



# **The Feast of Corpus Christi**

the Body and Blood of the Lord

**at Lancaster St Bernadette and Bremen St Mary**

June 18, 2017

# St Bernadette Parish

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# St Mary Parish

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## sacramental life

### Baptism

To have a child baptized, you must register and attend a class as a couple (unless attendance just isn't possible, in which case some discussion with Kathy Kehnast will be necessary). Sessions are held quarterly for both parishes. Try to take the class before the child is born. If you are expecting, call Kathy to register for the class.

Please don't ask if you "have to go." This is an opportunity to meet with parents of children about the same age as your little one; those parents are in the same wonderful boat as you are.

At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic. Both godparents need to be practicing Catholics. If you don't attend Sunday Mass regularly (a major component of being a practicing Catholic), there is something you can do about it: Start coming to Sunday Mass.

### Penance

The priest is available for Penance

- at St Bernadette Saturdays at 3 PM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM, and
- at St Mary Bremen on Sunday at 8 AM.

In addition to Advent and Lenten Penance Services, every Catholic priest is available whenever there is a need. There are Penance opportunities for parochial school children **four times during the year so that they will learn** the beauty of frequent confession. The Church's law requires us to receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a year.

### Anointing and Care of the Sick

The Sick receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when dangerously ill, facing major surgery, or suffering from the ravages of old age. We celebrate the sacrament communally at a Sunday Mass before Advent and during the Easter season so that we can all pray with you for "health of mind and body."

And, we are happy to bring Penance, Anointing, and Holy Communion to the homes or hospitals of the sick or shut in. It is very helpful to call the parish office to let us know before a hospitalization or when it has been too long since the sacraments were last available.

### Holy Matrimony

Couples wishing to marry should contact the parish office six months before they wish to celebrate the sacrament. Why so long? Because **this sacrament, not just the ceremony, requires serious preparation.** And the Church needs to be involved in that preparation.

Remember, Catholics who marry outside the Church have left the sacramental life and need to change that situation before receiving the other sacraments.

The Church wishes to support couples **through the years** of their married life. That's why our diocese offers programs to enhance married life. To learn about these programs, watch the weekly bulletin.

## praying with the Church

### at Mass today

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### with the pope in june : for national leaders

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

### God's word ... at sunday Mass

<i>Sunday, June 18,</i>	Deuteronomy 8:2-16	Psalm 147	
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	1 Corinthians 10:16-17	<b>John 6:51-58</b>	
<i>Sunday, June 25,</i>	Jeremiah 20:10-13	Psalm 69	
<i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>	Romans 5:12-15	<b>Matt 10:26-33</b>	
<i>of the year</i>			

### ... during the week

<i>Mon, June 19</i>	2 Cor 6:1-10	Ps 98	<b>Matt 5:38-42</b>
<i>Tues, June 20</i>	2 Cor 8:1-9	Ps 146	<b>Matt 5:43-48</b>
<i>Weds, June 21</i>	2 Cor 9:6-11	Ps 112	<b>Matt 6:1-18</b>
<i>Thurs, June 22</i>	2 Cor 11:1-11	Ps 111	<b>Matt 6:7-15</b>
<i>Fri, June 23</i>	Deut 7:6-11	Ps 103	<b>Matt 11:25-30</b>
	1 John 4:7-16		
<i>Sat, June 24</i>	Isaiah 49:1-6	Ps 139	<b>Luke 1:57-80</b>
	Acts 13:22-26		

### let us adore Him

Spend a **holy hour** with our Lord in the presence of his Blessed Sacrament in either of our parish churches. Or spend a **few holy minutes**. We try to keep both churches open all through the daylight hours. Anybody can come, any time. Perhaps you could.

