

Homily: Corpus Christi Sunday June 6th 2021

Introduction:

Today is traditionally called Corpus Christi Sunday. It is the feast of the Eucharist, what is popularly called the Mass, which we are celebrating here now.

Our Scriptures today look at three different dimensions of the Mass,-- POWER __ PRESENCE __ AND Promise.

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When I come to Church I don't have to hope that Christ will be here. --He is! His presence does not depend on my mood,--the degree of my faith--or-- whether I am in the state of grace. Christ is truly here. The Eucharist is the place of presence. In every Catholic Church there will always be a tabernacle. It is the abiding presence of Christ in all my joys and sorrows-- with me always in my life journey .The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Christ's presence.

The Mass is the place of PROMISE.--Remember when I receive Holy Communion I am promised by Christ -- I will be one with Christ someday-- face to face.

The Eucharist is also a place of PROMISE by me,-- to be faithful,-- to be loyal to Christ-- and his Church. If I receive Holy Communion on the MY TONGUE,-- I am promising CHRIST,---

my tongue will not lie ---DECEIVE,--- Slander ---gossip---or speak in an un-Christian way.

If I receive Holy Communion in my HAND I am promising CHRIST that I will not turn my hands to violence ---or destruction but-- will use my hands to build up the kingdom of God.

When I receive Holy Communion on my tongue or in my hand, -- both eloquent---and ancient gestures of commitment,I am making a recommitment to Christ ,-- a renewal of my Christian identity. So when I say “AMEN”-- I am not only making an affirmation of FAITH (I believe),--- but I am also making a promise--- to follow Christ faithfully .--- The Mass is my place of promise,-- God’s promise to me of future glory ,--- my promise of fidelity.

The Eucharist is the greatest gift I have on earth. It comes from the very hand of Christ. If I keep close to the Mass, to the Eucharist, wherever I am , I will always be close to Christ.

AMEN.