

June 22-23, 2019

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Genesis 14:18-20

Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

As gasoline and oil are to our cars, so food and drink are to our bodies. Without food and drink, our metabolism begins to consume our 'supplies' of fat and once the fat is gone, our muscles are deprived of energy and they themselves grow weak and useless. In the same way that the absence of gasoline/oil (or electricity for the tesla/volt crowd) renders the fanciest automobile useless, so the absence of food spirals us toward our physical death. With the scriptural help of assorted BREAD and WINE images from both the Old and New Testaments, the passages are offered us of God using the 'symbol' of FOOD by which to convey the necessity for us to have HIM within our lives if we are to function at our fullest capacity. The presence of God within our lives gives us direction, moderates our animal instincts and feeds our desire/ability to be partners with Jesus and the Holy Spirit is transforming the world into how God the Father created it to be. Too often seen as a 'reward' for conforming one's life according to Catholic 'doctrine', the Body and Blood of Jesus are offered to us as 'medicine' (thank you Pope Francis) so that our body and spirit can function in unity. What we consume is transformed into OUR flesh, OUR blood, OUR electric impulses that control our thinking and musculature movements. We become 'living tabernacles', the living, breathing presences of Jesus within the world. As the wise saying goes; 'We are what we eat...'...so, WE BECOME the living presence of Jesus. What we DO with that power and gift...is the truest demonstration of our relationship with Jesus....or not.

Thank you for sharing this FIRST weekend of Summer with our Santa Clara community. With Fourth of July fast approaching, don't forget to break out your red, white and blue for next weekend's PRE-Fourth of July celebration at all our masses. A heads up that our St. Vincent de Paul and Heart and Soul outreaches will be distributing EMPTY SCHOOL BACK PACKS on the weekend of July 13-14...with the hope that YOU will fill them with much needed school supplies that will be distributed to the children of our Sister-Parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in Santa Ana. The Bulletin awaits you as you depart, please take a copy so as to keep up on all the news of the Parish...and, with Summer now surrounding us...remember, you are loved. FKB