



Minute of Mercy

Last Supper and Holy Communion

“But I want to tell you that eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity.” (Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary #1811)

As stated in last week’s Minute of Mercy, the Holy Priesthood was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper. Christ girded Himself with a white linen cloth, to give an example to the Apostles to be “a servant of servants” with humility and gentleness to all. It was also to remind them of mortification and teach mutual charity, which would greatly influence the souls to whom they preach. It is through our priests that they have been given the power to call upon and make present the Real Presence of Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Because of the gravity of their vocation and mission given to them, we must always remember to pray for our priests. They need our prayers to hold them up and sustain them so they do not fall into fatigue, discouragement, or complacency.

Holy Communion emerged from the depths of Jesus’ unfathomable love and mercy for us. It is considered the Sacrament of Love. Love itself desired to endure the Passion and Cross, to atone for our sins and appease the Divine Justice of the Father for our salvation. In Holy Communion, when we dispose our souls to reflect on Calvary represented to us, we can unite ourselves more closely to Him and experience heavenly delights now here on earth, and more fully throughout eternity.

“If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things: one is the receiving of Holy Communion, and the other is suffering.” (St. Faustina, Diary 1804)

“The Seraphim who stand closest to Him cover their faces and repeat unceasingly: Holy, Holy, Holy.” (St. Faustina, Diary, 1805)

Let us reflect on this next time we’re at Mass, when we assist in our worship and adoration along with the priest, through active participation in Holy Communion.

Mercy in Action

*This week’s **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to pray for all priests and for more to hear the call of a vocation to the priesthood.*