### feast days this week

- June 19 Saint **Romuald**, abbot
- June 21 Saint **Aloysius Gonzaga**, religious
- June 22 Saint **Paulinus of Nola**, bishop;  
Sts **John Fisher**, bishop, & **Thomas More**, martyrs
- June 23 **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- June 24 the nativity of Saint **John the Baptist**

## in both parishes

### parish family lunch

You and your family are invited to the St Bernadette and St Mary Parish Family Lunch on Sunday, June 25, at **noon behind St Bernadette Parish Hall to meet and share a meal with the members of our two parishes**. Our **Parish Family Lunch** begins right after the 11 AM Mass at St Bernadette. Arrive at Mass a little early to set up and reserve your place. Bring a tablecloth and table settings and a tent/canopy for shade, if you have one. If it rains, we'll go into the Parish Hall. Meat (hot dogs, brats, hamburgers), buns, and drinks (soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea, water) will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the school hallway at St Bernadette and in the front vestibule at St Mary. For information, to reserve your spot, or to sign up to bring a dish to pass, contact

Kathy at St Mary at (740) 569-7929 or at St Bernadette at (740) 654-1893. See you there!

### christian initiation

Please be thinking now about **who you are going to invite to join the Church in the coming year**.

### baby bottles

Participate in the PDHC's **Baby Bottle Campaign** by collecting your loose change **from Mother's Day to Father's Day (today)** to help local parents and would-be parents in need. Spare change from baby bottles goes a long way to continue offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material assistance and life-affirming programs to strengthen families. Grab a bottle and bring it back on Father's Day. Let us give thanks to our father and mother for choosing life and help a local family do the same.

### peter's pence

Next week, our collection will include Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

### take a fresh look at your marriage

Treat yourselves to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and enrich your lives together. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. The next weekend is Sept 15-17 in central Ohio. For information or to apply, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at (614) 834-6880 or visit [www.wvmecolumbus.org](http://www.wvmecolumbus.org).

### envelopes for youth

Children and youth have **a responsibility to support the Church**. Most of them don't have access to much money (or do they?), so their contributions are necessarily small. But this is the time to teach them their responsibility. Contribution envelopes are ready to be picked up in the school vestibule at St Bernadette and the main entry vestibule of St Mary.

### vacation church school

St Mary's Vacation Church School happens this summer at Schmelzer's Grove on the evenings of June 26-30. Catholic children from both parishes are invited, no make that urged, to attend. And so are any of their friends in other parishes. Anyone interested in helping should contact Angie Kerns at (740) 654-2588.

## at st bernadette parish

### Mass intentions at st bernadette

Monday,	June 19	8:20 AM	David Merk
Wednesday,	June 21	8:20 AM	Margaret & Dolores
Thursday,	June 22	6 PM	Veral Dick Kilbarger
Friday,	June 23	8:20 AM	Louise Young
Saturday,	June 24	4 PM	fathers of our parishes

The intention for Sunday Mass is the good of the people of the parish.

### st bernadette 2017 foundation grants

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

*1 Peter 4:10*

St Bernadette Parish has been blessed with funding from our endowments stewarded by The Catholic Foundation. By God's varied grace we honor the many donors, whose charitable love for our faith and others is fulfilling the mission of our ministry through The Catholic Foundation.

This Spring we have received disbursements of \$11,000 from our school endowment and \$7,619 from the parish endowment. These funds are vital for cash flow in our parish. For information on ways your end-of-life estate planning can build our endowments, please visit catholic-foundation . org or call (866) 298-8893.

## ministry at Mass at st bernadette

	lector	Servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion		
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Marguerite Grimm	Dominic & Emeline Neighbor, Cady Tipple	Jim & Becky Kuhn	Rosalie DeFillippo Lee Guinan	Kathy Kehnast Denise McGuire
<b>Sunday, June 18, 11 AM</b>	Teresa Carpenter	Jack Tencza, Brooke & Bryson Vogel	Jim & Rita Merk	Ben Peters Jean Robertson	Larry Sanford Anna Sevigny
Monday, 8:20 AM	David Shonk	Carley Matson, Kyndra Nagle	Pat Dreyer	Kathy Kehnast	
Wednesday, 8:20 AM	Bob Christy	Gunner & Amelia Robertson	Angie Christy	Mary Jane Vajen	
Thursday, 6:00 PM	Kathy Kehnast	Becca Fuller, Olivia Reynolds	Lee Guinan	Paul Lonergan	
Friday, 8:20 AM	Jim Merk	Brianna Hilyard, Silus Hopkins	Jim Merk	Rita Merk	
<b>Saturday, 4:00 PM</b>	Patrick Gins	Kendall Cox, Avee & Drew Solt	Tara Craaybeek Joyce Guenther	Sandy Landefeld Brad Rider	Teresa Scarpitti Mickey Steyaert
<b>Sunday, June 25, 11 AM</b>	John Hartig	Anna Hartig, Diana & Sarah Woo	Terry Carpenter Pat Dreyer	Nancy Griffith David Shonk	Becky Wickham Amy Woo

## at st mary parish

### st vincent de paul at bremen

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Bremen takes up a **collection after Mass on the first Sunday** of every month. **New members** are always welcome. Call Angi Skinner at (740) 438-0027.

