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12:30 pm (English)

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# Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

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## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147

*- Praise the Lord, Jerusalem*

### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

Today is the feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi. It is what we celebrate every time we gather for the Holy Mass or the Eucharist. Jesus presents Himself in the gospel today as food par excellence: "He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day."

The listeners of Jesus were Jews. The Jews had often heard of God's gift of manna in the desert. In fact, they often looked back to Moses who instructed the people to "remember" the manna in the desert "in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord." From Egypt to the promised land, in the aridness of the desert, there were enormous challenges: hunger, thirst, scorpions, and the risk of getting lost. Thus, in generations to come, especially when the people of Israel were in situations of despair, today's reading from the Book of Deuteronomy invites them to "remember", "not to forget" what God had done for their ancestors. In that arid place, had they depended on their own resources, all would have perished. Who had saved them? It was "the word of God" that brought them manna, an unknown and unexpected gift of God.

Now here comes Jesus who presents a gift immensely superior to manna: himself as the bread that gives eternal life. He shatters all previous ideas of bread and life by claiming that the bread which he is about to give them was more than the Wisdom of God, was more than the law given to Moses, was more than the manna that the Israelites ate in the desert. Even more outrageously, Jesus claimed that this bread was not just for the people of Israel for as he said, "Unlike your ancestors who ate but died nonetheless, the man who feeds on this bread shall live forever." Jesus' words are becoming more difficult, more mysterious, just like those words he said to the Samaritan woman about the water that takes away thirst forever.

The bread of heaven is, first of all, the word of God, the message of the Father. This word is the true bread of life, sweeter than any other

bread. To be life, the word of God has to take flesh in people, word made concrete and visible, and the perfect embodiment of this word is Jesus.

What we receive is assimilated and becomes part of ourselves; it is transformed into our own flesh. Communion in the Body of Christ means to accept, to identify ourselves with him. It means to offer up our own selves to him so that he can keep living, suffering, giving himself and rising again in us. Thus, Paul tells us in the second reading, "Is not the cup of blessing we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?" This transformation into the person of Jesus happens when we receive him in faith and are ready to be transformed into the person of Jesus.

We all know that we cannot receive the Eucharist before first listening to the word of God. When God's word is read to us, we discover new aspects of the person of Jesus; then, in eating his Body, we "intend" that his "Flesh" may shine through us in a more luminous way. We become what we consume. We accept to be transformed into the body of Christ. After communion, whoever meets us, whoever looks at our deeds, at our ways of relating with others should be able to recognize in us Jesus who continues to love, act, speak, teach, smile ....

It is not enough therefore to spend time with Jesus in adoration before the Blessed Eucharist. We cannot eat the Body of Christ with our own eyes and not receive Him in holy communion. This is clearly not what Christ wants. "To worship" is not "to keep company" with Jesus, or "to console him because he is all alone in the tabernacle or when exposed on the altar or because he is so sad for the many sins of mankind. To worship is to place oneself in front of the broken Bread, a life broken for love of humankind, and to see where and when we can do our share. Only when we endeavor to be transformed into the person of Jesus shall we be able to say that our life is lighted up by the Eucharist, Christ who is bread broken and shared. ♦

## Cast into the Deep (June 11)

### Eucharistic Revival

#### Nelle Orsburn

The Eucharistic Revival is starting its second year today, having been launched on the Feast of Corpus Christi last year on June 19, 2022.

Maybe it is worth reviewing what the Eucharistic Revival is all about, how it started and where it is going.

In the Fall of 2019, a Pugh Study reported that only 30% of Catholics have a proper understanding of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Understandably, this was cause for concern since we consider the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian Life. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC, 1324)

So, as early as 2019, our Bishops started a conversation to understand and discern where God is leading us. If you will recall, right about this time, in the early 2020s, the pandemic was a reality that seemingly unleashed a host of other problems like racial conflict, political turmoil, fear and anxiety, disunity and division. It was an even more timely conversation then, because in the face of all these roiling waters, we call to mind that Jesus is present today, now, to calm the storms. He is the one who will heal the divisions, free us from fear and anxiety, and will unify us. How? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The response to this invitation found flesh in a National Eucharistic Revival — three years of abundant grace and transformation. The aim is "to renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." And the Vision is "to inspire a movement of Catholics across the United States who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and who are then sent out on mission 'for the life of the world.'"



