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Welcome:

If you are a new parishioner, or visiting for the first time, welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church! We are happy you are here and hope you find our parish home to be a warm and welcoming place. If you would like to become a member of our parish, please check with the parish office or give us a call.

Homebound: For Communion to the sick or the homebound, please call the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul: *Closed until the completion of our New Community Center & SVdP Food Pantry in 2024.

Funerals: To ensure the availability of a priest and the church, please call the office before you make arrangements with the funeral director.

Baptism Preparation: Classes offered as needed. Please contact the parish staff for more information. Se ofrece una clase cada tercer sábado del mes a las 10 de la mañana.

Senior Luncheon: We are working on re-establishing the Luncheons and will notify everyone when we are ready to offer lunch once a month for Seniors and Friends.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 8am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 5pm Vigil, English

Sunday: 9am, English & 12pm, Español

Adoration: Thursdays, 8:30am-8:30pm

Adoración al Santísimo: jueves, 8:30am-8:30pm

Reconciliation: Wednesdays, 7pm & Fridays, following the 8:30am Mass.

Reconciliación: miércoles, 7pm y viernes, 9am

Anointing of the Sick: Second Wednesday of each month following the 8:30am Mass.

(Anointing is available at all hours in emergency.)

School Mass: Fridays, 8:30am (Sept.—June)

St. Vincent de Paul: *Closed until the completion of our new Community Center & SVdP Food Pantry in 2024.

March 23rd & 24th, 2024: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Church Teaches...



Each of the four Evangelists give an account of the Passion of Jesus, but each tells the story with his own particular style and emphasis. The account read this year on Palm Sunday is the one written by St. Mark, Saint Peter's helper and companion in Rome. St. Mark's account shows the stark human abandonment of Jesus. **For example**, St. Mark's account portrays the behavior of the disciples negatively. In the garden, they fall asleep three times while Jesus prays. Judas betrays Him. St. Peter (with a curse) denies any knowledge of Him. All flee. Jesus' only words from the Cross are: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." Even these plaintive words are met with derision. Yet, as Jesus breathes His last, God acts to confirm His Son, the veil of the temple is rent in two, and a Roman Centurion confesses: "Truly this was God's Son."

There are moments in our lives when we want desperately to cry out with Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me," only to find, as Jesus did, that God is listening, that God is willing and able to come to our rescue, and that God can and does reverse the tragedies of our lives, restoring our hopes.

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In church, the reading of the Passion account, the story of Jesus' last journey, is told in the space of about ten to fifteen minutes. This Holy Week, the Church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into the journey with the eyes of those beyond the circle of the Apostles: like the anointing woman, the Centurion, Joseph of Arimathea, and the group of faithful women. We are invited to look beneath the surface of what is happening, listening deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us all and restored our hopes, so that we might have life and have it to the full.

For all of us who find it hard to bear the Cross (who doesn't?), perhaps we will find during this Holy Week that this is our comfort: to know that it wasn't easy for God's own Son, either. And it wasn't easy for anyone who followed Him then – nor is it easy for all of us who follow Him now.

The Holy Cross Worship Schedule—

- Daily Mass: Tues. - Fri., 8:30am
- Confessions: Wednesdays, 7pm & Fridays, following the 8:30am Mass

(Appointments for Confession are also available throughout the week.)



Bulletin Announcements



Holy Cross School Development Drive Donor Dinner Update—The Donor Dinner was such a wonderful celebration of our school community. It was lovely to see parishioners, benefactors, alumni, school families, and many more come together!

Our alumni speaker Dan Zavage's sharing of his experiences at Holy Cross was beautiful and poignant. Dan is a man of strong faith and potential. We thank Dan's classmates from the Class of 2020 who were able to attend. It was a heart-warming mini-reunion, and it was wonderful to witness their excitement at seeing one another!

In addition to being a wonderful "night of community," the dinner raised approximately \$38,000 for the school's tuition assistance program and the school's Endowment.

If you were not able to attend the dinner, but would like to support the school's commitment to diversity, [please make a gift online](#). For questions on how to make a gift, please reach out to [Julie Johnson](#).



