

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI).2021.

Last Sunday we celebrated the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Today we are privileged to celebrate another great mystery which touches our very personal life in faith, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, our spiritual nourishment. This mystery is based on **love, sacrifice, and care**. It is the mystery of the presence of our Lord in the **Eucharist**. The readings today all point to this great mystery in three ways, **power, presence, and promise** which are all seen whenever we celebrate Mass.

The letter to the Hebrews takes us to the sacrifices in the temple in Jerusalem where there was a lot of sacrifices of different kinds, all with the shedding of blood. There was the Sacrifice of **Atonement, Thanksgiving, Adoration, the Making of Peace, and Petition Seeking**. All these sacrifices were done attempting to achieve what Jesus accomplished and attained on the cross, the perfect sacrifice of his Blood. We fuse our petition on this great sacrifice during mass with our big and small sacrifices.

The Gospel takes us from the Jerusalem Temple to the **Last Supper, "THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME"**. This says it all, we do not need any scientific proof of whether it is the Body and Blood of Christ. The proof is **FAITH**. This truly shows the presence of Jesus Christ in Eucharist. Whenever we come to mass, we **do not have to Hope He is there, HE IS TRULY THERE**. Christ presence in

Eucharist does not depend on our **moods, disposition, degree of faith, or whether we are in the state of grace. His presence is there.**

When the minister says to us, “ THE BODY of Christ”, our response is simply the answer, “ AMEN.” We acknowledge, **yes, it is .His presence is there** in all our joys and sorrows, and He is accompanying and journeying with us, “ **Behold I am with you till the end of time.**”

God in Exodus promised to be with His people and they in turn promised to obey him, “ **we will do everything the lord has told us.**” This foreshadowed obedience and the promise by sprinkling of the blood over the people. It was establishing that Covenant, promise. Eucharist then is a place of covenant and promise to be faithful to Christ and his church and to be in Communion. If we receive communion on our tongue, we promise our tongue will not **deceive lie, gossip, slander ,or speak bad words.** When we receive communion in our hand, we promise not to turn our hands into instruments of **destruction and violence.** By our response of Amen we **affirm our faith and believe in the actual presence of Christ in the bread and wine which is his Body and Blood.**

Mass is a place of power, presence, and promise.
MAY THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CONTINUE
NOURISHING US NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

