

Blessed Sacrament Weekly Email - Sept. 6, 2024

[Editor's Note: This week's letter is an excerpt from Deacon Tony's homily on August 17-18. We are blessed with a variety of preachers here at Blessed Sacrament Parish,]

[In Chapter 6 in The Gospel according to John] we hear Jesus state five times that “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” It is rather obvious Jesus is making a point of great emphasis with regard to the Eucharist we celebrate and share at Mass - - for it is the Body and Blood of Christ that he speaks of. It is a gift we very much need.



It's important to know what Jesus meant when he said His flesh is TRUE food, and his blood is TRUE drink to get at the heart of what Jesus is asking of His disciples ... what He is asking of us is to remain in Him so that He may remain in us. Jesus is inviting us, through the Eucharist - his very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, to unite ourselves to Him.

So, when we hear today how the some quarreled among themselves about the validity of what Jesus said - that He is the “Flesh for the life of the world . . .” Jesus did not correct them or clarify his remarks. Jesus did not say, “What I mean to say. . .” or “This is to be taken symbolically, not literally.” He doubles down - four more times, saying “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.”

Jesus means to invite us to participate in His great sacrifice and to accept his very Self that he offers us with unconditional love. Jesus means to transform our lives so that we may take His love to the rest of the world, whether that be in our homes, our communities, our middle school classrooms or those places where the least of our brothers and sisters reside.

In a few moments, Jesus will call us to the altar to share and fulfill his Bread of Life promise. And as we receive Him – his Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity, we respond with “Amen” when it is declared “The Body of Christ.” We say “Amen” because we, of course, Believe. When we hear the minister say, “The Blood of Christ,” we also profess “Amen” – it is so. Today! When you say AMEN, add silently, “Thank you Jesus for your invitation. . . I accept. You don't need to ask five times.”

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Attention Please

SNEAKER SUNDAY is this weekend. If there are any laying around the house that you want to part with, bring them to church this weekend. Still wearable shoes will find feet that may not have any shoes. Decrepit shoes will be recycled in safe ways.

INQUIRY CLASS BEGINS this week in the Gathering Space on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm. This program is for non-Catholics who want to learn more about the church with the possibility of joining the Church in the Spring. Invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers who might be interested. Come with them to help the be comfortable.

SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW? The contractor for the new flooring project underestimated how long it taking to get the job done. More details are in this week's bulletin.

MYSTIC MORSEL

Patience is necessary
in this life since so much of
life is fraught with adversity.
No matter how hard we try,
our lives will never be
without strife and grief.
Thus, we should not
strive for a peace
that is without temptation or
for a life that never feels adversity.
Peace is not found by
escaping temptations,
but by being tried by them.
We will have discovered peace
when we have been tried and
come through the trial of temptation.
— Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

CARBONATED GRACE

- Not all construction work is equally enjoyable. For instance, drilling a large hole is boring, but fastening two pieces of metal together is riveting.
- Why did the painter come to work wearing two jackets on a sunny day?
Because the head constructor advised him to always put two coats!
- Did you know that the Pentagon was originally supposed to be an Octagon?
- It's true, but the contractor just kept cutting corners.
- How many contractors does it take to screw in a light bulb?
I'll let you know when one of them calls me back.

- What do you call a room full of cynical plumbers?
skeptical tank.

A strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of John, one of the older workmen. After several minutes, John had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is?" he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back." "You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "It's a bet! Let's see what you got." John reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."