Solemnity of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ — June 6, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

A birthday or wedding anniversary always calls for a celebration with all the members of the family especially gathered together for a festive meal. It is a joyful gathering, an expression of happiness of the entire family, commemorating a special event. The Eucharist is also a joyful family gathering, a sacred meal, for it is Christ's love feast. But it is more; it is a sacrificial meal, and it is not only a memorial of something which happened in the past, but in a special manner it makes the event present again.

When Jesus reclined at table with his disciples the night before he died, he took bread into his sacred hands and said: "Take and eat, this is my Body, which is given up for you" (1 Corinthians 11:24). This tells us very much, both that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist (which we call transubstantiation), and also why he is present, namely he is given up in sacrifice for our sake (which is now called transfinalization), for it tells the purpose of it all. Furthermore, Jesus is present in the Eucharist as our Food and Drink, to signify that in order to sustain us in the divine life we received in Baptism, he is the True Bread and the True Wine (which is now called transignification, for it gives the signification of the choice of bread and wine).

Jesus in the Eucharist sums up his entire life of living for others in the service of love. This sacrificial angle of the Eucharist is emphasized to the utmost in the simple words of the Greek original. Jesus crystallized in one marvelous mystery his entire life of oblation to the Father which manifested vividly the love that God bears towards humankind. God wills to give himself totally to "little man" through his beloved Son, vividly portrayed in the sacrament in the altar.

What can the sincere Christian do in the face of such love and such total commitment to the service of love? He or she ought to make a return of love. He or she will esteem highly the Eucharist, and this estimation will manifest itself by his or her fidelity to his or her participation in the Eucharistic celebrations above all on Sundays and holy days, whenever possible; also by a certain attraction towards the tabernacle that finds him or her before the Hidden God in odds moments of the day or evening.

We will benefit by the Eucharist if we realize it is the Bond of union between God and humankind, and between humankind and his or her fellow human being. Those who continue on with family quarrels or personal hatred of someone else, have never fully understood what the Eucharist is intended to be, and fail short of living a truly Christian life. Before receiving the Lord at mass, we are invited to give each other the sign of peace. That ought to be the sincere gesture of reconciliation if necessary, so that the same Lord can take up his abode in each Christian heart.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**June 8**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Wed.	**June 9**	**11:00AM**
Living Memorial		
Thur.	**June 10**	**11:00A**
Ginaville Villanueva		Lily Militar
Fri.	**June 11**	**11:00AM**
Donovan Lamento Salvana (Congratulations)		Ed & Mae
Sat.	**June 12**	**4:30PM**
Christina Quiapo		Mom & Dad
Sun.	**June 13**	**9:00AM**
Dana Martinez †		Mom
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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