

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (often referred to as Corpus Christi). Like every Sunday Mass, our participation satisfies our Sunday obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day, but there is a special reason for the highlighting of the two central truths of our faith on the two Sundays after Pentecost.

Last Sunday, the Church pointed out the absolutely essential Christian belief that there is one God in all of creation who exists in three Divine Persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity exists in complete Unity. The Persons of the Trinity are separate yet equal. When one Person acts, the Trinity acts as one.

The second central truth and mystery is the reason for the name of our religion. Christianity is named after our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who took on our human nature. The three Persons of the Trinity have always existed and always will exist, but the second Person took on our human body and blood at a certain moment in time and forever retains our human flesh. Jesus took on our humanity so that we can share in his divine life. Jesus now lives in a glorified body, yet it is the same body nonetheless. Remember, after his Resurrection, Jesus showed his disciples the nail marks in his hands and feet and the wound in his side. He ascended into heaven in his glorified body.

At the Last Supper, the same Jesus gave the Apostles the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. He entrusted the sacrament to His Church in order to make his presence real for all time and the power of his death and resurrection as well. This sacrament is the Holy Trinity's way to make the sacrifice of the Son most effective in the heart, mind, soul and body of Catholics of every place and time. The Catholic Church is the original Church and the one which has preserved the Sacrament of the Most Holy Body and Blood as it was given. This is why we profess our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus and we raise the host in adoration whenever possible. That is why today is dedicated to the Body and Blood of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco