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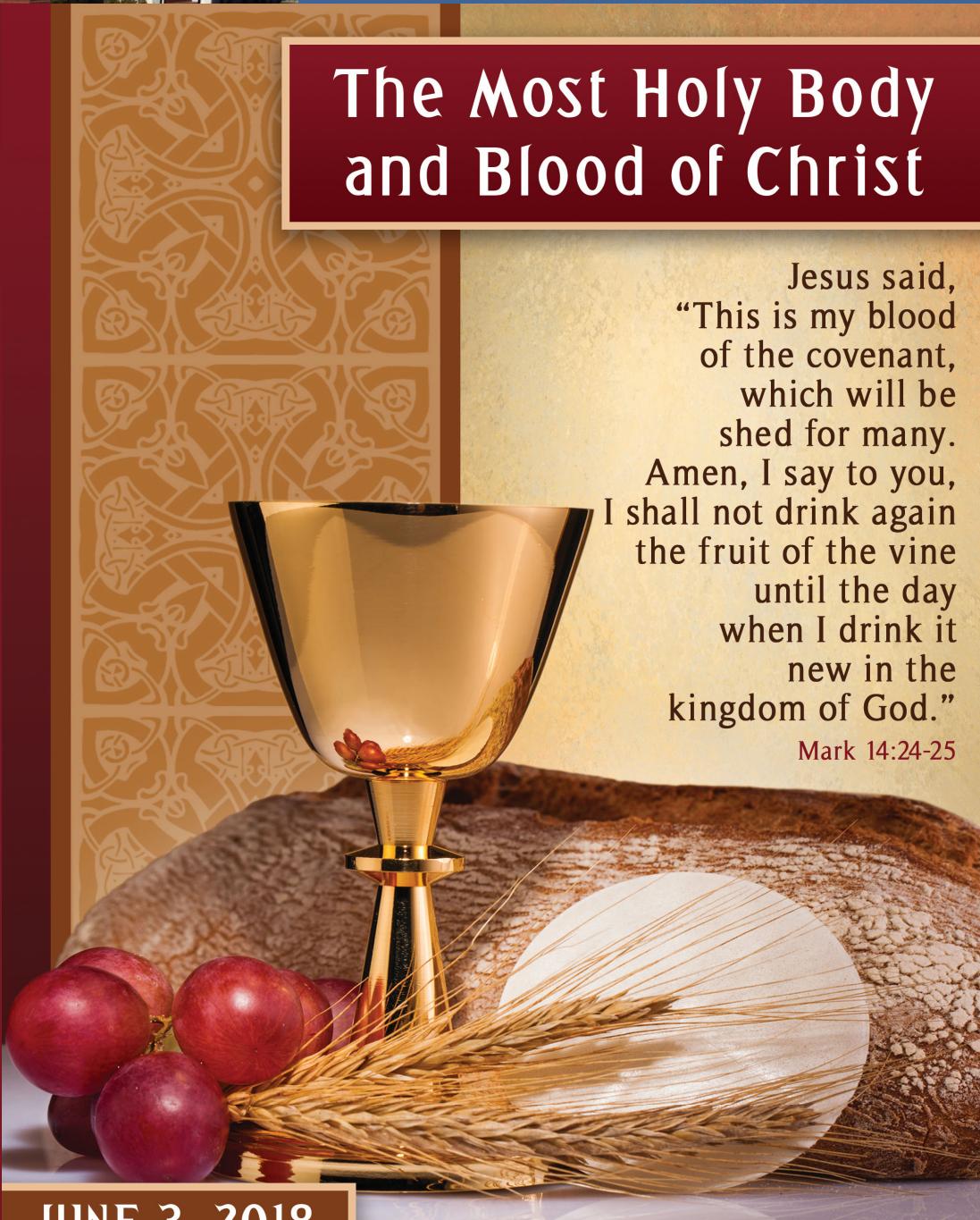
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Jesus said,
“This is my blood
of the covenant,
which will be
shed for many.
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I shall not drink again
the fruit of the vine
until the day
when I drink it
new in the
kingdom of God.”

Mark 14:24-25



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Cross My Heart

The Catechism tells us that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of the Christian life (CCC, 1324). All of the other sacraments point toward the reality of what the Eucharist really is: the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord. What a tremendous and humbling gift to receive the Creator into our hearts and souls. Today we will delve into the Scriptures surrounding this great mystery.

