



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6th, 2021

Something to ponder.....

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading



Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration.

It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.



The Church is open Tuesday- Friday from 9 am to 12 noon for personal prayer....

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(every 15 minutes)

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(every 15 minutes)

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FLORES DE MARIA

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To see the video: ph500@archtoronto.org

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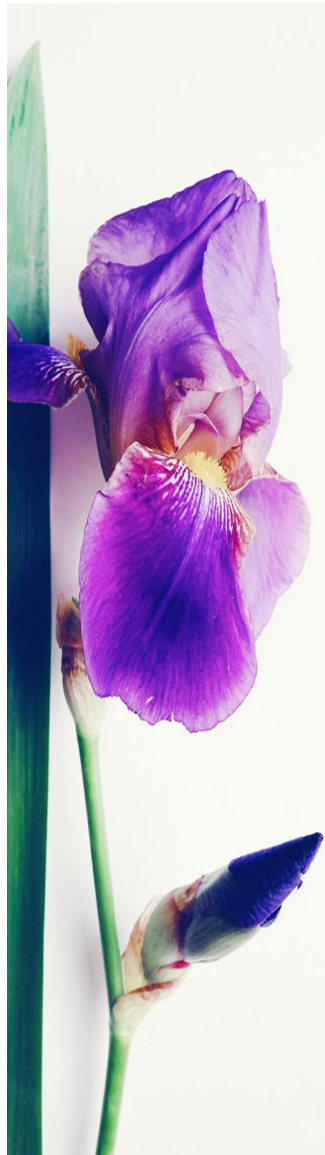
You can offer a sanctuary candle for your deceased loved ones, thanksgiving. Etc.

For Info. Please call the parish office



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Prayer in Time of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us *respect* and *reverence* for all human life.

Grant *restored health* to the sick, *comfort* and *hope* to the dying, *eternal peace* for those who have died, *strength* to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, *renewed energy* to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and *perseverance* to all in the health care professions.

Grant *wisdom* to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, *discernment* and *right judgment* for legislators, *aid* to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, *courage* and *justice* for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB
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Sacred Heart Novena Retreat from St. Augustine's Seminary Thursday, June 3 to Friday, June 11 A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY We invite all lay people, religious and clergy to participate in this novena retreat in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A new video will be premiered daily on the seminary's YouTube channel. Each video is a short retreat conference and will feature one of the following priests from the seminary community: Rev. John Elmer Abad Rev. Charles Anang Rev. Scott Birchall Rev. Greg Carruthers Rev. Frederick Chung Rev. Edwin Gonsalves Rev. Séamus Hogan Rev. Eric Rodrigues Rev. Tomasz Skibinski To conclude the retreat, you are invited to join a livestream Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica presided by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. TRAILER: <http://bit.ly/SacredHeartRetreatTrailer> YOUTUBE CHANNEL: youtube.com/StAugustinesSeminar

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This is a significant reflection on one of the most sacred symbols in the Catholic faith and what it can teach us in these difficult times.

We pray that this letter will be a helpful tool both personally and in your own ministry.

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