The first year, from June 2022 to June 2023, focused on a Year of Diocesan Revival. It was an invitation to our Diocesan bishops and priests to respond to Jesus Christ's invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic Congresses and events. Locally, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles held a Mass at the Cathedral and Eucharistic procession through the streets of Downtown Los Angeles on June 19, 2022, and again on March 25, 2023. Regional Eucharistic Congresses were held in the month of February 2023 and other events that gave an opportunity to the faithful to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist in a personal and communitarian way.

The second year, The Year of Parish Revival, is from June 11, 2023 to July 17, 2024. The focus now is on the Parish level, where every parish will experience a profound renewal as we strengthen our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and other expressions where the Holy Spirit leads us. We begin the parish revival year with the celebration of the Eucharist for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, followed by a Eucharistic procession after the 8:30 am Mass. Stay tuned for other opportunities to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist in a deep and personal way.

The second year ends with a National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17 to July 21, 2024. All are welcome. They are expecting upwards of 80,000 Catholics to gather and reconsecrate themselves to Jesus in the Eucharist.

The conclusion of this event marks the beginning of the Year of Mission, the third year of the revival from July 21, 2024 to Pentecost 2025. Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord as we enter the universal Church's jubilee year in 2025.

### Eucharistic Revival Prayer

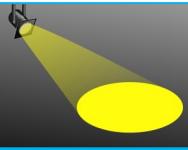
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.

Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Before You Say Goodbye Road to Graduation

Just a few more things before donning the cap and gown and receiving the much awaited diploma... Retreat on Thursday, June 1st, here with Fr. Rolly at the Mass (right); Disneyland on Monday, June 5th (far right), And the Tribute breakfast served by the 7th graders on Friday, June 9th. (below)



7th grade moms on kitchen duty



7th graders ready to serve

8th graders enjoying breakfast



A tribute and a hug...

## Lions Roar: OLL School News

### Congratulations to Our OLL Graduates

Our 8th graders had their graduation last Friday, June 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the church. They are officially alumni now.



### School's out!

Last day of school is on Friday, June 16th. The new school year will start on August 23, 2023.  
Happy Summer!

The OLL Summer School Program is now open for enrollment. The program runs from June 26 to July 28. Check out the flyer on page 8 for more information.



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# Parish News

## In the News:

### Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ

 This Sunday, June 11th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is also the launching of the Parish Phase of the Eucharistic Revival that began on June 19, 2022 and will conclude on Pentecost of 2025 (see page 2). During the Year of Parish Revival, we seek to foster Eucharistic devotion at our parish , strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, preaching, and in other ways that the Holy Spirit may inspire us. On this first day of the Parish Revival Year, we will have a Eucharistic Procession at the end of the 8:30 am Mass. We will process from the Church, out the gate on Tujunga Canyon Blvd, down to Apperson, right on Apperson and back to the Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the procession.

### Presbyteral Ordination

Last Saturday, June 3, Archbishop Gomez ordained 8 new priest for the archdiocese of Los Angeles. They ranged in age from 27 to 61, with an average age of 40 years. It was a moving Ordination Rite, celebrated within the Mass. After the laying of the hands (pictured below) and the ordination prayer, the new priests exchanged their deacon stole for a priestly stole and chasuble as they vested for the first time as full-fledged members of the presbytery.

The newly ordained are: Fr. Emmanuel Sanchez, Fr. Sergio Sandoval Martinez, Fr. Luis Gerardo Pena, Fr. Cesar Galan, FSP, Fr. Enrique Piceno Jr., Fr. Rene Haarpaintner, Fr. Michael DiPietro, and Fr. Hieu Nguyen. Their first assignments are varied, as far north as St. Joseph in Carpinteria, south to St. Cornelius in Long Beach, East to St. John Vianney in Hacienda Heights and West (our neighbor) to Our Lady of Lourdes in Northridge (Fr. Pena).

