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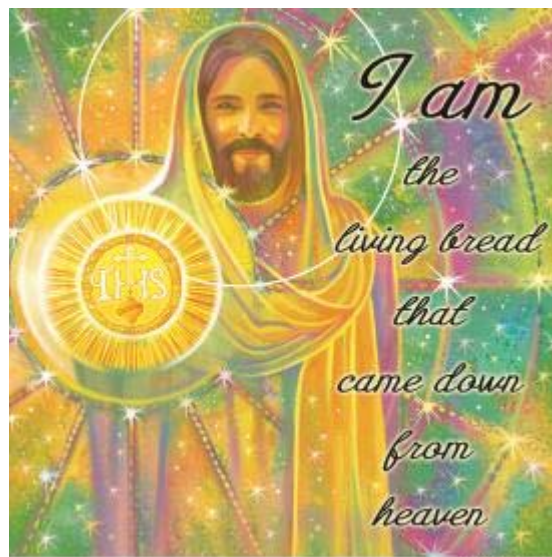
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FOOD FROM HEAVEN

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.



ALIMENTO CELESTIAL

Dios sustentó al pueblo de Israel por cuarenta años en el desierto con maná venido del cielo, y Moisés no quiere que lo olviden. Dios hizo brotar agua de la roca para que bebieran, y Moisés tampoco quiere que olviden esto. Y Moisés se lo dice —dos veces—que el alimento que Dios envió era comida que ni ellos ni sus antepasados jamás habían probado antes.

Jesús, también habla del pan venido del cielo, comida que el pueblo judío jamás había probado antes. Recordando el maná del desierto, Jesús tampoco quiere que ellos lo olviden, explicándoles que él es pan y bebida para la vida eterna. Y Pablo les reitera a los corintios y a todos nosotros que en el pan y en la copa participamos en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ. ©LPi

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Formed.org from Augustine Institute. Formed.org is an embracing, exciting website with Catholic content for faith formation, including movies, audios, and books. This information is also available in Spanish. Formed .org is a digital streaming service that CTK is offering to all its parishioners. Please take the time to sign up.

To register for FORMED.org:

1. Go to formed.org/signup; click the 3rd button: I belong to a parish or organization
2. Select your parish: Enter zip 89118 and select Christ the King from the dropdown menu
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Christ The King ahora tiene un recurso maravilloso

Formed.org del Instituto Agustín. Formed.org es un sitio web emocionante con contenido católico para la formación de la fe, que incluye películas, audios y libros. Esta información también está disponible en español. Formed .org es un servicio de transmisión digital que CTK ofrece a todos sus feligreses. Por favor, tómese el tiempo para registrarse.

Registrarse en FORMED.org:

1. Vaya a formed.org/signup; haga clic en el tercer botón: pertenezco a una parroquia u organización
2. Seleccione su parroquia: ingrese el código postal 89118 y seleccione Christ The King del menú desplegable
3. Regístrese con su nombre y dirección de correo electrónico
4. Verifique esa cuenta de correo electrónico para ver si hay un enlace para comenzar a usar FORMED

EUCHARIST: WHAT IS IT? OR SHOULD I SAY WHO IS IT?

The Catholic Church has always believed and taught that Jesus Christ is really, truly present in the sacrament of the Eucharist. This makes the sacrament of the Eucharist the greatest of all sacraments. Here's how the Catechism puts it: "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (#1374).

That means that the Eucharist is not just a symbol of Christ's presence. A symbol points to a reality, like the paschal lamb in the Old Testament pointed towards the lamb of God in the New Testament, Jesus Christ, or like an exit sign on the freeway points towards a road or a town. Most non-Catholic Christians (and I am sad to say many Catholics too) believe that the Eucharist is like that, just a symbol of Christ's presence, not the real thing. But as Catholics we know that Christ is not just symbolically present in the Eucharist, he is truly, really present. (Orthodox Christians also believe this.) That's what makes the Eucharist a sacrament, instead of just a symbol.

This is why St Paul, in today's Second Reading, calls Holy Communion a "participation" in the body and blood of Christ. And this is why Jesus himself, in today's Gospel Reading, repeats six times - **SIX times** - in just seven verses, that his flesh is real food and his blood is real drink. Every time an ordained priest pronounces the words of consecration at Mass - when he says "this is my body... this is my blood" - Jesus himself, in a mysterious, sacramental way, becomes truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. This is what Jesus taught, and this is what Catholics have believed since the very dawn of the Church.

And so, every time Mass is celebrated, whether on a battlefield, in a hospital, in the jungle, or right here in our parish church, a real miracle occurs. Just as Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, at every Mass he turns bread and wine into his own body and blood. Only God can do that kind of thing - only God can perform miracles. That's why although we know that it happens, we don't understand exactly how it happens.

Theologians can only describe what happens. They call it "transubstantiation." This means that during the Mass, the substance of the bread and wine are changed into Christ's body and blood, but the appearance of bread and wine remains the same.

This miraculous presence of Christ explains why we give so much reverence to the Eucharist. We use precious metals for the vessels used at Mass. We decorate our churches with beautiful art, because here in the church building, in the box called the

tabernacle, our Lord is present, accompanying us and interceding for us in the Eucharist 24/7.