Parish Office Sub, Can You Help?—We are looking to increase our volunteer pool for help in the parish office. Answering the front door and office phone are the primary duties for this important ministry. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 503.289.2834 or holycrossoffice@archdpd.org. Thank you! ☺



Holy Week Schedule

† March 23: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, 5pm

† March 24: Palm Sunday Masses, 9am (English) & Noon (Spanish)

† March 28: *Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm (Bilingual)

*No Morning Mass or Adoration during the day.

Washing of feet during Mass & Eucharistic Procession & Adoration in the School Hall afterward, until 9pm

† March 29: *Good Friday

*No Morning Mass or Confessions.

• Stations of the Cross, Noon

• Good Friday Service, 3pm (English)

• Living Stations of the Cross followed by Spanish Good Friday Service, 5:30pm

† March 30: Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm (Bilingual)

† March 31: Easter Sunday Masses, 9am (English) & Noon (Spanish)

Bulletin Announcements: Activities & Opportunities



Photo: Bob Kerns

Easter Flower Offering—Help us decorate the church with Easter flowers! As is our longstanding custom, you can donate flowers in *memory* or in *honor* of loved ones, family members, and friends. We will use all donated funds to provide beautiful floral decorations for Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and the whole Easter season.

Please use the flower envelopes in the pews to let us know whose *memory* or *honor* you would like us to pray.

*Please return all flower envelopes by Monday, March 25th



Holy Week—An interesting (as well as challenging) old fable tells of the colt that carried Jesus on Palm Sunday. The colt thought that the reception was organized to honor him. “I am a unique donkey!” the excited animal surely would have thought.

When he asked his mother if he could walk down the same street alone the next day and be honored again, his mother said, “No, you are nothing without Him who was riding you.” Five days later, the colt saw a huge crowd of people in the street. It was Good Friday and the soldiers were taking Jesus to Calvary. The colt could not resist the temptation of another royal reception. Ignoring the warning of his mother, he ran to the street, but he had to flee for his life as soldiers chased him and people stoned him. Thus, the colt finally learned the lesson that he was only a poor donkey without Jesus to ride on him.

As we enter Holy Week, the Scriptures we hear today and this whole week challenge us to examine our lives to see whether we carry Jesus with us and bear witness to Him through our daily lives – or we are Christians in name only.



We thank our St. Vincent de Paul workers for their years of dedication to feeding the hungry here in North Portland.

While it is true that our Food Pantry is now closed (until our new Community Center opens), we are directing our labors and support to the SVdP Conference at Holy Redeemer parish.

Please continue to use your “blue envelopes” to support this vitally important ministry in North and Northeast Portland. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry, please call 503.880.2780, or email: svdp@holyredeemerpdx.org.



Despite the frequency of its representation in Christian art and architecture, the Cross remains an ambivalent symbol. In its cross-beams meet death and life, sin and salvation, conquest and victory, immanence and transcendence.

The Cross represents both the basest aspects of the human condition and the most sublime reflection of Divinity. As the theologian Karl Rahner once said, “The Cross of the Lord is the revelation of what sin really is. The Cross mercilessly reveals what the world hides from itself: that it, as it were, devours the Son of God in the insane blindness of its sin – a sin in which Godless hate is truly set on fire upon contact with the love of God.”

Be sure to join us for the often-forgotten Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at noon. The church will remain open throughout the afternoon. Our Good Friday Service is planned for 3pm and the Living Stations will be offered at 5:30pm.



Let's not forget that our parish's embrace of hospitality and fellowship has been a driving force for our new Community Center. Ensuring that our community has a facility that is welcoming and accessible to all, while providing ample space for us to connect with one another in faith, is at the heart of our dream.

Our Capital Campaign Committee is excited to announce that we have reached a total of \$1,434,547 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (in pledges and gifts)! Let's not lose our momentum! But let's also remember that **pledges** need to be fulfilled. If you have pledged a gift toward the new Center and you need a reminder, please let us know in the parish office. We will be glad to send you any information you need to help your “promised gift” become a reality. Also, it is still true that if you have already responded to the Campaign you can **add** to your gift and if you have *not yet given* to the Campaign, today is a perfect time to step up!