Do you recognize any of these names? Did you perhaps adopt one of them during one of the vocation Sundays we had here at OLL and accompanied them in their journey with your prayers?

Let us continue to pray for them as they adapt and bring Christ to their new community. To quote Fr. Sergio Martinez, "It's not about the Hispanic community, it's not about the Vietnamese community, it's not about the Turkish community. It's about the community of Jesus Christ."



## Theology On Tap

Calling all millennial adults ages 21 thru 40 to join us for a lively discussion on our faith while enjoying a cold brew and the company of others. It will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, from 7pm to 9pm at the Parish Hall (Fish Fry location.)

 For more info call and leave your name and mobile number at the Parish Office at 818-352-3218 or contact Chris Plance at 818-317-1542.

## Blood Drive

In partnership with American Red Cross, the OLL Health Ministry will sponsor a Blood Drive today, Sunday July 16th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the auditorium.



**Donate blood now and save lives.**

To make an appointment , please call 1-800 RED CROSS or register online at

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>.

Masks are no longer required when entering the auditorium but personal preference will be respected. Thank you.

## Do we have your current email address?



If you are not receiving Fr. Rolly's Friday letter and other notifications from OLL, please call the parish office now and provide your email address.

### TOGETHER IN MISSION LOS ANGELES

	a/o 6/1/23
Goal:	\$44,396.00
Pledged:	\$29,362.00
Paid:	\$21,672.22
Over/Under Goal:	(\$22,723.78)

If you haven't submitted your pledge, it is not too late. Pledge envelopes are in the bulletin racks. Thank you for your generosity.

## Seniors 55+ Group

Join the Seniors 55+ Group (for single, separated, divorced and widowed women) on Saturday, June 24 for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m.

Call the parish office and leave your name, email and phone number before June 22 so we know how many to expect for dinner.



### Celebrating our Saint for the Week

#### June 16: St. John Francis Regis, Priest (1597– 1640): ..St.

John Francis was born into a relatively wealthy family. At a young age he was attracted to the Jesuits who educated him that he aspired to become a Jesuit priest. He entered the seminary at the age of 18 and applied himself to study and prayer. As a priest, he preached with such fervor and from the heart that many were attracted to his teachings. He also devoted his time to the poor and those in prison. On the request of the Bishop he spent his time ministering to those who had been away from the sacraments, or had been lured away by Protestantism. He succeeded in bringing about many conversions. Much as he wanted to be missionary in the wilds of Canada, it was in the wildest and most desolate part of France that he continued to preach missions and earned a reputation as a saint. He was canonized in 1737.

*"My child, it is indeed the Voice of God you have heard. He has given you a great grace in thus calling you into His one true Church. While you live, never cease to thank Him and bless Him for it."*



The RICA team celebrating another ministry year that just ended. Getting ready to plan for the new year during the summer break.

**"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."**

Jn 6:54

#### Papal Prayer Intention for :

##### **June: For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



#### **Tips to guarantee children's safety around swimming pools**



Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children ages 1-4, and it is the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children 19 and under. To avoid a tragedy, following are a few tips when watching children in or around the water: keep

young children and weak swimmers within arm's reach of an adult; make sure more experienced swimmers are with a partner every time; choose an adult to be in or near the water carefully watching children; **teach children how to swim.** For more information, visit <https://www.safekids.org/poolsafety>.

#### **Mass Intentions**

**June 10 to 16, 2023**



##### **Saturday June 10**

5:00 PM  
Eduardo Herrera †  
Maria Amparo Castro †  
Jackie Pensanti -- *Healing & Prompt Recovery*  
Jose D. Enriquez -- *Peace & Comfort*  
Caleb Hoerner -- *1st Birthday Blessing*  
Dionisia Santos -- *95th Birthday Blessing*

##### **Sunday June 11**

7:00 AM  
Purification De Gracia †  
Bernabe Guerrero -- *Birthday Blessing*

8:30 AM  
Hugo Betancourt †  
Jorge Luis Perez †  
Christopher Girolo--*Thanksgiving for the Ordination to Transitional Deacon*  
Mauricio Rodriguez - *Thanksgiving for the Ordination to Transitional Deacon*

