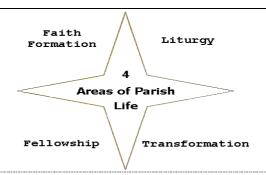


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# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST May 28 - 29, 2016



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Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Reading 1 Genesis 14.18-20.

**Responsorial Psalm** You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reading II 1 Corinthians 11.23-26.

Gospel Luke 9.11b-17.

"You gave them something to eat." Lord, what did you mean by that? One reading is that many people had brought food with them, but did not want to share it out until the apostles led the way with their five loaves and two fishes. So Jesus' miracle was to turn selfish, wary people into generous people, happy to share.

Lord, transform me in this same way.

#### **MASSES**

| Thursday | June 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>OLV</b> @ 10:00 am | Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy                    |  |  |  |
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|          |                      |                       | Family by The Estate  |  |  |  |
| Saturday | June 4 <sup>th</sup> | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy                    |  |  |  |
| _        |                      | -                     | Family by The Estate  |  |  |  |
| Sunday   | June 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>OLV</b> @ 9:00 am  | Regis Butler by OLV Society                                       |  |  |  |
| -        |                      |                       | <b>Kellard McDonnell (6<sup>th</sup> ann)</b> by Eunice and Bruce |  |  |  |
|          |                      |                       | Bill Weir by Barbara and Family                                   |  |  |  |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS                           | OLV      | ST. MALACHY |
|---|----------|-------------|
| May 21 - May 22, 2016 - Sunday Collection | \$535.00 | \$266.00    |
| May 21 - May 22, 2016 - Fuel              | 280.00   | 222.00      |

## THE ARCHBISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: MAY 2016

"So that the struggling families receive the necessary support so that their children can grow up in a healthy environment, and that the practice of prayer can be learned and spread throughout the families, especially for evangelization and peace."

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2016:** I question myself on the place of the Eucharist in my life as a baptized person. And next time I enter a church, I will spend some time in front of the tabernacle, where the Blessed Sacrament is placed.

# Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

The Holy Eucharist is one of the last precious gifts given to us, his followers, by Jesus. Jesus gave the Eucharist to us on Holy Thursday as our holy food. The other gift is his Mother Mary on Good Friday. The solemnity of the Body and Blood celebrates the abiding presence of a loving God as Emmanuel (God with us), in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. The Greek word eucharistia means thanksgiving. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life; the other sacraments and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it (CCC. 1322). This feast offers us an opportunity to reflect more on the importance and value of the "Real Presence" of Jesus so as to maximize the benefit we get from the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We Catholics believe in the "Real Presence" in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 500 men; Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. Thirdly, Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory; finally, nothing is impossible for God. The "Real Presence" of Jesus is explained by the Greek Aristotelian term "transubstantiation." This term signifies that the substance of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the substance of the Risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its accidents (like color, shape, taste etc.) remain the same.

This Sunday's readings make reference to this feast. The first reading sees the Eucharist as blessing and praise of God seen in the action of Melkizedek, the king of Salem. The king and the character of his offering prefigure Jesus who has also been referred to as "a priest according to the order of Melkizedek (Ps. 110,4). Jesus, the Priest and King, is the Eternal Priest and King of kings who offered a sacrifice of bread and wine during his Last Supper. Jesus is infinitely greater than Melkizedek in that He <u>is</u> the sacrifice and the offering, the bread and wine. In the Second reading, St. Paul shows that the Eucharist is the memorial of what Jesus did at the Last Supper. To "proclaim the death of the Lord", Paul mentions at the end of the reading, is to confess one's faith in the whole mystery of Christ and all that means for us. Jesus gave us the Eucharist in the context of dying for our sake. Paul believes that since Jesus gave us the Eucharist in this context, we should experience it only in the context of our dying to ourselves for his sake. Thus all Christ's disciples (we) are challenged to promote community, to be united and to hold possession in common.

The gospel presents the Eucharist as food for the multitudes. The never-ending supply of bread with which Jesus fed the multitude prefigured his own consecrated Bread that sustains us until he comes again. In the Eucharistic celebration the Church re-enacts Christ's sacrificial self-giving. Jesus' sacrifice of his lifeblood on the cross was also prefigured in the animal blood sacrifices offered by the Jews to God in the past. The miraculous feeding of the crowd of 500 men could be understood as a type and prefiguring of Jesus' gift of the Eucharistic Bread that would spiritually nourish those who believe in him. The taking, breaking and giving of the loaves anticipated the "taking" of Jesus' in the garden (Gethsemane), the "breaking" of his body during his passion and Jesus' "giving" of himself as a sacrifice for the sins of humankind. Finally, the cooperation of the apostles in the miracle is significant. It suggests that Jesus asks us all to "share what little" we have. No matter how insignificant or small our gift, it could be the very thing Jesus blesses to satisfy the hunger of those around us. To die by becoming one with each other and to die by sharing ourselves are at the heart of the Eucharist. Without these our rubrics and actions are meaningless.

Fr Al.

Happy Corpus Christi Sunday!

# **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

**CEREAL BARS AT OLV**: A special thank you from Buckingham Elementary School for your generous donations of cereal bars during the school year for their students. The collection program will start up again in September.

75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING: Scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. Time to be determined.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **CELEBRATION AT OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

An Anniversary Celebration Mass will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 9:00 am to celebrate:

Founding of Parish – 65 Years

Father Lomer Rooney's Ordination – 40 Years

Father Lomer Rooney's Birthday – 70 Years

Main celebrant Archbishop Durocher with Pastor Fr. Lomer. Refreshments will be served after mass. Everyone welcome.

**RELAY for LIFE**: Our Relay for Life 12-hour walk for cancer will be held on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> under the Brady Bridge. All are welcome to attend starting at 7 pm. Please help to make cancer history.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 7:30 pm at Carle Ford (Showroom), 901 Dollard Street.

# **OLV CHURCH HALL RENTALS**

Contact: Mike Legault at 819-281-4870.

# **SHUT-INS**

Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**