First Reading Reflection

Exodus 24:3–8

This scene from Exodus takes place after the Israelites who fled Egypt have arrived at Mt. Sinai. Shortly after they arrived, God presented an initial invitation through Moses to the elders of the people. Now the Lord has presented the terms of the covenant to Moses as mediator, with the other leaders nearby (see Exodus 24:1). At last Moses presents the covenant with its terms—the Law—to the people. It is something like a formal, royal proposal of marriage. The people give their unanimous consent.

Moses then continues with the process of ratifying the covenant. He writes it all down and then prepares the celebration. It begins with burnt offerings, symbolic of complete commitment and union. Then half the blood from the sacrifices is sprinkled upon the Lord’s altar and the covenant is read aloud again. This is analog-

ous to the pronouncement of marriage vows—The Law is important, but only because it outlines the way that the members of the family of God should act. The people pronounce their formal consent and the other half of the blood is sprinkled on them. The shared blood suggests the new shared life. On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Mother Church invites us to recall



the centrality of the Mass, our new covenant celebration where what was foreshadowed by the Old Covenant ceremony takes place in fact.

Second Reading Reflection

Hebrews 9:11–15

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author exhorts the hearers to stay strong in faith. Interestingly, the letter centers around the priesthood of Christ, who is shown as the prime example and

indeed the author of faithfulness. The letter is also a beautiful example of typology, where the events and persons of the Old Testament are shown to be fulfilled in the life of Christ and his Church. Through this method of interpretation, Jesus is shown to possess a unique, unending priesthood. He is, moreover, the priest of the New Covenant, which brings about for the people a more perfect union with God (see Hebrews 8:6). Just as the High Priest of the Mosaic Law would enter into the Holy of Holies once a year to offer a sin offering of blood, so Christ, through his Death and Resurrection, entered once for all into the presence of God, restoring sinful humanity to grace.

This chapter of Hebrews specifically recalls the events recounted in the First Reading from Exodus. It explains that the action of Moses with the blood was an act of purification, but only externally. The Blood of Christ, however, effects a real spiritual transformation. We can take comfort in such a high priest, who has both human sympathy and divine power to forgive sin.

Gospel Reflection

Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

Mark’s account of the Last Supper is interwoven with references to the Passover. The chapter opens with the leaders of the Jews in Jerusalem planning to put Jesus to death. The time is two days before Passover, when devout Jews were likely selecting

the sacrificial lamb for the Passover meal.

The feast of Unleavened Bread, which coincides with the feast of Passover, arrives.

The account of the meal itself is brief, but telling. There is no mention of the Passover lamb, highlighting that Jesus himself is the sacrificial offering. And the meal is not concluded in the traditional way with a final cup of wine. Instead, a new covenant has been established with the Blood of the Christ (fulfilling the covenant we read about in the first reading). But the new Passover feast is not finished, for after giving the cup of his Blood, Jesus says he is not going to drink anymore until he drinks anew in the Kingdom of God. Then they sing a hymn and set out to the Garden of Gethsemane. The sacrificial celebration continues to Calvary, uniting both symbol and reality.

Anima Christi Prayer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me and bid me come unto thee That with thy saints I may praise thee forever and ever. Amen.

Discussion

Watch the short video reflection on StMichael.FORMED.org by Dr. Scott Powell.

How has Christ touched you through the Sacrament of the Eucharist?

What can you do at Mass to enter into the mystery of the Eucharist more deeply?

Eucharistic Miracles

It can be hard for us to comprehend that Jesus Christ is present,

Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in a small piece of bread. This surpasses our human understanding. However, there have been several reported miracles where the Eucharist has transformed into flesh or blood, revealing the truth of this sacrament. One of the most famous of these miracles was in the 700s in Lanciano, Italy. A monk was doubting the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as he consecrated the host in Mass. In his hands and before his eyes, the precious host turned into flesh and blood. Jesus was indeed present. We don't all get to experience a Eucharistic miracle in this way, but ask Jesus to open the eyes of your heart the next time you are at Mass to see him there, fully present, on the altar.

Come to the Large Hall next weekend, Saturday and Sunday anytime between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm to view the Vatican Approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. Plan to spend a few minutes in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel after.