→ **News:** The demolition phase of the new Center has been completed by the Lawson Company, which has left the site fully prepared for construction (tentatively scheduled for the end of summer 2024).

→ **More news:** The Archdiocese has approved our “construction documents” and we have forwarded them to the City for our building permit. We thank our hard-working friends at Soderstrom Architects, our parish building committee, our business manager Deb Volker, and our project manager David Mastroieni for guiding us through the process thus far. Given that St. Joseph is the patron and protector of our new Community Center project, please continue to ask for his generous help!

Family Resources— March 24th, Palm Sunday!

Upcoming Key Dates/Events:

March 24th:

- No Usual Classes for SacPrep or Confirmation
- Small Group of First Communion Teens Meet, 10:15am

March 31st:

- Easter Celebration!
- Easter Egg Hunt & Party for Families!

April 7th:

- Sacramental Prep Classes
 - Confirmation Classes
- LIFT JV/GIFT Tween Youth Groups
- High School Youth Group

April 14th:

- Youth Masses
- Sacramental Prep Classes
 - Confirmation Classes

April 21st:

- Sacramental Prep Classes
- Confirmation Rehearsal

April 27th:

- Confirmation Mass, 9:30am



Middle School Youth Groups!

Come and join us twice a month:
Each **first Sunday of the month**
for 5th-8th grade Youth Group:
1:15-2:30pm (next: 4/7)

Each **first Wednesday of the month**
for 6th-8th grades from 2:15-4pm
in the parish offices. (next: 4/3)

Come, bring your friends... ALL are welcome!

LIFT High School Youth Groups!

Come and join LIFT Varsity twice a month:

Each **first Sunday of the month** from
6-7:30pm in the school hall. (next: 4/7)

Each **third Saturday of the month**
for **Mass & Chill**: 5pm Mass and then dinner
and playtime. (next: 4/20)

Come, bring your friends... ALL are welcome!
No registration is required and it is free!

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School—July 22nd-26th, 2024

Registration is NOW available!

Limited spaces available. Sign up TODAY!

Printed packets in the back of the church, in the front offices of the parish and school, and online:

Vacation Bible School - Holy Cross Catholic Church
(holycrosspdx.org). Questions, please contact Andrea Swanson, Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry, 503.206.8069.

Congratulations to our children, teens, and adults who celebrated their First Reconciliation last weekend!

On Saturday, March 16th, we had children, teens, and parents who celebrated their First Reconciliation.

We also had parents and families who renewed their faith by participating in our family penance service.

Thank you to the children and families who participated so fully!

We offer a huge THANK YOU to Fr. Mark, to our teachers, and to our guest priests for your support and care!



Your Holy Cross Teens Thank You!

Last weekend, we raised money for our teens to go to the Steubenville NW Conference in July.

YOUR love and generosity raised more than **\$350** to our cause.

Thank you for your support!



Important Dates

March 23: **Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, 5pm**

March 24: **Palm Sunday, Masses: 9am (Eng.) & Noon (Span.)**



Holy Week

March 27: Confessions, 6-8pm

March 28: ***Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm (Bilingual)**

**No Morning Mass or Adoration during the day.*

Washing of feet during Mass & Eucharistic Procession & Adoration in the School Hall afterward, until 9pm.

March 29: ***Good Friday *No Morning Mass or Confessions.**

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Next Week's Readings: March 30th & 31st

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10, 34a, 37-43

Psalm: 118 2nd Reading: Colossians 3, 1-4

Gospel: John 20, 1-9



For the final week of the Lenten season—

Jesus told us “Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.” As we have seen throughout this Lenten season, every day we encounter someone in need, every day we are presented with opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus for others. Do we dare pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone else’s prayer this week?

The prophet Isaiah (in the first reading for Palm Sunday), insists that we must learn “how to speak a word to the weary that will rouse them.” Well, this entire penitential season has been teaching us that we have a profound message to take to our world and a profound love to give to our world. For example, there is no one else who can witness to others the value and sanctity of every human life and the profound joy that connecting with others in our community of faith can bring.

