimo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo

Hoy escuchamos cómo Abram se encuentra con Melquisedec, "rey de Salem. . . y un sacerdote de Dios Altísimo "(Génesis 14:18). Melquisedec no aparece en ningún otro lugar en las Escrituras, pero es significativo. El Salmo 110 declara al gran Rey David: "Tú eres un sacerdote para siempre, en la línea de Melquisedec", una descripción más tarde dada (en la carta a los Hebreos) a Cristo como Sumo Sacerdote.

Los primeros cristianos vieron en el pan y el vino de Melquisedec el pan y el vino de la Eucaristía; El relato de la última cena de Pablo (en la segunda lectura de hoy) es el más antiguo de las Escrituras. En el Evangelio, Lucas describe a Jesús proveyendo pan para una multitud con palabras similares a las de Pablo, las palabras que todavía usa la Iglesia: Jesús toma pan, da gracias, lo rompe. Juntas, estas tres lecturas revelan cómo el sacerdocio cristiano, la presencia real de Cristo y el llamado a servir a los necesitados se encuentran en el don de la Eucaristía.

HAGAN ESTO EN MEMORIA MÍA

Estamos familiarizados con las indicaciones que Jesús dio a sus discípulos en la Última Cena. ¿Pero qué es exactamente aquello que tenemos que hacer en memoria de Jesús? Una respuesta se enfoca en la "narrativa institucional" que se encuentra en las Oraciones Eucarísticas: vamos a consagrar el pan y el vino, cambiándolos, por el poder del Espíritu Santo, en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Esto es verdad; pero pensemos acerca de lo que se requiere en realidad hacerlo, como la Iglesia lo ha hecho por casi dos mil años.

- Debemos recordar a Jesús, recordar a *Jesús,* la Palabra de Dios en forma humana. Para hacer esto, necesitamos esa otra palabra de Dios, dada en una forma diferente: las palabras en las Escrituras.
- Necesitamos reunirnos para hacer esto. La Última Cena es una comida comunitaria con Jesús. En su carta a los corintios, Pablo describe acciones hechas dentro de un grupo, acciones que empiezan con esa comida comunitaria con Jesús. Nos reunimos como los discípulos de hoy y continua esa actividad de grupo en nuestras asambleas.
- Necesitamos encontrar una forma para reunirnos con algún grado de orden. Necesitamos ser líderes. Necesitamos predicadores para que proclamen la Palabra, necesitamos quien presida para repetir las acciones de Jesús, personas que estén "ordenadas", hayan recibido el Sacramento del Orden, para que prediquen y consagren el pan y el vino.

IGLESIA, EUCARISTÍA Y QUIENES TIENEN NECESIDAD

Hay un dicho que dice: "la Iglesia hace la Eucaristía y la Eucaristía hace la Iglesia". En la celebración Eucarística encontramos a Cristo verdaderamente presente en el pan y vino consagrados. También lo encontramos en la asamblea, las Escrituras y al que preside-predica, todo lo que hacemos para "hacer esto", y al hacer "esto", nos hacemos el Cuerpo de Cristo. Nuestra conmemoración Eucarística de Jesús es una memoria sacramental viva que también nos transforma. Recibimos la Comunión para vivir en comunión con Cristo y con los demás, para hacernos "la presencia real" de Cristo en el mundo. Hacemos lo que los discípulos hicieron, damos de comer a los más necesitados con el amor y la compasión con que Cristo nos alimenta.

Lecturas de hoy: Gen 14:18–20; Sal 110 (109):1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23–26; Lc 9:11b–17

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