

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

First Reading: Dt 8: 2-3, 14b-16a;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20;

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10: 16-17;

Gospel Reading: Jn 6: 51-58.

THEME: Becoming Eucharistic People.

Dear people of God, the readings for the solemn feast of the Body and Blood of Christ speak about how God feeds his people in mysterious ways at the time of Moses in the desert, in the Early Church, and now. Christ made provisions for our spiritual nourishments. He feeds our souls. Today we celebrate the means by which He feeds us spiritually through material means. Christ gives us the most precious food; the food that gives eternal life.

Through the communion, we are joined to the body of Christ and share in his divine life. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, it is common-union with Him. Communion is a close union; it means to be one with another person; to share something in common. In this sacrament, Christ shows a new way of entering into a close relationship with God; because God shares his precious Son with us. That is why the Church is the Body of Christ; the mystical, spiritual Body of Christ.

Our Christian life ought to be thanksgiving. St. Ambrose said the first duty of every Christian should be thanksgiving. Secondly, our lives ought to be giving others something material and spiritual to eat and drink in imitation of Christ. Celebrating the Eucharist (even remotely or virtually) should always be very exciting. We are invited to make special efforts in participating better by singing, listening attentively, responding to the prayers, and carrying the joy of the Eucharist to others. So that Christian families become families that pray together and eat together in the example of the Eucharistic banquet.

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