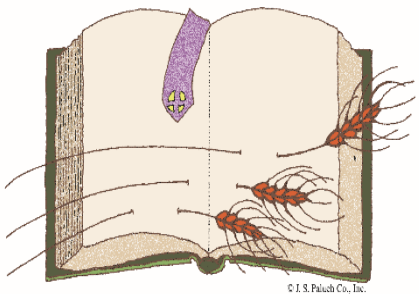


THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 14, 2020

Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

— *Deuteronomy 8:3b*



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FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (*Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a*).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (*Psalm 147*).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

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- Eddie Jennings, V.A. Rehab Cameron
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MASS TIMES

Must wear mask at all times – to attend.

SUNDAY:

- 8:00 a.m. (Live)
- 10:00 a.m. (Live and Recorded)

WEDNESDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. (Live and Recorded)

TRANSFORMATION

The effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope St. Leo the Great

We all partake of the one loaf



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TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (*John 6:51-58*).



The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day
- Monday:** Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day; Summer begins

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST**

Corpus Christi

(Lect. 167 – Year A)

Twice in today's first reading Moses points out to the Chosen People that manna, the bread from heaven that sustained them in the desert, was previously an "unknown" food, foreign to them and their ancestor (Deuteronomy 8:3, 16). For their journey to a new land, the Promised Land, God provided a new food. This was possible, since God is the source of all creation. Jesus creates a new food as well, transforming bread and wine into his body and blood. Like manna, it will sustain us on a journey, this time on a journey to eternal life.

With the Israelites' journey, the sustenance is not just in the bread, but in God's promise. Jesus promises the crowd that by eating his flesh and drinking his blood, they will have life within them. Paul refers to the fellowship created by breaking bread with others in that a bond between God and the Chosen People.

In the Eucharist, it creates a bond between us and him whom we consume. Moreover, it creates a bond with each other as well. Jesus truly is our bread come down from heaven.

What are the implications of the bond we make with God and each other when we share together in the Eucharist?

SAINT ROMUALD

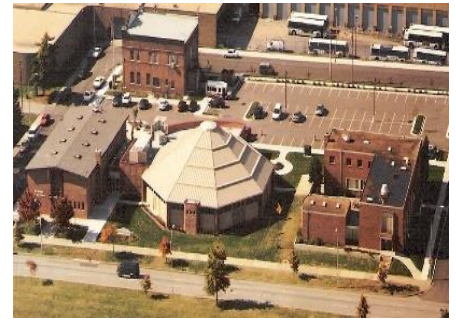
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June 19

"God so loved the world," declares John 3:16. "Do not love the world," warns 1 John 2:15. The "world" to love: this planet, entrusted to our stewardship, and its people, God's children all. The "world" to flee: "sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life" (1 John 2:16). Born in nobility, Romuald's conversion followed the shock of witnessing his father murder an enemy. Renouncing his privileged world, Romuald sought God's world in monastic life. Its winding turns and several dead ends make Romuald's journey resonate with all who find life more maze than superhighway. Both the hermit's solitary struggle and community life's unique challenges shaped Romuald's legacy: his vast Camaldolese Benedictine family of monks, nuns, and lay associates who, these thousand years later, from the mountain solitude of Camaldoli, Italy to an urban monastery in Berkeley, California—in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe—integrate Romuald's experience into their witness of solitary prayer, communal charity and worship, and promotion of contemplative spirituality in this world that can so easily distract us from the God who loves it still.

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FORWARD IN FAITH



Thanks to everyone who is participating in our "Forward in Faith" Campaign. The campaign is to take care of our accumulated diocesan assessment arrears and build reserves for our parish. Thanks to many of you, who took time to fill in pledge cards. More pledge cards are available in the pews. **Please take time to fill one out and drop it in the collection basket.** If you have any question, please don't hesitate to approach one of our Stewardship Committee members, for clarification.

Your **2020** Annual Tithing Envelopes also include "Forward in Faith" Envelopes. **Please use the Forward in Faith envelopes toward the campaign.**

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **29,948.31**, and **\$120,051.69**, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful.

God bless you all.

Fr. Leonard

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the heart of today's solemnity is a eucharistic procession, held in many parishes, that calls to mind the procession of Holy Thursday, yet has a purpose different from the somber adoration in the night watch. In the late Middle Ages, a procession through the city with the Blessed Sacrament was an occasion of heartfelt joy and great emotion. In a time when people seldom approached the altar to receive Holy Communion, the procession through the streets, past homes and workplaces, was a vibrant reminder that Christ was with them as a dear companion and guide.

Every year on this day, a joyful procession winds through the streets of Rome from the Lateran cathedral. A few years ago, Pope John Paul II, deeply moved at the sight of the throng accompanying the sacred host, said that we ought to feel profoundly united with the faithful everywhere in the world at such a moment. "Before our mind's eye all the Churches of the world, from East to West, from North to South, are present." Originally this feast was on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but after the calendar reform of 1970, its title was expanded from "Corpus Christi" to "The Body and Blood of Christ" and in the United States it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Even though Easter season ended two weeks ago, this beautiful feast is aglow with Easter light.

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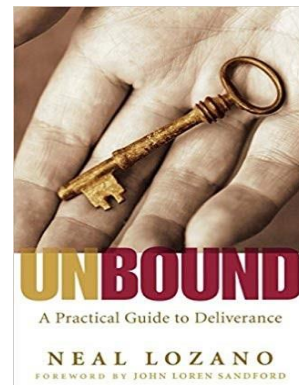
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4. Taking authority over the works of Satan.
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