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“**How often** do we get caught up in our own wants and needs, lose sight of the heart of the matter, and fail to embrace the true meaning of our lives in this world?” +Pope Francis

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Mass Intentions for March 26th—31st, 2024:

Tues. +Kellie Wisher by Nina & Dick Wisher

Wed. +Fory Honl by Jana & Vince Ripley

Thurs. Holy Thursday, People of the Parish

Friday **Good Friday**

Sat. (8pm) Easter Vigil

Sun. (9am) Easter Sunday

(12pm) Easter Sunday (**Domingo de Pascua**)

To arrange for a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.
Please plan ahead if you are requesting a specific date.



In our prayers, let us remember all those who have died, including: Fory Honl

Let us pray also for those who are ill or homebound:

Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez,
Sue Anne Boettcher, Mary Ragland, Irene Heaverin,
Bob Hungerford, John Bachmeier, Greg Busch,
Amanda Holmberg, Anita Verbout, Erma Faoro,
Christina Gardener, Carl Cawley, Tiem Nguyen,
Jim & Marvilla Graiff, Kathy Ackley, Sandra Blossom,
Ann O'Reilly, Richard Lund, Sr. Mary Ryan,
Annie Braunstein, Donna Hatley, Chris Kelly,
Rose Petersen, Jane Bachman, Ann Renon,
Jack Link, Bernie Maloney, Tina Paradiso,
Rupert Liddie, Tim Brezo, and Georgie Ferguson

Stewardship



March 16th & 17th, 2024

Weekend Offertory: \$8,320.10

Online Giving: \$1,605.00

Total: \$9,925.10

**Weekly Offertory needed \$11,805.00*

Can you picture Jesus riding into North Portland on a donkey? What kind of welcome would we plan for Him? **Hospitality** is one of the important pillars of good stewardship. Hospitality is also a “charism” or a special gift given by the Holy Spirit to do God’s will. Some people and places are just more hospitable than others are.

Spend some time this Holy Week pondering the importance of welcoming Jesus into North Portland, into our parish, and into our individual homes. In fact, we might want to start this by pondering how we can first welcome Him this week into our own hearts.

Is hospitality a gift of yours? Great! Put it to good use at the service of others. Is hospitality not your cup of tea? Then enjoy the hospitality of others and thank them for their gift.

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Are you willing to ponder even more this week? Remember that our new Community Center will be part of our parish’s embrace of hospitality and fellowship. Pray for God’s blessing on this project and our dream.

LA IGLESIA NOS ENSEÑA



Empezamos este domingo la Semana Santa— Es una semana verdaderamente grande, porque en ella celebramos los misterios de nuestra salvación en Cristo Jesús.

La Iglesia nos invita a recordar hoy que durante su entrada triunfal en Jerusalén, Jesús es aclamado como Rey. En cierto sentido el mismo había escenificado el acontecimiento. Todo lo que va a vivir durante esa semana, Jesús lo había previsto y lo había aceptado libremente. Era la consecuencia lógica de lo que había predicado: la venida del Reino de Dios. **Ese Reino** está unido a la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Ya su manera de presentarse, montado en un borrico, sin un ejército, y en contacto directo con el pueblo, indica qué tipo de Rey va a ser. En cierto sentido se trata de una parodia de los reyes de la tierra y de los desfiles triunfales.

A través de las diversas lecturas de la Palabra de Dios a lo largo de la semana, iremos descubriendo el estilo del Reino de Dios. Jesús había hablado ampliamente de él durante su predicación y lo había presentado como un cambio profundo no sólo de las relaciones sociales sino también del corazón de cada creyente.

Empezamos la semana y ya evocamos el desenlace final. La lectura del Evangelio de la Pasión pone delante de nosotros no sólo el argumento, sino toda la narración para que nos sumerjamos en ella (Marcos 14, 1 - 15, 47). Es en la Pasión donde se nos revela el misterio de Jesús, el Mesías sufriente y no el triunfador esperado por sus contemporáneos.