### Mass intention at st mary

Tuesday morning Mass will be celebrated for Helen Kunkler. The intention for Sunday Mass is the good of the people of the parish.

### your donation to the food pantry

The Bremen Food Pantry needs margarine or butter (among other things!). Place your donation in the refrigerator in the kitchen at St Mary parish hall. This will help the **Pantry Open House** in Bremen, on Saturday, June 24, from 9-11 AM, when any family in need can stop by to receive food assistance, with no prior registration or sign up needed.

### summer square dances

Summer means square dancing at Schmelzer's Grove. Mark your calendars on the Sunday evenings of July 9 and Aug 13 from 7-9:30 PM. Admission is \$4 per person.

## ministry at Mass at st mary

June 18 & 25	lector	servers	extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion	gifts	sacristan / usher
<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	Karen Wolfe	Caden & Cody Fyffe	Irene Kunkler, Leo Kunkler Sr, Karen Wolfe	Nick Schmelzer family	Nikki Schmelzer
<b>next Sunday</b>	Joe Young	Brooke Holt, Nicole Terry	Pam Redding, Joe & Cathy Young	Joe Young family	Joe Young

## in our deanery

### deanery Corpus Christi celebration

AT BREMEN ST MARY

A deanery-wide Corpus Christi celebration will be held on the feast of Corpus Christi today, Sunday, June 18, from 1-4 PM **at St Mary Church, Bremen**. The deacons of the deanery and St Mary Parish invite everyone to attend this celebration of the most generous gift God has given to his Church. The program is simple: exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, readings and reflections, with a Eucharistic procession, rosary, and Benediction. Please be sure to pray with us for some or all of that Sunday afternoon.

### lay people meet religious life

Do you desire a stronger sense of community and prayer? Do you find yourself asking how you can develop **more of a consistent quiet time with God**? Can you have more of a monastic way of life and keep your day job? What is **the difference between a lay Franciscan, Benedictine, Dominican, Cistercian and Carmelite** anyway? **How does God desire you and your family to order**

**your lives?** Come and **learn about the opportunities** to join lay associates and oblates from the Columbus and Lancaster area. Discover if God may be drawing you to him through a deeper connection with one of these lay orders. This presentation will be held from 7-9 PM on Wednesday, June 21, at the Spirit Center of St Mary Parish in Lancaster. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Lisa for information at [lmreshad @ gmail . com](mailto:lmreshad@gmail.com).

## in the diocese of columbus

### project DAWN

It is no secret that there has been an overwhelming surge in opiate overdoses and fatalities within our communities. Mount Carmel Outreach and the Mount Carmel Mobile Medical Coach have joined forces with Project **DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone)**, a community-based overdose education and Narcan (naloxone) distribution program. The Project DAWN program provides Narcan kits free-of-charge to those without health insurance and limited financial means. Narcan is a **safe medication that can reverse an overdose caused by prescription pain medication or heroin** and save lives. For information, call (614) 546-4200.

## face forward

Developed for the **Vocations Office** of the Columbus Diocese, Face Forward app contains valuable information for Catholics right at their fingertips. It includes such features as the **verse of the day, pray for priests, care for the common home, saint of the day and the Face Forward blog**. Face Forward give young folks something meaningful to read when they power up. Discerning what God is calling you to do can be a long journey full of many questions. Having **easily accessible information is invaluable to the discernment process**. This new app provides just that. Face Forward will continue to add fresh and relevant content to the app daily with the goal of getting users to come back each day for new offerings. With the repeat visits and usage of the app, the hope is that users will gain more love, knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith and **clarity about what God is calling them to do**. Face Forward is a program of the Office of Vocations that allows for interaction with the youth in the Columbus Diocese and provides platforms for communication, events and opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and a life in vocations. There are currently over 12,000 people in the Face Forward community. For information about the Face Forward App, contact Anne Harkin at (614) 787-2377 or [anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com](mailto:anne.harkin@mj2marketing.com).