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Mass

Intentions

Saturday 6/2

8:30am The Moriarty Family
5:00pm Eric Santin
7:00pm Dominic Stanley

Sunday 6/3

6:45am Thomas Heise †
8:00am Jaime Algarne †
9:30am Steve Hawkins
Herbert Quick †
11:00am Fernando Castro †
12:30pm Jose Luis Olguin
6:00pm Mary Milne †

Monday 6/4

8:30am Michael D'Andrea Diaz †
Kenny Dayton

Tuesday 6/5

8:30am Sonia More & Justwant †

Wednesday 6/6

8:30am Richard J. Gandolfo
7:00pm Guillermina Rodriguez †
Melanie Maher †

Thursday 6/7

8:30am Maya & Sierra Rivera

Friday 6/8

8:30am Ramona & Jaime Batalla †
Ramos & Zaczek Families

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.

The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.



Prayer

Jesus knows that we hunger and thirst for more in this life. What do you find yourself hungry for? At the root of all of our longings is a thirst for God. Only in Christ will our hunger be satisfied and our thirst quenched. Jesus offers himself to us today so that we may experience this satisfaction and incredible intimacy with him.

Spend a few minutes allowing the miracle that takes place each Sunday to resonate in your heart and mind. Jesus Christ makes himself food to nourish you and become one with you.

How do you respond to his desire to be close to you? Are you grateful or indifferent? How does Jesus want you to receive him?

Resolution

What longing or restlessness in your life does Jesus want to satisfy with himself? Look to Jesus this week to fill your search for something more. Make time to go to daily Mass one day and pray for the grace to be filled with Jesus.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of rejoicing for all those who received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation this Easter Season.

For the repose of the soul of Margaret E. Johnson.

Please send your prayer requests to
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

Livermore Knights are California's Council of the Year

Earning Top Awards at Annual State Convention

The Livermore Knights of Columbus were honored as the California Council of the Year during the annual State Convention at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento on Saturday, May 19. In a competitive field of 576 councils, the Livermore Knights earned top awards in almost all categories. Council Chaplain, Fr. Mark Wiesner, earned the coveted Father Juan Perez Award as Best Chaplain in Northern California. Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey, a retired Navy Submarine Captain, received the Knight of the Year Award from a field of 75,000 Knights statewide.

Both Fr. Mark and Captain Tom

were humbled and honored by this wonderful recognition. They were eager to bring the numerous awards back to Livermore and present them to the Knights and their families that did all the hard work. The Grand Knight said "The fantastic Livermore Knights evangelize their faith through meaningful works that support their church, their community, and their country. This past year, they did 3 – 6 events every single week. Some were big, some were small; but all were for the benefit of others. It was a privilege to lead them in these endeavors and guide them to the recognition they truly deserve."



Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey and wife Karen with California Knight of the Year Award

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By sharing your time, talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers and our Church of the East Bay, you are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to you. By embracing *Lighting the Way* through the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay. For most of us, our experience of Church is at our parish. The Church is, however, much more than that. We are all called in mission to serve the Church and its people through our parish, our diocese and universally.

Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend is Next Weekend

The Annual Bishop's Appeal in the Diocese of Oakland is but one way to serve our fellow parishioners and the broader community as we demonstrate our unity as Catholics of the Diocese of Oakland. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, our clergy and leadership, for those who are served by the many ministries and programs offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.

Every member of the faith community of our local Church is also asked to participate in whatever way possible by making a gift. All gifts to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal are equally important. As responsible stewards of our faith and the

many gifts that God has generously bestowed on each of us, we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond. Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by Lighting and participated in our annual Bishop's Appeal.

While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to thousands of individuals each year.

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Readings: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

Suggestion:

Make a Holy Hour commitment, an hour each week to spend in quiet, peaceful prayer in the Adoration Chapel. To sign up, email

Adoration
@StMichaelLivermore.com

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface

Readings: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Events:

Stroller Walk Playgroup at 10 am at Bothwell Park on 8th Street. Bring your little ones, meet other Catholic families and have some fun!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

St. Norbert

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Events:

Heroes of the Faith online summer study begins. Videos from Bishop Robert Barron's study series will be sent via email weekly through August 22. Sign up at Adult@StMichaelLivermore.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Readings: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Events:

Catholic Daughters organizational meeting to accept new members and elect officers at 5:30 pm in the Education Center Conference Room (St Michael School Room 24).

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Amen.

-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Readings: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 -- 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Events:

Traditional Latin Mass at 8:00 am,

Eucharistic Miracles of the World on both Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 in the Large Hall from 8 am to 8 pm.