We celebrate first Holy Communion with splendor and joy. We always genuflect or bow when we cross in front of the tabernacle. Many churches hold processions every year in which the Eucharist is carried in honor through the streets of a city or a community. We try to dress respectfully when we come to Mass, because we are coming to worship and receive our Lord who will truly become present once again. We should not receive Holy Communion without having been to confession, if we have committed a mortal sin. Whenever we are inside the Church, we speak in a quiet tone of voice, out of respect for Christ's presence and out of courtesy towards those who wish to pray. We hold special hours of prayer and adoration of the Eucharist, to honor and thank our Lord, and to bring all our needs before him. We celebrate our Masses with beautiful music, beautiful vestments, incense, candles, and many other details that allow us to express our faith and gratitude to Christ who has loved us so much that he has decided to stay with us, really present in the Eucharist, until the end of time. All of this is part of our rich heritage as Catholic Christians, and it all flows from Christ's true presence in this sacrament.

Why did Jesus decide to give us the Eucharist? He wanted to extend his incarnation into every corner of the world, into every cranny of history. That's how much he loves us. We are human beings, body and soul, and so we need to feel Christ's presence not just spiritually, but also here- and-now, in this sacrament. He knew we would need a place, a real physical place, where we could go to speak to him, heart-to-heart, in good times and bad.

We also need Christ's own strength to help us fight bravely against temptations and stay faithful to God's will in our lives. Through the Eucharist, we are mysteriously present at the very sacrifice that Jesus made on Good Friday, and so at every Mass we can unite our own sufferings and sacrifices to his.

In today's First Reading, Moses reminded the Israelites of how God took care of them during their forty-year pilgrimage through the desert to the Promised Land. God fed them every day with manna from heaven - a miraculous food that kept them going. Just so, God feeds us with this bread of eternal life, so that we will grow stronger and stronger in our Christian faith, until we are strong enough to cross over into the eternal Promised Land of Heaven. Today, let's thank him for this amazing gift, and when we receive him in Holy Communion, let's promise him that we will never take it for granted, or let it go to waste.

Blessings,
Fr. Shawn

Parish Information

Book of Prayers: You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Book of Prayers, located as you enter the church.

Mass Intention: The suggested free will offering of each Mass intention is \$10 and will come with a card that has the name of your loved one and the date of the Mass. One intention per Mass is accepted unless two people share the same last name, husband and wife or father or mother, for example. For more information please come to the office to make your requests or call (702) 871-1904

Flowers Remembrance: The fresh flower arrangement at the altar are donated in remembrance of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate flowers, the offering is \$100. Your special intention will be printed in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office at (702) 871-1904 for details.

Prayer List: If you would like to add a name to our Prayer List, contact the parish office at (702) 871-1904 with the name of the person and how long you would like the person to remain on the list. If it is for an indefinite amount of time, please notify the parish office when you would like the name removed. Please note this list may not be in every bulletin.

Anointing of the Sick: If you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital please call (702) 871-1904 and listen to the prompts. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses. **If you are calling after hours please call (702) 871-1904 and push #4.**

Holy Communion for the Sick: If you are homebound, please call the front office at (702) 871-1904 to coordinate a visit with an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion (you may have to provide them with the number of the parish).

Funerals: In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact Fr. Shawn or a member of our staff who will talk to you directly as soon as possible at (702) 871-1904. Please be aware that a Catholic Mass can only be celebrated within a Church and not at a mortuary.

Confession: Confessions are every Saturday from 8:45 until 9:30am or if the line is finished (whichever comes first) or by appointment. Confessions in Spanish depends on the priest.

Baptism: Please contact parish at 702 871-1904, at least 3 months in advance to arrange for preparation program. Parents and Godparents must complete program before baptism can be scheduled.

Marriage: Contact the parish office 8-12 months in advance. Call Deacon Jacob for details of the 6-month preparation program. For annulments also call Deacon Jacob Favela - (702) 871-1904

Other Sacramental questions:

First Communion • Reconciliation • Confirmation
Please call our Faith Formation Department
Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in earning more about the Catholic faith.
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Activity Center Room 5.
Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

Welcome Home

A welcoming process for Catholics who have been away or for adults who need to be confirmed. Fr. Shawn will be teaching this class. Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

Other Information

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (702) 385-2662
Emergency Assistance (702) 383-2291
Catholic Charities Adoption (702) 385-3351

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Javier & Maria Lopez (702) 243-5934

GriefSHARE - Help and healing for those who have lost a loved one. Find a meeting near you ~ griefshare.org

Ministry to Homebound

Mel Kleinschmit (702) 871-1904

HELP & HEALING

Al-Anon - Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Room 2

Hospital Ministry (702) 871-1904

Inch for Life - Help available for unwanted pregnancies
Pro Life Office (702) 212-6472

Knights of Columbus - Al Wagner (702) 800-5965

Manna Cupboard Food Pantry (702) 871-1904

Marriage Encounter - Tom & Vickie (702) 379-2395

Project Rachel - Post Abortion Ministry (702) 737-1672

Retrouvaille - Help for troubled marriages (702) 812-8873

Social Concerns Board - Deals with parish outreach and social justice issues (702) 871-1904

Small Church Communities - Beth (702) 871-1904

Spiritual Direction - Jane Fransioli, BA.

Please call parish office to schedule an appointment with Jane (702) 871-1904

Southern Nevada Resource Center - Pro-Life counseling & ministry to the unwed mother (702) 366-1247

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