10:30 AM  
James Chapman †  
Charlotte Rose Piscitelli Lewis †  
George Wetzel -- *Healing*  
Carmelo Nicolas Yabutguintu -- *Thanksgiving & Blessing*

12:30 PM  
Jose D. Enriquez -- *Peace & Comfort*

**Monday June 12** 7:45 AM  
Gonzalo Cisneros †

**Tuesday June 13** 7:45 AM  
Antonia Angeles †  
Rosalie Haase †--*Special Remembrance*  
Madonna Sarne † -- *Birthday Remembrance*

**Wednesday June 14** 7:45 AM  
Santiago Marco -- *Birthday Blessing*

**Thursday June 15** 7:45 AM  
Angeles Celo †  
Rigoberto Alviar †

**Friday June 16** 8:30 AM  
Amelia Soriano Manubag †  
Antonio Galvan Soriano †  
Keith Ward †

Lolita Ma. Soriano †

#### **Readings for June 12 to 18, 2023**

6/ 12	2 Cor 1:1-7 / Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mt 5:1-12
6/ 13	2 Cor 1:18-22 / Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 / Mt 5:13-16
6/ 14	2 Cor 3:4-11 / Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 / Mt 5:17-19
6/ 15	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 / Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Mt 5:20-26
6/ 16	Dt 7:6-11 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 / 1 Jn 4:7-16 / Mt 11:25-30
6/17	2 Cor 5:14-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 / Lk 2:41-51
6/18	Ex 19:2-6a / Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 / Rom 5:6-11 / Mt 9:36—10:8

#### **From scripture to life...**

**Wow! Consider the awesomeness of actually consuming the Body of Christ, which we do in Holy Communion. You gotta believe!**

# en Nuestra Parroquia

## En las noticias:

### Procesión Eucarística en la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo



**Este domingo 11 de junio** celebramos la Solemnidad del Preciosísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. También es el lanzamiento de la Fase Parroquial del Avivamiento Eucarístico que comenzó el 19 de junio de 2022 y concluirá en Pentecostés de 2025 (ver página 2). Durante el Año del Reavivamiento Parroquial, buscamos fomentar la devoción eucarística en nuestra parroquia, fortaleciendo nuestra vida litúrgica a través de la celebración fiel de la Misa, la Adoración Eucarística, la predicación y de otras formas en que el Espíritu Santo pueda inspirarnos. En este primer día del Año del Avivamiento Parroquial, **tendremos una Procesión Eucarística al final de la Misa de las 8:30 a.m.** Procesaremos desde la Iglesia, saldremos por la puerta en Tujunga Canyon Blvd, bajaremos hasta Apperson, a la derecha en Apperson y regresaremos a la Iglesia. Todos están invitados y animados a participar en la procesión.

### Ordenación Presbiteral

El pasado sábado 3 de junio, el Arzobispo Gómez ordenó a 8 nuevos sacerdotes para la archidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Los nuevos ordenados son: el P. Emmanuel Sánchez, P. Sergio Sandoval Martínez, P. Luis Gerardo Peña, P. César Galán, FSP, el P. Enrique Piceno Jr., P. René Haarpaintner, el P. Michael DiPietro, y el P. Hola Nguyen. Sus primeras asignaciones son variadas, tan al norte como St. Joseph en Carpinteria, al sur hasta St. Cornelius en Long Beach, al este a St. John Vianney en Hacienda Heights y al oeste (nuestro vecino) a Our Lady o Lourdes en Northridge (Fr. Peña).

¿Reconoces alguno de estos nombres? ¿Acaso adoptaste a alguno de ellos durante uno de los domingos vocacionales que tuvimos aquí en la OLL y los acompañaste en su camino con tus oraciones?

Sigamos orando por ellos mientras se adaptan y llevan a Cristo a su nueva comunidad. Para citar al p. Sergio Martínez, "No se trata de la comunidad hispana, no se trata de la comunidad vietnamita, no se trata de la comunidad turca. Se trata de la comunidad de Jesucristo".