## marriage preparation volunteers

Looking for a way to serve in 2017? Engaged couples in our diocese need your help. Volunteer to serve on the diocesan **Marriage Preparation Team** as a speaker and presenter. Present virtues-based topics to engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. **If you are currently married, and have wisdom and experience to share**, you already qualify. For information, contact Kathleen Hall at [khall@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:khall@columbuscatholic.org) or (614) 241-2560.

## bulletin deadline

**Bulletin notices** must be given to the parish office by 9 AM on the Friday that is one week prior to the Sunday you wish a notice to appear. For example, bulletin notices for the June 18 bulletin are due by 9 AM on Friday, June 9.

**Mass announcements** (when these are really necessary!) must be given to the parish office by 9 AM on Friday.

## jubilee of anniversaries 2017

This celebration will be Sunday, June 25, at St Matthew Parish in Gahanna. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM, and an informal reception will follow. Parishioners celebrating **significant wedding anniversaries** (25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and any year thereafter) are invited. For questions, call the Marriage & Family Life Office at (614) 241-2560.

## the bishop's annual appeal

### bishop's annual appeal 2017

**"LIVING THE GOSPEL IN FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY"**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal **has begun at St Bernadette and at St Mary**. It's time for us to do what we can to support the programs and ministries that benefit both our parishes and the wider community. The Appeal **supports our parish schools of religion and the education of our future priests and deacons, and many families in need of our help**. Your gift and your prayers will help to make this year's appeal a success. Every contribution counts; every dollar that we raise over the stated goal will be returned to our parishes to benefit our communities directly. Last year St Bernadette pledged slightly over and collected slightly under the goal. Bremen

St Mary pledged well over the goal and has received the rebate of \$4,947 from the diocese. So we know we can do this if, after thoughtful consideration and prayer, every one of us gives according to our ability. We are blessed with much; let us remember the needs of others. **If you have not yet been able to make a pledge, extra BAA envelopes are available in the church vestibules.**

Here are the results at our parishes after six weeks (five weeks for the diocesan totals).

	St Bernadette	% of goal	Bremen St Mary	% of goal	Diocese of Columbus	% of goal
<i>total households</i>	452		130			
<i>households participating</i>	118	26%	48	37%		
<i>amount pledged</i>	\$ 35,480	84%	\$ 16,326	131%	\$ 5,150,704	79%
<i>average gift</i>	\$ 301		\$ 340			
<i>total paid</i>	\$ 17,010	40%	\$ 5,611	45%		
<i>BAA goal</i>	\$ 42,210		\$ 12,443		\$ 6,500,000	

## baa prayer

Heavenly Father, we are always thankful for all you have given us. We are especially grateful that you have sent to us your Son to be our Savior. That is the true Good News: that you love us and call us to yourself. Help us to live this Good News, this Gospel, in Faith, Hope, and Charity. Help us to respond generously to your love by sharing our material blessings for the good of all in our diocese. Send your Spirit to dwell in our hearts, so that all we do may give praise and honor to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## more things to think about

### why marriage matters

Marriage does matter. After all, **we're all in this together**. As members of society, we count on each other every day to keep our commitments. We feel more secure when we can depend on others. Although marriage has changed a great deal, the benefits of marriage endure. Social science research confirms that marriage is an important social good that brings a wide range of positive outcomes for adults and children alike. At [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) you will discover that:

- On average, married people are better off financially.
- Marriage is associated with better health, sex, and safety for men and women.
- Children do better when they live with their own two married parents.

### attend Mass wherever you go

Times and locations of Masses in Catholic churches in the United States may be obtained from [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or contact the parish office for assistance. With a bit of planning you can fulfill your Sunday obligation when you are on the road.

### safe environment reminder

A complete copy of the **parish safe environment policies and procedures**, including the diocesan policies and guidelines for parish youth ministry is available by calling either parish office.

