

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today, in Italy and in other countries, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Domini. The Gospel of the liturgy today tells us about the Last Supper (Mk 14:12-26), during which the Lord performs a gesture of handing over: in fact, in the broken bread and in the chalice offered to the disciples, it is He who gives Himself for all humanity, and offers Himself for the life of the world.

In that gesture of Jesus who breaks the bread, there is an important aspect that the Gospel emphasizes with the words "he gave it to them" (v. 22). Let us fix these words in our heart: *he gave it to them*. Indeed, the Eucharist recalls first and foremost the dimension of the gift. Jesus takes the bread not to consume it by Himself, but to break it and give it to the disciples, thus revealing His identity and His mission. He did not keep life for Himself, but gave it to us; He did not consider His being as God a jealously-held treasure, but stripped Himself of His glory to share our humanity and let us enter eternal life (cf. Phil 2:1-11). Jesus made a gift of His entire life. Let us remember this: Jesus made a gift of His entire life.

Let us understand, then, that that celebrating the Eucharist and eating this Bread, as we do especially on Sundays, is not an act of worship detached from life or a mere moment of personal consolation; we must always remember that Jesus took the bread, *broke it and gave it to them* and, therefore, communion with Him makes us capable of also becoming bread broken for others, capable of sharing what we are and what we have. Saint Leo the Great said: 'Our participation in the body and blood of Christ tends to make us become what we eat' (*Sermon XII on the Passion*, 7).

This, brothers and sisters, is what we are called to: to become what we eat, to become "Eucharistic", that is, people who no longer live for themselves (cf. Rm 14:7), no, in the logic of possession, of consumption, no, people who know how to make their own life a gift for others, yes. In this way, thanks to the Eucharist, we become prophets and builders of a new world: when we overcome selfishness and open ourselves up to love, when we cultivate bonds of fraternity, when we participate in the sufferings of our brothers and sisters and share bread and resources with those in need, when we make all our talents available, then we are breaking the bread of our life like Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves, then: do I keep my life only for myself, or do I give it like Jesus? Do I spend myself for others or am I closed within my own little self? And, in everyday situations, do I know how to share, or do I always seek my own interest?

May the Virgin Mary, who welcomed Jesus, bread descended from Heaven, and gave herself entirely together with Him, help us too to become a gift of love, united with Jesus in the Eucharist

Our Lady of Divine Providence

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XI SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

Confirmations: TBC(20 October, 2024).

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Today's Gospel seems to be about how the Church starts out as a little seed and grows by its inherit nature, that is, all by itself. This is clearly true and it's also true that anything good generally starts off small and somehow grows into something much larger. What is required is patience and a 'humble' faith that it is all up to the Lord to achieve anything. Oh, that we might all have such a humble faith.

There is, however, an underlying reference to the end of the world in the Gospel. In the first section about the seed growing all by itself there comes the Harvest. What is this harvest? It will be at the end of the world when God will send out His angels to reap the harvest. This made me think personally, about my own end and to wonder how I will be judged by the Lord. All the graces that He has given me and still I manage to complain! All the graces I have received and I continue to be ungrateful and demanding when things do not go my way. Just how lazy I can be and selfish and self-centered as well. Oh Lord, what's to be done? I hope you begin to see these things too and to have a little bit of apprehension, too, about the final judgment. What is the answer? To recognize your sinfulness and how deep it is, and then to throw yourself, full of trust, into the hands of the Lord, never doubting His immense mercy. Jesus Christ died a miserable death out of love, not so much as a sacrifice but to save us all. That is why in today's epistle from St. Paul he says, 'Yet we are courageous.' May this be our motto this week, to face ourselves with courage and never lose hope and faith in the Lord's immense love

Fr. Paul



HOW CAN WE SERVE GOD IN OUR CHURCH?

We are in need of increasing the number of Eucharist ministers.

If you would like to be part of this service to the church, please contact Fr. Orlando.

HOLY DOOR

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In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the

Parish Events June 16-23

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am and 12:30pm

- 04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
- 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
- 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
- 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
- 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday

- 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
- 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG

Tuesday

- 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
- 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG
- 07:00pm First English, Parish Hall
- 07:00pm Second English, SMG
- 07:00pm Spanish, Red Room

Wednesday St. Romuald

- 05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
- 05:30pm Mass in SMG
- 07:00pm Third English, SMG
- 07:00pm Fourth English, Red Room
- 07:00pm Fifth English, Blue Chapel
- 07:00pm Creole, Bl. Sacrament Chapel

Thursday

- 05:00pm Confessions near Holy Door
- 05:30pm Daily Mass SMG

Friday St. Aloysius Gonzaga

- 04:00pm Adoration, SMG
- 05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG

Saturday

- 05:30pm Mass in Church
- 07:00pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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The 6th graders presented their final history work to all the teachers, embodying the historical character that they presented.

The HFA students finished their final exams this week, working hard and enjoying the last days with their schoolmates. They are waiting for vacation and giving thanks to God for the year that is ending

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We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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SPLASH DAY!

Be part of our fun water day by contributing with any of the items in our list!

- Pop corn machine
- Pop Corn cups
- Bouncing house

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