Golden Friends Casino Trip

Tues, June 12

Come and play at Jackson Rancheria! We will depart St. Michael's at 8:45 am and return approximately 4:15 pm. The price is only \$25 per person and includes round trip bus fare, \$20 free play and driver's gratuity. To sign up, contact Wilma at 925-447-8198 or wilma.matuska@gmail.com

Date Night Presents: Dare to Be Happy

Sat, June 16 at 6:30 pm

Engaged and married couples are invited to a potluck dinner in the Large Hall followed by an engaging talk on the "Radical Way of the Beatitudes" by Margaret M. Turek, S.T.D, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at St. Patrick's Seminary. This is a great place to meet other couples and strengthen your relationship!

Childcare is available with RSVP to StMichaelDateNight@gmail.com

Summer Adoration Sign Ups

With longer days, kids off school and college students home, schedules are different in the summer. Why not schedule an hour each week to sit in the presence of the Lord in the Adoration Chapel? An hour of serenity with Jesus each week will change your life!

Adoration
StMichaelLivermore.com

St Michael School Trunk Sale

**CLEAN OUT THE CLUTTER!
June 16 from 8 am - 2 pm**

Do you have any unwanted items cluttering up your home? Or, do you simply want to earn a little extra cash? Pack your car and head on down to the Trunk Sale (a.k.a. Flea Market)!

Visit smsliv.org/trunksale for details or the St. Michael School office to register.

Vacation Bible Camp

**June 25-29 from 9:15 am-12:15 pm
In the Church & School**

Come to enjoy a fun-filled week exploring the Our Father! Through songs, skits, prayer and crafts students will learn that God Listens, God Provides, God Forgives, God Guides and Priests Serve God.

Info and registration at
[StMichaelLivermore.com/
FaithFormation](http://StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation)

The Monthly Grief Support Group

Sat, June 16

A monthly support group facilitated by Claire La Scola meets in the St. Ignatius Room in the Keeley Center at St Charles, from 10:00-11:30 AM. This group is a safe place to share your grief experience with others who understand. If you have not attended before, please contact Claire at clairelascola@gmail.com or call her at 925-447-9800.

Summer Office Hours

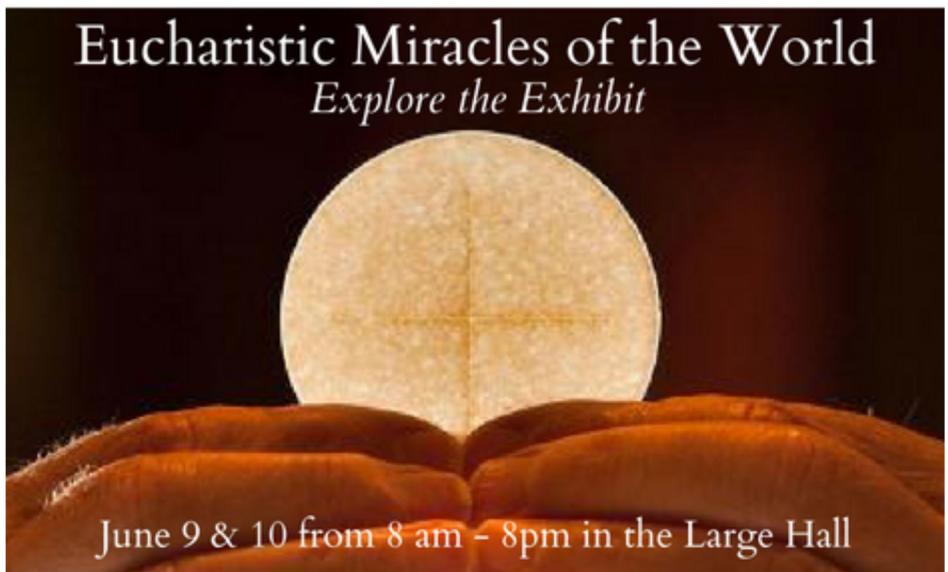
Church and Faith Formation

Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 am - 3 pm during July only.

Faith Formation hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm, June 1 through August 27.