All adults who have not previously attended a **Protecting God’s Children training session sponsored by the diocese of Columbus** are urged to do so. A schedule of training sessions can be found at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

Articles on **sexual abuse prevention** are available at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). All adults are encouraged to access this website monthly and read the articles. Contact information for **reporting suspected abuse of minors** is from the parish office.

### has your address changed?

Inform the St Bernadette or Bremen St Mary parish office when the members of your household or your home, mailing, or email address changes. If you are a new parishioner you need to fill out a **new parishioner registration form** online.

### plan your family naturally

**Natural family planning (NFP)** uses modern scientific knowledge of fertility to allow married couples to safely and effectively achieve or postpone pregnancy. Today’s NFP is up to 99% effective and completely natural. The benefits of NFP go beyond family planning; for articles and to read one couple’s story visit [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org). For information about NFP or to register for a diocesan NFP workshop, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614/241-2560 or [FLOMailbox @ colsdio.org](mailto:FLOMailbox@colsdio.org).

### state budget

The Catholic Conference of Ohio encourages the Ohio General Assembly to be mindful of the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable in its deliberations for the two-year state budget. The conference also encourages support for issues related to Catholic schools. The CCO is advocating for protections of unborn children and a prohibition of the death penalty for persons with severe mental illness. To read issue backgrounders, visit <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Issues/category/legislative-action-alerts>.

### fortnight for freedom

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is the special dedication of the two weeks from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St John Fisher and St Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day.

Religious freedom is **our first, most cherished liberty** is a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of **great witnesses who remained faithful even to death in the face of persecution by political power**: St Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St John the Baptist, SS Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. To learn about the fortnight, visit [www.fortnight4freedom.org](http://www.fortnight4freedom.org).

A **Mass for Religious Freedom** will be celebrated, followed by a holy hour, on Wednesday, June 28, at 5:15 PM, at St Joseph Cathedral. The holy hour will begin with a rosary for religious freedom and liberty, followed by silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and concluding with Benediction. All are invited. For information, contact the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295. Elevator access to the Cathedral is available via the west entrance (in the courtyard) from E Broad St.

St Mary Parish will have a holy hour with exposition, rosary, and adoration. On Tuesday, June 27, from 7-8 PM.

We are all called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others, and living our faith in all that we do. Please take a few moments each day from June 21-July 4 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

### pray for the protection of religious liberty

O God our Creator,  
 from your provident hand we have received  
 our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
 You have called us as your people and given us  
 the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,  
 and your Son, Jesus Christ.  
 Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,  
 you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
 bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
 to every corner of society.  
 We ask you to bless us  
 in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.  
 Give us the strength of mind and heart  
 to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
 give us courage in making our voices heard  
 on behalf of the rights of your Church  
 and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.  
 Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
 a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
 gathered in your Church  
 in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,  
 so that, with every trial withstood  
 and every danger overcome—  
 for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
 and all who come after us—  
 this great land will always be “one nation, under God,  
 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

### confessions & weekday Mass nearby

These times sometimes change, though, so be sure to call ahead!

	<i>Bremen St Mary</i>	<i>Lancaster St Bernadette</i>	<i>Lancaster St Mary</i>	<i>Lancaster St Mark</i>	<i>Sugar Grove St Joseph</i>	<i>Circleville St Joseph</i>	<i>Logan St John</i>
Monday		8:20 AM	7 AM	8 AM	8 AM	9 AM	8 AM
Tuesday	8:20 AM		9 AM	8 AM	NOON	7 AM	8 AM
Wednesday		8:20 AM	7 AM	6 PM	6:30 PM	9 AM	9 AM
Thursday		6 PM	9 AM	8 AM	NOON		
Friday		8:20 AM		8 AM	8 AM	9 AM	8 AM
Saturday		<i>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday only 9 AM Mass</i>				10 AM	9 AM
confessions	Sunday @ 8AM	Thursday @ 5:30 PM Saturday @ 3 PM & @ 8:30 AM on 1st Saturday only	Saturday @ 4 PM	Saturday @ 5:30 PM	½ hour before Mass	Saturday @ 4 PM	Saturday @ 4 PM

# The Body of Christ. Amen!

There are **two feasts of the Body and Blood of Christ**. Today's is the second one.