### Consejos para garantizar la seguridad de los niños en las piscinas



El ahogamiento es la principal causa de muerte relacionada con lesiones entre los niños de 1 a 4 años de edad, y es la tercera causa principal de muerte no intencional relacionada con lesiones entre los niños de 19 años y menores. Para evitar una tragedia, los siguientes son algunos consejos cuando observe a los niños en el agua o cerca de ella: mantenga a los niños pequeños y a los nadadores débiles al alcance de la mano de un adulto; asegúrese de que los nadadores más experimentados estén siempre con un compañero; elija a un adulto para que esté en el agua o cerca de ella vigilando atentamente a los niños; **enseñe a los niños a nadar.** Para obtener más información, visite <https://www.safekids.org/poolsafety>.

**"El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna y yo lo resucitaré el último día."**

Jn 6,54

### Noticias de la escuela OLL

#### Felicitaciones a nuestros graduados de OLL

Nuestros estudiantes de 8º grado tuvieron su graduación el pasado viernes 9 de junio a las 5:00 p.m. Ahora son oficialmente alumnos.

#### ¡Salida de la escuela!

El último día de clases es el viernes 16 de junio. El nuevo año escolar comenzará el 23 de agosto de 2023. ¡Feliz verano!



#### Programa de escuela de verano OLL 2023:

Ahora abierto para la inscripción. Funciona del 26 de junio al 28 de julio. Consulte el volante en la página 8 para obtener más información.

#### ¿Estás interesado en una educación católica?

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### Santo del Dia:

#### 16 de junio: San Juan Francisco Regis, Sacerdote (1597- 1640):

St. John Francis nació en una familia relativamente rica. A una edad temprana se sintió atraído por los jesuitas, quienes le enseñaron que aspiraba a convertirse en sacerdote jesuita. Ingresó al seminario a la edad de 18 años y se dedicó al estudio ya la oración. Como sacerdote, predicaba con tal fervor y desde el corazón que muchos se sintieron atraídos por sus enseñanzas. También dedicó su tiempo a los pobres ya los presos. A pedido del obispo, dedicó su tiempo a ministrar a aquellos que habían estado alejados de los sacramentos o habían sido atraídos por el protestantismo. Logró provocar muchas conversiones. Por mucho que quisiera ser misionero en las tierras salvajes de Canadá, fue en la parte más salvaje y desolada de Francia donde continuó predicando misiones y se ganó la reputación de santo. Fue canonizado en 1737.

*"Hija Mía, es ciertamente la Voz de Dios la que has oído. Él os ha dado una gran gracia al llamaros así a Su única Iglesia verdadera. Mientras vivas, nunca dejes de agradecerle y bendecirle por ello".*

#### Intención de oración papal para:

##### **Junio: Por la abolición de la tortura**

Oramos para que la comunidad internacional se comprometa de manera concreta a asegurar la abolición de la tortura y garantizar el apoyo a las víctimas y sus familias.



### De las escrituras a la vida ...

**¡Guau! Considera la maravilla de consumir el Cuerpo de Cristo, lo cual hacemos en la Sagrada Comunión.**  
**¡Tienes que creer!**

**Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo (Corpus Christi)****Primera Lectura: Deuteronomio 8, 2-3. 14-16****Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 147**– *Glorifica al Señor, Jerusalén.***Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 10, 16-17****Evangelio: San Juan 6, 51-58**

Hoy es la fiesta de la Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo o Corpus Christi. Es lo que celebramos cada vez que nos reunimos para la Santa Misa o la Eucaristía. Jesús se presenta en el evangelio de hoy como alimento por excelencia: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna y yo lo resucitaré el último día".

