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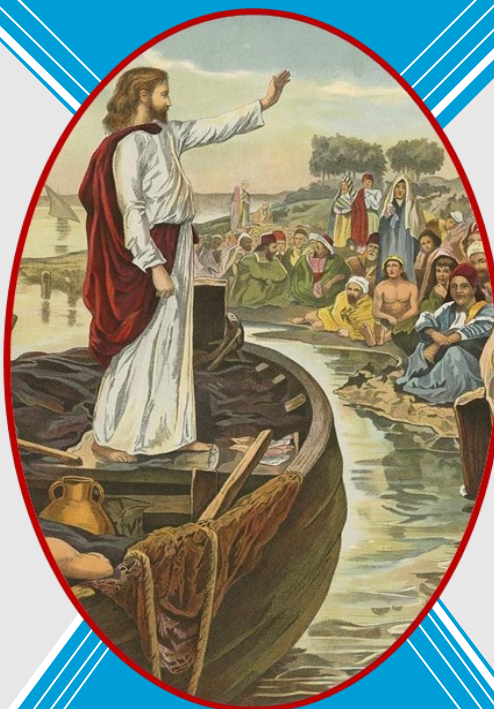
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Register online!

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Such large crowds gathered around
Jesus that He got into a boat and sat
down, and the whole crowd stood
along the shore. And He spoke
to them at length in parables...
-Matthew 13:2

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MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
Traditional Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.
and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.;

Monday-Saturday in the Church: Noon

Carmelite Nuns' Cloister: 7:30 a.m.
(Chapel closed to the public on Sundays)

Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.



A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path...
Some fell on rocky ground...
Some fell among thorns...
but some fell on rich soil,
and produced fruit.



NATURE'S BEAUTY

Our responsorial psalm today is a beautiful song of the joy of the Earth, putting forth its bounty and rejoicing in its fruitfulness. We are filled with joy when we see images of the earth blooming. So many people describe their experience of God's presence in their appreciation of nature's beauty. This alone is good reason to protect the beauty and wholeness of nature. "You have visited the land and watered it, / greatly have you enriched it. / God's watercourses are filled; / you have prepared the grain" (Psalm 65:10). Sadly, we do many things to destroy nature, even though it belongs ultimately to God and to all people: "[A]ll creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22).

YOU HAVE CROWNED THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY

"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Nature and people rejoice at these words, for they not only describe the beauty and fruitfulness of nature's gifts, which "shout and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:14), but profess a profound truth. This truth is that God's word is living and effective; that is, it accomplishes what it says. When God speaks a word of comfort or correction, what is said is done in its fullness.

THE SOWER SOWS THE SEED

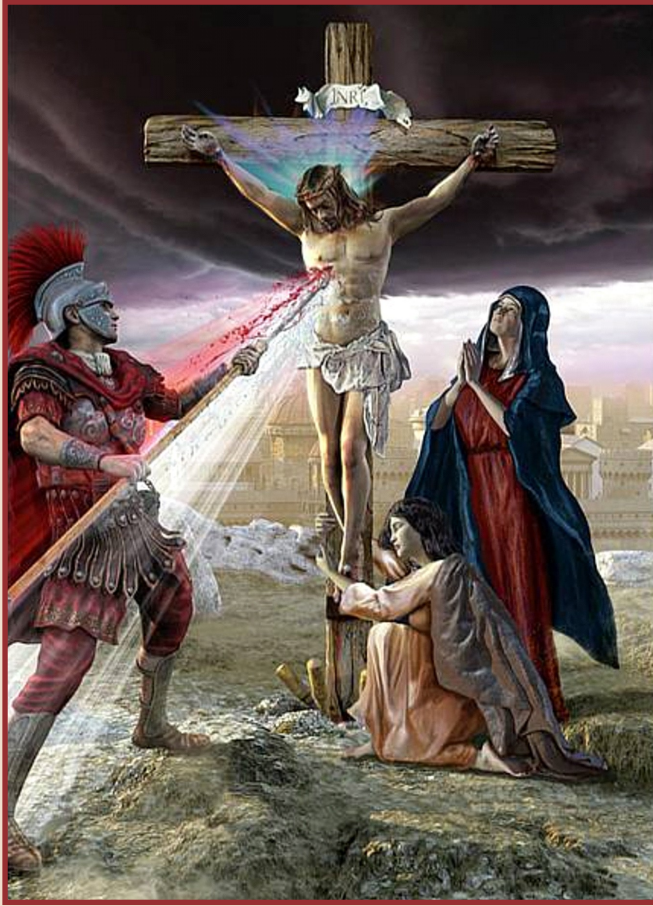
Haven't we all wondered sometimes which kind of ground we are as the seed falls? Do we spring up with joy, but then wither because the word has not taken root in us? Are we so tied up in worry and concern for material wellbeing that the word is choked off in us with cares? Or are we the rich soil on which the word of God falls, bearing rich fruit in our lives and making the lives of others better? We are probably all of these at one time or another in our lives. As we concern ourselves with these thoughts, we can hope that we are or are becoming the rich soil of open souls, open to God's effective word in us. If we are devoted to God, we ask God for help to be the souls who are receptive to God's word every day.