On **Holy Thursday** we celebrated the first feast of the **Eucharist in the historical context of its institution**: On the night before he suffered (suffered as the new Passover Lamb who died for our sake, to rescue us from death) Jesus took some of the unleavened bread (unleavened because it needed to be the straight stuff and so that it was easily portable for a people who were all going to move away the next morning as they left slavery in Egypt) and wine and said that he, Jesus himself, is that bread that was going to be given up for us (on the cross) on the next day. He said that if we eat the bread (and only if we eat it) we will have life that truly lasts. He said that was because the bread was bread no longer but was himself. When he gave the cup of wine, he made it so that this body we would be eating would not be lifeless but would have his lifeblood, fully live and enabling us to come fully into communion with him.

Did you get all that? Well, it takes a while for it to sink in. And it takes a lot of rediscovering ... through the course of a lifetime. It is amazing stuff. And it matters.

This awesome mystery, the mystery of his coming to all who will eat and drink of his body and blood, has something in common with every other amazing mystery, even with our deepest loves: The human factor enters, and humans, in the face of the mystery ... well, they get used to it. The astonishing and miraculous becomes **old hat**. Won't happen to me, you say? Ask yourself how you respond to the real presence of Christ, the true presence of God in the tabernacle at Church. I know for my part, that, although I try to keep my mind on the mystery, I often carry on **as though nothing special**, no one adorable were there. And I often act as though all sorts of other, non-adorable, things were in fact, adorable. And the whole idea of adoring becomes ... well, no big deal.

The Church knows that we get that way, so she has invented **a second feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**, today's feast of Corpus Christi. This one doesn't focus on the context of the events of our salvation so much as on **the reality of the presence**: Who it is that is here among us. It is the Lord!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (¶ 1374) quotes the teaching of the Council of Trent about this reality:

In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist “the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, **the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially** contained.”

And the feast of Corpus Christi is a day to ... well, to bask in the reality that **he is here**.

Some of the things that Jesus said are easily understood as intentional exaggerations to make a point (“If your eye is a cause of sin to you, pluck it out” was Jesus' way of saying that it matters deeply, so turn your eye away now!), and, some idiosyncratic, private (and thus false) interpretations apart, the Church has always understood that Jesus meant what he said. When he said, “This is my Body, this is my Blood” **he meant exactly what he was saying**. He had prepared the way for this central teaching by his uncompromising words about our need to eat the bread of life that is his body (John 6). And he followed through by opening the eyes of the disciples “in the breaking of the bread.” Catholics will never compromise about the reality that the bread is changed in its substance (but not in any of the superficial aspects, like taste, color, smell, weight, crumbs, etc). Catholics are the Christians who believe that Christianity without this sacrament is missing an essential element. We wouldn't be Catholics, we wouldn't be the Church, without the Holy Eucharist. In fact, life without this sacrament is missing an essential element.

If a piece of bread has become God's body, it remains God's body. So we don't put leftovers of Holy Communion back in the breadbox, or down the disposal. Knowing that it remains adorable, we put it into the special place where we can be reminded **to continue to adore**, the tabernacle. And we put the tabernacle in a very noticeable place where the adoration of the Eucharist can go on all the time, where it is before everybody's eyes.

If the consecrated host is bread that has been so offered and so changed, then somehow **the entire world we live in has been touched**. In this world around us, there is God, truly present. The church building I worship in is God's own house, not a multi-purpose room. A tiny portion of all the bread I eat in a day is Jesus; a tiny particle of the material reality I can see every day is the Lord himself. The world is profoundly—and beautifully – different because of it.

God wants me **to be nourished by his own self**. Not just figuratively, but in my body itself. That is so that I can come **to share in his divine life**. To prepare for this, I can come and gaze on the Eucharist here present and contemplate his being here. To follow up on this nutrition I can come and **gaze some more and let it sink in** that something wonderful – something world-changing — has happened.

If our church were a meeting hall, a multi-purpose room, we would keep it locked up when the meeting wasn't going on. Since it is where God dwells among us and where he wants us to **come and learn his friendship**, we keep it a **temple of prayer**, all the time, even right after Mass. And we keep it open as much as possible for you and me to come and pray.

**Come let us adore!**

— Father Kessler

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