



My Dear Parishioners,
 Praised be Jesus Christ!

In the Fall of 2011, there was a change in the English translation of the Mass. It was at that time that we went from “And also with you” to “And with your spirit”. This change reflected a more careful translation of the original Latin text which quite frankly was already present in other languages. One of the more subtle but significant changes was a translation change in the Creed. We went from saying “seen and unseen” to “visible and invisible”. Now, there’s a big difference there. Seen/Unseen refer to what our senses can perceive, but which may be blocked from view. Visible/ Invisible refers to something very different For instance, when you’re at Church, your TV remains unseen because you’re away from it. It’s still visible, just not seen. But angels and heaven, these are realities that are not merely unseen, they are actually invisible! And we do believe in invisible things. Why? Because God revealed them. He spoke of a Kingdom beyond this world, a Cloud of Witnesses, angels and so much more than what we now know! All of which God has prepared for us, His people, Alleluia! This is the foundation for Christian Hope! There is much more: Invisible realities that can be perceived by faith.

One such reality is the Eucharist which is the Sacrament of Faith. When I look at the Eucharist, I see bread. When I eat the Eucharist, I taste bread. When I hold the Eucharist, I feel bread. But it is NOT bread. It is the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. And this is not just what I believe, this is what the Church believes, teaches and has taught from the beginning. It’s a truth beyond the seen/unseen world; a reality that stretches into the visible and the invisible. Not unlike the divinity of Christ, his virginal birth and his resurrection! All of which the Church teaches, all of which are essential to the Faith, worthy of our “Amen” to if we are to be truly Christian.

Faith in the Eucharist involves an intellectual assent to what the Church teaches: That the Eucharist is not bread, a symbol, or even a holy object. It is Jesus, Himself. Faith in the Eucharist also involves a reverence for how we approach, treat and receive the Eucharist. These are two items that we need to affirm over and over again: right teaching and reverence. But faith in the Eucharist also involves trust. And that is a gift that is something that cannot be merely taught. Trust can only be invited.

As we celebrate CORPUS CHRISTI WEEKEND, as we begin this year-long parish based Eucharistic Revival, I ask for your trust. Trust in the Lord Jesus. Trust in the teachings of the Church. Trust in the Word of God. Trust in the faith of all who have gone before us. TRUST. This is the muscle that is necessary today; a muscle that has been weakened by sin, scandal, pride. It is the very muscle through which we actually receive grace most fully. TRUST. When I consecrate the Eucharist, pray before the Eucharist, carry the Eucharist to the sick or distribute the Eucharist, I trust in the Power and Word of God. I believe what the Church believes. It is not bread. It is Jesus. And that faith – trust, surrender, humility – heals me. I invite you to that same surrender. Jesus I trust in you.

Peace

Fr. Rogers



**St. Patrick Welcomes
 Father Randy Kraft
 Saturday, June 17, 2023
 Celebrating the 5:00 PM Vigil**



FATHER’S DAY CARDS

Celebrate Father’s Day on June 18, 2023. Father’s Day cards are currently available for pick up in the back of church. Please drop off your completed card and donation to the Parish Office.