Los oyentes de Jesús eran judíos. Los judíos a menudo habían oído hablar del maná, regalo de Dios en el desierto. De hecho, a menudo recordaban a Moisés, quien instruyó al pueblo a "recordar" el maná en el desierto "para enseñarte que no sólo de pan vive el hombre, sino también de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios". Desde Egipto hasta la tierra prometida, en la aridez del desierto, hubo enormes desafíos: hambre, sed, serpientes venenosas y riesgo de perderse. Así, en las generaciones venideras, especialmente cuando el pueblo de Israel se encontraba en situaciones de desesperación, la lectura de hoy del libro del Deuteronomio les invita a "recordar", "no olvidar" lo que Dios había hecho por sus antepasados. En ese lugar árido, si hubieran dependido de sus propios recursos, todos habrían perecido. ¿Quién los había salvado? Fue "la palabra de Dios" la que les trajo el maná, un don desconocido e inesperado de Dios.

Ahora viene Jesús que presenta un don inmensamente superior al maná: él mismo como el pan que da la vida eterna. Él hace añicos todas las ideas anteriores sobre el pan y la vida al afirmar que el pan que está a punto de darles era más que la Sabiduría de Dios, era más que la ley dada a Moisés, era más que el maná que los israelitas comieron en el desierto. Fue un escándalo cuando Jesús afirmó que este pan no era solo para el pueblo de Israel, ya que dijo: "No es como el maná que comieron sus padres, pues murieron. El que come de este pan vivirá para siempre". Las palabras de Jesús son cada vez más difíciles, más misteriosas, como aquellas que le dijo a la mujer samaritana sobre el agua que quita para siempre la sed.

El pan del cielo es, ante todo, la palabra de Dios, el mensaje del Padre. Esta palabra es el verdadero pan de vida, más dulce que cualquier otro pan. Para ser vida, la palabra de Dios tiene que encarnarse en las personas, palabra concretada y visible, y la encarnación perfecta de esta palabra es Jesús.

Lo que recibimos es asimilado y se vuelve parte de nosotros mismos; se transforma en nuestra propia carne. La comunión en el Cuerpo de Cristo significa aceptarlo, identificarnos con él. Significa ofrecernos a él para que siga viviendo, sufriendo, entregándose y resucitando en nosotros. Así, Pablo nos dice en la segunda lectura: "¿El cáliz de la bendición con el que damos gracias, no nos une a Cristo por medio de su sangre? Y el pan que partimos, ¿no nos une a Cristo por medio de su cuerpo?" Esta transformación en la persona de Jesús sucede cuando lo recibimos en la fe y estamos listos para ser transformados en la persona de Jesús.

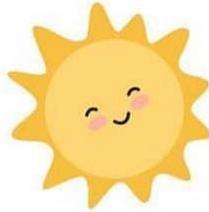
Todos sabemos que no podemos recibir la Eucaristía sin antes escuchar la palabra de Dios. Cuando escuchamos la palabra de Dios, descubrimos nuevos aspectos de la persona de Jesús; luego, al comer su Cuerpo, "intentamos" que su "Carne" brille a través de nosotros de una manera más luminosa. Nos convertimos en lo que consumimos. Aceptamos ser transformados en el cuerpo de Cristo. Despues de la comunión, quien se encuentra con nosotros, quien mira nuestros actos, nuestras maneras de relacionarnos con los demás, debe poder reconocer en nosotros a Jesús que sigue amando, actuando, hablando, enseñando, sonriendo....

Por lo tanto, no es suficiente pasar tiempo con Jesús en adoración ante la Santísima Eucaristía. No podemos comer el Cuerpo de Cristo con nuestros propios ojos y no recibirla en la sagrada comunión. Esto claramente no es lo que Cristo quiere. "Adorar" no es "hacer compañía" a Jesús, o "consolarlo porque está solo en el tabernáculo o cuando está expuesto en el altar o porque está muy triste por los muchos pecados de la humanidad. Adorar es ponerse frente al Pan partido, una vida que por amor a la humanidad muere, y ver dónde y cuándo podemos hacer nuestra parte. Sólo cuando nos esforzemos por transformarnos en la persona de Jesús podremos decir que nuestra vida está iluminada por la Eucaristía, Cristo que es pan partido y compartido.❖



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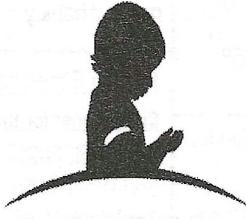
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