

From your pastor . . .

In this column we continue with the presentation by Father John A. Hardon, S.J., founder of the Marian Catechist Apostolate on the Holy Eucharist as it appears in his Catechism on the Real Presence (printed in *italics*). Father Hardon refers often to the encyclical letter *Mysterium Fidei*, The Mystery of Faith, (MF), written by Pope Saint Paul VI. The catechesis in this column on the Holy Eucharist is meant to correspond with the National Eucharistic Revival that is taking place throughout the Dioceses in the United States.

30. What does St. Thomas Aquinas say about faith in the Eucharist?

He declares that in the sacrament are the true Body of Christ and His true Blood. This truth “cannot be apprehended by the senses, but only by faith which relies on divine authority”. This is why, in a comment on Luke 22;19: (This is My Body which is given for you), St. Cyril says: ‘Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since He is the truth, He cannot lie.’” (MF 17)

31. What Eucharistic hymn expresses this faith?

The Adore Te by St. Thomas Aquinas declares, “Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived, the ear alone most safely is believed. I believe all the Son of God has spoken - than truth’s own word there is not truer token.” (MF 18)

32. How does St. Bonaventure bring out the reality of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist?

St. Bonaventure affirms: “There is no difficulty about Christ’s presence in the Eucharist as in a sign, but that He is truly present in the Eucharist as He is in heaven, this is most difficult. Therefore, to believe this is especially meritorious.” (MF 19)

33. Why is faith in Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist meritorious?

It is so meritorious because it places the heaviest possible demand on the human will. Our trust in God’s word must be so strong that we are ready to believe whatever Christ has revealed, including the humanly impossible change of bread and wine into the living Christ. One norm of merit is the difficulty in doing something which God wants. Here it is bending our minds to the limit by commanding our intellect to submit to the mind of God and accept the revealed truth of Christ’s Real Presence even though our senses tell as there is nothing but bread and wine.

34. Did Christ expect everyone to accept the Real Presence?

No. He already knew during His visible stay on earth that not everyone would be willing to believe in the Real Presence. As described by St. John in the Fourth Gospel many of the disciples left Jesus when he told the multitude that they would have to eat His flesh and drink his blood to have eternal life. Christ wanted to make sure that His own apostles believed in the Real presence. That is why He asks them whether they, too, want to leave Him. Peter’s answer is the answer of every truly believing Catholic. He told Jesus that the apostles also did not comprehend the mystery, but they relied on Christ’s words because they believed that Jesus is the living God who can neither deceive nor be deceived. (MF 20)

As was mentioned in last Sunday’s homily, this past Saturday four young men, Jered Clements, Alex Kren, Isaac Pecha and John Zweber were ordained by Bishop Callahan at the Cathedral in La Crosse. What a wonderful blessing for the People of God in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

Eucharistic Revival

2022-2025

“Never neglect to satiate yourself with the food of the angels”
Saint Pio Pietrelcina

“Take; this is my body”
Mark 14:22



The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial

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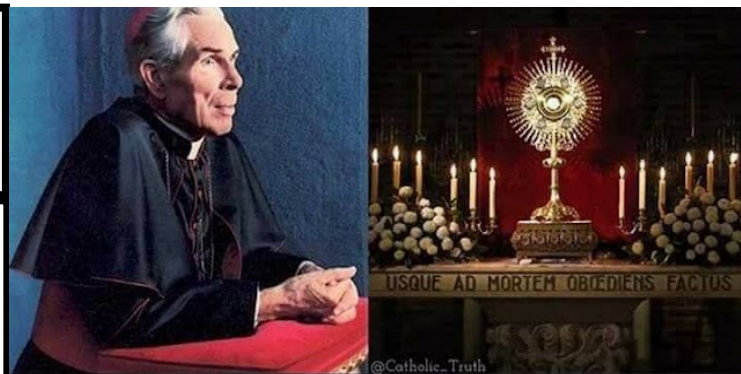
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- Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/
Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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