Many questions can be answered by visiting the parish website at StMichaelLivermore.com

Eucharistic Miracles of the World
Explore the Exhibit



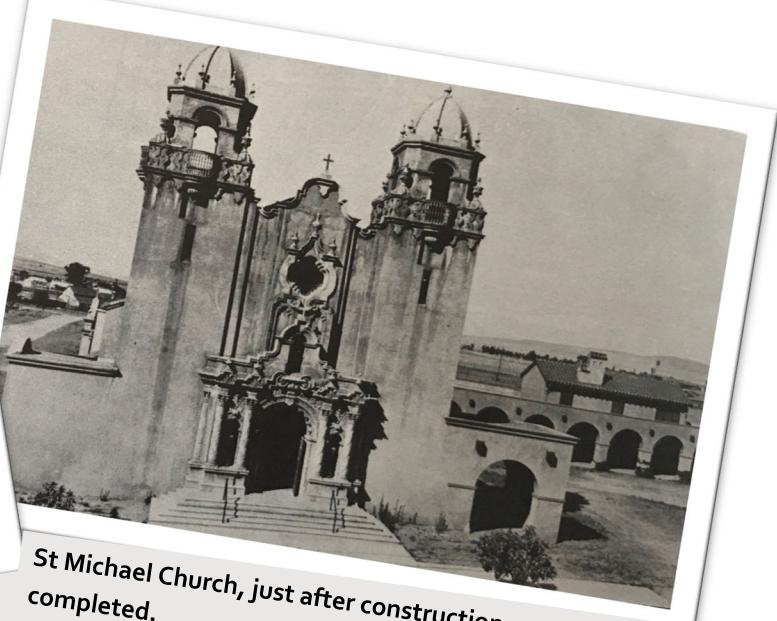
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EL MISTERIO DE LA EUCHARISTÍA

¿Por qué es tan especial la Eucaristía para los católicos?

Aun cuando a simple vista solo parece ser pan y vino, es en realidad la “fuente y cumbre” de la vida cristiana. *Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía* explora la verdad y la belleza de la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía, desde sus orígenes en la Sagrada Escritura, hasta su profundo rol en la vida de la Iglesia y sus miembros. Es el crescendo de la Historia de Salvación.

¡**Presencia: El Misterio de la Eucaristía** está disponible en StMichael.FORMED.org

Sesión 1: Dios está Con Nosotros

Sesión 2: La Historia de la Eucaristía

Sesión 3: Pan para el Camino

Episodios Adicional

PRECIOSA SANGRE

En esta solemnidad centramos nuestra atención al Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Escuchamos el relato de renovación de la antigua alianza, la cual Moisés selló rociando la sangre de animales en el altar de sacrificio, así como en las personas. Jesús, cuya sangre es la sangre de la nueva alianza, derramó esa preciosa sangre en la cruz para salvarnos del pecado y prometernos la vida eterna. La sangre es la fuente de vida que fluye por nuestro cuerpo. La preciosa sangre de Cristo es la fuente de vida de nuestro espíritu. Que hoy, como el salmista, ofrezcamos un sacrificio de agradecimiento al Señor, cuyo cuerpo y sangre nos fortalecen para llevar la Buena Nueva a todos los que conocemos.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos creemos que Jesucristo está físicamente presente en el pan y el vino consagrado durante la Misa. Esta creencia es tan antigua como nuestra Iglesia, pero fue solo en el siglo XIII que los cristianos comenzaron a venerar la presencia sacramentada de Jesús en la hostia. Fue durante esta época que nació la fiesta de Corpus Christi o la actual celebración del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Muchas comunidades cristianas

celebran esta fiesta con procesiones y cantos en honor al Santísimo Sacramento del altar.

Recuerdo que en Texas el pueblo méxicoamericano cantaba: "Bendito, bendito, bendito sea Dios, / los ángeles cantan y alaban a Dios (2x). Yo creo Dios mío que estás en el altar / oculto en la hostia ten vengo adorar (2x)". Este canto enfatiza la verdadera presencia de Jesús en el pan consagrado, pero

sus cantores ignoran el hecho que nosotros también fuimos consagrados en el Bautismo; consagrados para "alter Cristus" (otro Cristo) en el vecindario. En un mundo donde menos gente asiste a Misa el único Corpus Christi que la mayoría de la gente secularizada verá es tu cuerpo. Ojalá podamos comportarnos como buenos testigos de la fe y que proclamemos "bendito, bendito" siempre y en todo lugar.

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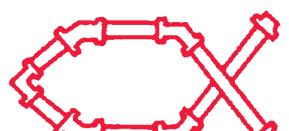


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5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

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Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

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Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

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9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

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