There are those who "shall indeed hear but not understand . . . look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people" (Matthew 13:14–15). They shall not be converted and healed. But those who concern themselves with the things of God "see what you see" and "hear what you hear" (Matthew 13:16) and rejoice in God's wonderful gifts on this Earth. Blessed are those who are the good soil who hear the word of God and keep it.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10–11
Psalm 65:10–14
Romans 8:18–23
Matthew 13:1–23 [1–9]

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMILY - June 14, 2020



“BEHOLD THE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST!”

By Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD

“Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.” These are the words spoken by the priest at the Latin Mass when he distributes Holy Communion. It is a rather long prayer to say when distributing the Eucharist to each communicant, but it goes quickly enough. Besides, what’s the hurry? These words are translated as: “May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul into eternal life.” You may be surprised to know that these words are still spoken in the Ordinary Form of the Mass. Right before the priest communicates the Eucharist, he is directed in the Roman Missal to “...face the altar and speak quietly, *‘May the Body of Jesus Christ keep me safe for eternal life.’*” Then the priest is instructed to take the chalice and say quietly, *“May the Blood of Jesus Christ keep me safe for eternal life.”* I share these words

with you so that you, too, can pray them as you receive the Body of Christ at every Mass.

We know the words, “Corpus Christi” or “Body of Christ” so well that I think they can easily become less evocative since we hear them said every time we receive Holy Communion (the priest says at the distribution of Holy Communion, “The Body of Christ,” to which you say, “Amen”—which means, “I believe.” But let’s take a moment to imagine all the stages of the Body of Christ, all recounted in the mysteries we meditate upon during the recitation of the Holy Rosary. We ponder the Incarnation: the Body of Christ being formed by the very body and blood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first beat of His Sacred Heart, His miraculous birth, His infant Body being placed in the manger, the tiny hands of the Body of Christ grabbing and holding tightly the tender finger of Mary, the Body of Christ presented in the Temple, the Body of Christ as He grows into childhood, adolescence and, eventually, into a Man (“Ecce Homo!”—“Behold the Man!”).

We prayerfully meditate on His baptism and His preaching, His tired Body quietly sleeping in the wilderness, the Body of Christ praying so earnestly that He sweats Blood, His heart aching for friendship, His Body tied, dragged, spit upon, flogged. In the Holy Rosary, we are expected to meditate deeply on the crowning of His Sacred Head with thorns; the Body of Christ carrying the Cross as it dug into the flesh and muscle of His shoulder; the Body of Christ that was nailed to a Cross; the naked Body of Christ displayed in humiliation; the Body of Christ before His holy Mother, His beating heart gradually slowing as His lungs fill with fluid; the Body of Christ pierced with a soldier’s lance; the lifeless Body of Christ being cradled in the arms of Mary before being anointed and laid in the tomb; the Body of Christ descending to Hell to show that the enemy has no power over Him; the Body of Christ Resurrected!; the Body of Christ appearing to thousands, passing through locked doors, and vanishing in the Breaking of the Bread; the Body of Christ teaching His apostles, forgiving their unbelief, and eating with them; the Body of Christ ascending to the Father to offer the sacrifice of Calvary in His Resurrected Body, the temple not made by human hands; the Body of Christ who lives in His Priesthood and is given in every Eucharist: **THE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD! BEHOLD HIM!**

(Continued over the next two pages.)

