

Corpus Christi

IN the first reading we see a priest. Melchizadek. He is a priest without lineage.

He offers bread and wine.

What do priests do? Priests offer sacrifice.

Jesus is compared to Melchizadek in psalm 110. You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizadek.

Jesus willed his priesthood to continue through his priests. At the last supper he told the apostles to do what he did in memory of Him.

So like melchizadek Jesus takes bread and wine.

At the Last supper. He took the bread and said, this IS my body. And the wine This IS my blood. In other words the death that he would suffer on the cross the next day is made present. His body given and his blood shed. He is saying this is not an accident but I am laying down my life. And notice...

Notice the body is separate from his blood.

Why? When your body is separate from your blood you are dead.

The Eucharist makes present to us the saving death of Jesus on the cross.

We unite ourselves to this great act of love that Jesus did for us and calls us to unite ourselves to it.

We adore His real presence. The Eucharist is such a gift. It is something so holy. It is not just a piece of bread, not just wine.

It is his body and blood. It is truly Jesus present for us, giving himself to us.

He never leaves us. He is here always in his glorified body.

Ask yourself. Do you believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Do I receive the host not as a piece of bread but as a person. It is a personal encounter with Christ. He receives me and I receive Him.

Jesus himself says in John chapter six. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in Him.

Jesus is not dead. He is here. He is present in this Church. That is why this candle here never is extinguished, the hosts are placed here after Mass.

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Do I ever stop by a Catholic church during the week to acknowledge Jesus' real presence.

Do I thank Him for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

Recently Notre Dame burned.

So sad. Notre Dame has the crown of thorns, a relic of the passion.

But the priest when he went into the burning Church went first to the Tabernacle and saved the Eucharist, the hosts. This is his duty.

Any priest would do that. And then he went in for the crown of thorns.

The Eucharist is our treasure, it is priceless.

Some people stole the Eucharist for Ebay. People do horrible things because they know it is really Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is a gift. It is a foretaste of Heaven. It gives strength to our souls. It fills us with Love, divine Love and separates us from sin.

It calms our sinful passions.

Also the Eucharist unites us as one. It is the seed of the resurrection of our own body.

We receive Jesus' body, we also believe our body will rise on the last day when Jesus comes again.

Our body is made strong, united to Jesus' body.

Because he came to save us not just our soul, but our whole self, soul and body. He is our shepherd who feeds us.

Time with Jesus in the Eucharist is priceless. It is never time wasted.

Come by, the Church is open because He is here. He is left alone in so many churches. May it not happen here!

We spend time with him. We are not alone. When you come to adoration you sense He is there. We believe it.

WE have to receive with faith, it is not magic, we have to have faith. The more faith we have the more grace we receive.

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If our hearts are not in mass or if we hunger only for body pleasure but not for Jesus we won't respect the Eucharist or hunger for it.

Let us hunger for the Bread that comes from God. He leads us to eternal bliss in Heaven. Amen.