

The Feast of Corpus Christi—The Body and Blood of Christ

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi in the Catholic Church. I could certainly write at length about the many wonderful attributes of sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ, especially in the context of the Mass.

For many, this is a very hard teaching and doctrine that Jesus himself taught; that he could transform simple bread and wine into his very own body that we could partake and share in. In chapter 6 of John's Gospel, many of his disciples walked away because they said that it was just too hard of teaching for them to believe in. Today, many people still do not believe in the Catholic Churches teaching of the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. I always have been intrigued by the many Eucharistic Miracles that happen around the world that have proven the existence of Christ's flesh and blood

I wanted to share with you some quotes from a homily by Pope Francis on the Body and Blood of Christ. "Let us ask ourselves, while adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by Him? Do I let the Lord who gives Himself to me, guide me to come out more and more from my little fence, to get out and be not afraid to give, to share, to love Him and others?"

"Discipleship, communion and sharing; Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist move us always to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion, to share with Him and with our neighbor who we are. Then our lives will be truly fruitful. Amen."

During the next couple of months, especially as the National Eucharistic Conference takes place in July, you will be hearing more about Christ's true presence in the Eucharist. I ask you the same question that Pope Francis wrote about, Are we letting ourselves be truly transformed by the living presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist?

God's Blessings----Deacon Jim