Let not these words be said in vain! Let not the Body of Christ be received in vain! Know well whom you receive! Just as God Himself humbly descended from the high heavens and took on the form of man, so our Lord continues to humble Himself under the appearance of bread and wine. Do we consume the Triune God in the Eucharist? Yes! Behold the Body of Christ! Behold the God become man, the God who lived among us, the God who was sacrificed and died on the Cross, the God who rose from death: “Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?”; God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who makes His abode in us through our reception of the Holy Eucharist. **“The Body of Christ!” “Amen!”**

Many Christians cannot believe this and, according to the recent Pew Research, many Catholics, if not the majority of Catholics, do not believe that Jesus Christ’s Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are truly present in every Eucharist. They are like the Jews who ate the manna and asked, “What is it?” So, too, do many of today’s clergy and lay folk alike look at the Eucharist with unbelief. Their hearts—hardened with sin, ambition, addictions, and foul music—lack humility and faith. Catholics in every generation have struggled with this Truth. Even Judas, moments after his ordination and his reception of the first Eucharist, betrayed unto death the Savior of the World, Jesus Christ! The first apostles, too, ran and hid from the Passion of our Lord, moments after they received the first Eucharist.

So, are we really surprised when bishops, priests, and the laity lack faith in the Body of Christ? Rather than being surprised at this recent statistic—which, by the way, was the same high number when the Pew Research did this study in the 1980’s—we should run to the Lord and love Him more by giving Him our time in adoration. Embrace the Lord in prayerful meditation so that your faith will not be shaken and taken. The answer to this problem is to love God with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength! After all, isn’t this the way God has Loved us? The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is enough proof of that!

Never forget! In today’s first reading, taken from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses is reminding the Israelites all that God has done for His people in their Exodus to the Promised Land: “Don’t forget...!” Moses says to his people, “Don’t forget the miraculous water that gushed from the Rock,” an obvious prefigurement of Baptism—and a reminder to us of our own Baptism. Moses says to the Israelites, “Don’t forget that God fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers.” This, too, is an obvious reference to the Holy Eucharist. The word “manna” means “What is it?” For this is what the Israelites asked Moses when God gave them this bread from Heaven, the bread of Angels. Jesus is clearly referring to Himself as the manna, the Bread from Heaven. Just as God provided miraculous bread, manna, during the Exodus from Egypt, God provides miraculous Bread for our journey home to the eternal Promised Land of Heaven. Yet, Christians today ask the same question the Israelites asked thousands of years ago, “What is it?”

Why do so many Christians not believe in the Body of Christ, even though our Lord is so specific and clear in the Gospels? Like a nagging parent, Jesus says over and over and over, “...unless you eat my Flesh and drink my Blood, you will not have eternal life.” While Jesus refers to Himself as the true manna, the disciples listening seem to believe He is speaking of some cannibalistic ritual. Clearly, the disciples who walked away understood precisely what Jesus was saying. There was no doubt in their minds what Jesus meant, because Our Lord did not mince His words. They heard and understood, but they DID NOT BELIEVE. So, today we have many good-intentioned disciples who listen, but do not properly understand and do not believe. Therefore, we must hear these words, understand them to the best of our ability, and then humble ourselves and believe. If your faith is weak, then our Lord will strengthen you; but we must be small and humble before the Lord in order for these words to convince us! Then, and only then, can we stand with St. Peter and declare, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.”