No podemos vivir la Pasión como simples espectadores, sino que debemos entrar de lleno en ella identificándonos con los diversos personajes que aparecen. Esta historia habla de nosotros mismos como discípulos del Señor. Como los diversos personajes, también nosotros hemos querido seguir a Jesús, pero tantas veces lo hemos negado y traicionado, lo hemos abandonado y dejado solo. A pesar de ello, Jesús sigue creyendo en nosotros y nos sigue llamando para llevar su salvación al mundo.

Que la celebración de la Eucaristía nos disponga a celebrar con amor y compasión los misterios de nuestra redención ... los misterios que nos alimentan para fortalecernos en nuestro caminar.



Jesús nos dijo: “Lo que hagas por el más pequeño de mis hermanos, lo harás por mí.” Cada día tenemos la oportunidad de ayudar a alguien. Cada día tenemos la oportunidad de ver el rostro de Jesús en otros y ser el rostro de Jesús para los demás. Cada día nos encontramos con alguien necesitado. Nuestro nuevo Centro Comunitario nos va a ayudar en hacer cosas muy prácticas para ayudar a otros, para ser el rostro de Jesus, y para servir a los necesitados (especialmente los hambrientos) con el nuevo “banco de comida.”

La hospitalidad es uno de los pilares del estilo de vida de “corresponsabilidad” (stewardship). La hospitalidad es también un carisma o un don especial concedido por el Espíritu Santo para hacer la voluntad de Dios.

Algunas personas y lugares son simplemente más hospitalarios que otros. Abrazamos y promovemos el ministerio de la hospitalidad y el compañerismo. Y nuestro “sueño parroquial” es de usar el nuevo Centro Parroquial para mejorar el espíritu de hospitalidad aquí en la parroquia de Santa Cruz.

Es esencial garantizar que nuestra comunidad tenga una instalación que sea acogedora y accesible para todos, al mismo tiempo que brinda un amplio espacio para que nuestros miembros se conecten entre si en la fe.

Nuestra “campaña para capital” es un programa basado en nuestra necesidad: un nuevo Centro Parroquial. Es un programa bien planificado y organizado, para recaudar una suma sustancial de dinero. El éxito de una intensa campaña como la nuestra, **depende de la participación activa de todos nuestros miembros**.

PARA REFLEJAR....



El Domingo de Ramos nos hace revivir la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén cuando se acercaba la celebración de la Pascua.

El pasaje Evangélico (Marcos 14, 1 – 15, 47) nos lo presenta mientras entra en la ciudad rodeado de una multitud jubilosa. Puede decirse que, aquel día, llegaron a su punto culminante las expectativas de Israel con respecto al Mesías. Eran expectativas alimentadas por las palabras de los antiguos profetas y confirmadas por Jesús con su enseñanza y, especialmente, con los signos que había realizado.

Al entrar en Jerusalén, Jesús sabe, sin embargo, que el júbilo de la multitud lo introduce en el corazón del misterio de la salvación. Es consciente de que va al encuentro de la muerte y no recibirá una corona real, sino una corona de espinas.

Proclamamos a Cristo: Rey y Señor. Nuestra participación en la Semana Santa debe ser un firme propósito de fidelidad, no traicionándolo como lo hicieron los habitantes de Jerusalén. Porque creemos que el amor de Jesús nos da la vida, porque estamos convencidos de que la verdad tiene más fuerza que la mentira, porque necesitamos aprender a amar como el Señor nos ha amado, proclamemos esta semana con alegría nuestra acción de gracias.

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Las Confesiones—27 de marzo: 6-8pm.
No habrá confesiones el Viernes Santo ni el Sábado de Gloria.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Equipo Pastoral 503.289.7188

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales:

Tercer sábado del mes a las 10am.
Recuerde que necesita registrar a su hijo/a
antes de asistir a la plática.

Bautismos:

El primer sábado del mes a las 9:30am y
el último domingo del mes después de Misa.

Estas fechas son solo para niños
menores de 6 años.

Los niños mayores de 6 años
deberán de comunicarse a la oficina
antes de apartar alguna fecha.

