

“The Real Presence”

The consecrated Bread and Wine is “the whole Christ, truly, really substantially contained.” Although the Eucharist retains the appearance of bread and wine, it has become the Body and Blood Christ. This mystery of faith is called “transubstantiation.” According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the bread and wine “by the words of Christ and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit becomes Christ’s Body and Blood.” The Eucharist presence of Christ begins at the moment of consecration and endures as long as the bread and wine remain. Christ is fully present in each of the Eucharistic elements.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, belief in the Real Presence is not a matter of science, but of faith based on divine authority. The *Catechism* makes a similar point. “The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: ‘This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?’ The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. ‘Will you also go away?: the Lord’s question echoes through the ages as a loving invitation to discover that only He has ‘the words of eternal life’ and that to receive in faith the gift of His Eucharist is to receive the Lord Himself.”

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be His most Sacred Heart. Blessed be His most precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception. Blessed be her glorious Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in His angels and His saints.

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We would like to wish Bob & Dolores Aiken a Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary! Blessings for many more happy years