Lord, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and humble hearts to know you in the Breaking of the Bread. Take some time today to reflect, as Moses did, on all that the Lord has done for us. Yes, there were great trials and tribulations for the Israelites. There were serious failures, which caused many of the grumbling Israelites to die without reaching the Promised Land. Yet, God provided for their journey home with the mysterious and miraculous manna. While this miraculous bread was a great and sacred gift, it did not communicate Sanctifying Grace, as the Holy Eucharist communicates Sanctifying Grace to the soul. All throughout the Old Testament, there are what Scripture scholars refer to as “types” or “typology.” These types point to something greater, which will be accomplished and fulfilled in the New Testament. Consider these examples:

Type: Adam, created in the image and likeness of God, FULFILLED through Jesus, who is the Son of God and who is God.

Type: Eve, the first mother of all the living, FULFILLED through Mary the Mother of the Church.

Type: The Passover meal, FULFILLED through the Last Supper (the Holy Mass).

Type: Moses the lawgiver, FULFILLED through Jesus, who is the Fulfillment of the Law.

Type: Jonah in the whale, FULFILLED through Jesus' Resurrection.

Type: Abraham, who offered his son Isaac as a sacrifice to God, FULFILLED through God the Father offering His Son as a Sacrifice for us.

Type: Water from the Rock struck by Moses, FULFILLED through the Sacrament of Baptism

Type: Manna, FULFILLED through the Holy Eucharist.

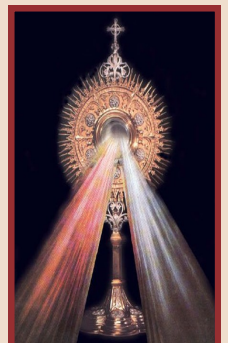
There are many examples of types and fulfillments in the Holy Bible; but one thing is clear: The type is never greater than the fulfillment. But how can Jesus give us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink? With God, all things are possible! In the Resurrection of Jesus, He proudly displays His Body, which is often not recognizable to those who knew Him best. We know from the New Testament that this Body was like one we have never seen. The Body of Christ was able to pass through material objects, like walls. The Body of Christ vanishes before the eyes of the disciples walking to Emmaus. Cleopas, who was our Lord's biological uncle, did not recognize either His appearance or His voice until He was made known in the Breaking of the Bread.

We know from the Acts of the Apostles that the Body of Christ can ascend to Heaven so as to intercede for us to the Father. And eventually, at the Second Coming of Christ, we will behold the Resurrected Body of Christ. Being that the Body of Christ can go wherever and whenever He wants to and can appear in any form He desires, why should we doubt His humble presence in the Eucharist, under the appearance of Bread and Wine? Bread and wine after all were significant throughout Sacred Scripture in God's ongoing relationship with the Israelites:

Melchizedek, the priest-king, offered bread and wine; God sent manna to the Israelites; the widow in the story of Elijah miraculously made her daily bread, despite the drought and famine; Elijah himself was fed bread, once from a raven and once by an angel; King David ate the bread reserved only for the priests; the ark of the old covenant contained fragments of Manna; and, of course, Our Lord promised us our daily bread in the Our Father prayer. Furthermore, Jesus took bread at the last supper and said, "This is my Body." He then took wine and said, "This is my Blood." Then He commanded His Apostles to "do this in my memory."

Yet, prior to the Passion narrative of the Last Supper, Jesus says of Himself: "I am the Bread come down from Heaven." These words Jesus speaks seven times in one relatively small paragraph. "Unless you eat my Flesh and drink my Blood, you will not have eternal life." Why are our Protestant brothers and sisters so quick to memorize some verses of the Bible and yet slow to memorize and internalize these? Well, let's not point our finger at the Protestants but rather at the seventy percent of Catholics who don't believe. Let's rather point our finger at all the bishops, priests, Catholic School principals, and Catholic School teachers who have failed for decades to teach the children entrusted to them the hard Truth that Jesus Christ is truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. They don't teach about Jesus because they don't love or believe in Jesus. What about you parents and Godparents? You are certainly NOT off the hook either! You promised God at the time of baptism of your godchildren to be the first and best teachers of the Faith!