Preparación Sacramental para:

Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA)
y Bodas – por favor llame a la oficina

Misas de Quinceañeras:

Misa de Acción de Gracias para Quinceañeras
en grupo, el segundo sábado del mes a la 11am.

Confesiones:

Los miércoles a las 7pm,
los viernes a las 9am,
y por cita entre semana.

Adoración al Santísimo:

Cada jueves de las 8:30am a las 8:30pm.

Misa con Unción de los Enfermos:

Segundo miércoles del mes inmediatamente
después de la Misa de 8:30am.

En nuestras oraciones recordemos:
...a todos los que están enfermos, incluyendo:

Darlene Thayer, Shayna Ramirez, Sue Anne Boettcher, Mary Ragland, Erma Faoro, Irene Heaverin, Sr. Mary Ryan, Greg Busch, Bob Hungerford, Anita Verbout, Carl Cawley, Amanda Holmberg, Jim & Marvilla Graiff, John Bachmeier, Sadrac Lopez, Kathy Ackley, Richard Lund, Sandra Blossom, Donna Hatley, Annie Braunstein, Rupert Liddie, Chris Kelly, Rose Petersen, Jane Bachman, Bernie Maloney, Tina Paradiso, Jack Link, and Tim Brezo



...y a todos los que han muerto,
especialmente Fory Honl

*“Te pedimos, Señor, que tus siervos que
han muerto vivan ahora para ti y que tu amor
borre los pecados que cometieron por fragilidad
humana. Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.”*

HORARIO PARROQUIAL

24 de marzo: † Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

27 de marzo: Confesiones, 6-8pm

28 de marzo: Misa de Jueves Santos: 7pm, (Adoración después de Misa)

29 de marzo: Viacrucis y Servicio del Viernes Santo, 5:30pm



Corresponsabilidad Parroquial—

17 de marzo: \$9,925.10

¡Gracias!

*(El Ofertorio semanal necesita llegar al
presupuesto Parroquial: \$11,805.00)*

Hoy, y durante los días de la Semana Santa, vemos a Jesús en toda su flaqueza humana, tanto como la nuestra, excepto en el pecado; pero también le vemos en su determinación de amor y en su valor para cumplir la misión para la que había venido a este mundo. Finalmente vemos a Jesús en su triunfo. Primero en un triunfo muy provisional y frágil cuando la muchedumbre le aclama como Mesías, pero que pocos días más tarde se vuelve contra Él. Y después, ¡en el triunfo definitivo de su Resurrección!

Vemos cómo Él estaba (y está) con nosotros en las profundidades de la angustia y la soledad. Podemos comprenderle y sentir como Él. Él nos invita a superar todos los miedos, el mal, y hasta la misma muerte. ¡Vengan y vayamos con Él!

LA LITURGIA — LECTURAS

† Domingo de Pascua, 31 de marzo

Primera Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 10, 34, 37-43

Salmo: 117

Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3, 1-4

Evangelio: Juan 20, 1-9

EL DÍA DEL SEÑOR



“El hombre debe temblar, el mundo debe estremecerse, el Cielo entero debe conmoverse, cuando sobre el Altar, entre las manos del sacerdote, aparece el Hijo de Dios.”

San Francisco de Asís

Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia: “La Misa es, a la vez e inseparablemente, el memorial sacrificial en que se perpetúa el sacrificio de la Cruz, y el banquete sagrado de la comunión en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor.” (n. 1382)

Esta doble dimensión de la Eucaristía hace con que el que de ella participe pueda estar místicamente al pie de la Cruz en el Calvario recibiendo del costado de Cristo el baño de regeneración de su Sangre Preciosísima, y, al mismo tiempo, le facilita la posibilidad de recibir la Comunión, o sea, al propio Cristo como alimento espiritual. No hay nada más bello, sublime, y útil que eso.

El Jueves Santo, Jesus mismo nos va a decir: “Hagan esto en conmemoración mía. Les he dado ejemplo. Tienen que hacer ustedes como yo he hecho. Como yo les he amado, así deben amarse unos a otros.”

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