The Eucharist is the heart and soul, the source and summit of the Christian faith! When your teen and adult children walk away from Jesus and His Church, you know you must make sacrifices for them that are different from when they were children. Your Sacrifices must be Eucharistic and united to the suffering of Christ on the Cross. You must look at your children's abandonment of Christ and their betrayal and hatred of the Church as Christ did on the Cross. You must take their indifference as did our Lord with every onlooker and passerby who looked at His Crucifixion with disdain. You must constantly forgive until you commend your spirit to the Father. Then, and only then, will your sacrifice be Eucharistic in nature. So that which God perfectly Loves in His Son may be perfectly received and loved in us, for we are the Body of Christ. Amen.



GPS - GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES' OPEN HOUSE

GPS is Celebrating its Tenth Anniversary!

Come celebrate with us at our **OPEN HOUSE / LUNCHEON** (including dessert, tours, and prizes)! Special Guest: Auxiliary Bishop David O'Connell.

It will be held on **Saturday, August 1, 2020, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**, at 1168 San Gabriel Boulevard, Unit E-F, Rosemead 91770. Donations welcomed but not required.

RSVP: Please RSVP (with your name and the number of guests) by going to the GPS website (www.pregnancy-gps.org) and clicking on the link ("Click here to RSVP") which is directly under the picture shown to the right... OR call/text (323) 360-5186.



BECOME A COMMITTED EUCHARISTIC ADORER!

"CAN YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?"

Please help us to keep Our Lord accompanied at every hour during Adoration in the church! (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. — until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays). Just go to the website, <https://adorationpro.org/ThereseCA> and click on **WEEKLY COMMITMENT** to view the schedule and sign up. When you enter your name on a time slot, it means you are **COMMITTING to adoring Jesus in our church at that same time on the same day EVERY week**. It's unlimited as to how many can sign up for each hour. You will be sent automatic reminders beforehand.

Once you've arrived to the church for your hour, check-in by using your Smartphone (or use the kiosk once it's installed in the church) to visit the site and click **ADORER SIGN IN**. Then click Scheduled Adorer Sign In and select your name and then confirm it (IF your name does not appear, you are either not scheduled for that hour or you arrived too late or too early).

Finding substitute adorers to take your place is super easy. If you cannot attend a particular week, go to the site to find a sub or invite a friend to take your place. The current password is subpass. **If your schedule changes and you can no longer commit to coming every week, email 247adorationchapel@gmail.com to be removed.**

After you've signed up, please consider also adding your name to the Substitute Adorers list to support your fellow Committed Adorers. Please let your friends and family know about the Adoration Sign-up site so we can have trusted adorers watch with Jesus every hour.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve St Therese Church and keep God's people safe. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of July 11 through July 18, 2020

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Raymond Reyes, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Cristina Nera, OCDS, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Klara Sankova, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Daisy Torres, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Roland de la Rosa, RIP

Monday:

*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

1) Herminia & Monique Paulino, INT

2) Lupe Gonzalez, INT

Tuesday:

*7:30 a.m.: Juliana Goh, INT

Noon: 1) Mary Rodriguez, INT

2) Ernie Grimm, 19th Birthday INT

Wednesday

*7:30 a.m.: David Tuan, INT

Noon: 1) Fr. John Eudes, ORC, INT

2) Ellen Prendergast, RIP

Thursday:

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Noon: 1) Karina Laigo, INT

2) Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Friday:

*7:30 a.m.: J. R., INT

Noon: 1) McAllister Family, INT

2) Yolanda de la Cruz Velasco, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

Noon: 1) Clara Grace Maringka, RIP

2) Cristina Nera, OCDS, RIP

*Held at the *Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

***THE CLOISTERED DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS' CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY.**

*(50 people maximum)

St. Kateri Tekawitha - Feast July 14

**St. Kateri's
feast is
this
Tuesday,
July 14.**



Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar

never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville ("Ossernon" to Native Americans), located in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656—barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions.

The daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and a non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents both died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the Faith that Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity.

Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the St. Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death in 1680 at the age of twenty-four (the same age at which our patroness, St. Therese, died), this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness.

Does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15) come through YOU to attract others to the beauty of Our Lord's Gospel?