

Corpus Christi Sunday - Year C

- Every year on May 3 a man walks into a cemetery and leaves 1 rose on a grave
 - If you asked me HOW he did this – it's be a boring answer
 - What you want to know is the why?
 - If I told you it was his Grandma's grave
 - That she took him in as a child when parents divorced
 - That she raised him to be a Christian man
 - That she'd sacrificed to get him through college (Interested?)
- The same is true of the Eucharist – Today is Solemnity of Body & Blood of Christ
 - We know HOW Jesus gave us His Body & Blood in the Eucharist
 - All 4 Gospels have Last Supper
 - Even Paul includes the institution of Eucharist in 1 COR
 - A basic tenant of the faith of our Church
 - Not a representation – Not a Symbol
 - This IS my body, This IS my blood (**HARD SAYING**)
 - Gospel of John even tells the story of disciples leaving Jesus because His teaching on eating His body & blood was too hard for them
 - But JC does not back down
 - He could have – they were leaving – BUT HE DIDN'T
 - He was adamant - “This IS my body, this IS my blood”
- Why bread into body? – what more basic food than bread?
(Not even leavened, flat dry bread)
 - He comes as humble, simple - bread
 - And He comes, because we NEED HIM
- Jesus said – “I will be with you always – even to the end of time”
 - He said THIS IS MY BODY – DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME
 - So we do – Jesus is with us in the Eucharist – *This IS His Body/Blood*
 - He IS with us – physically here – right here, right now.
- Why wine into blood?
 - Jesus changed wine into His blood
 - So we might know our sins are forgiven by His blood
 - When we drink His blood we recall our sin
 - And that He loves us anyway
 - So much that He bled for us
 - All of us know Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper
 - How He did it is good to know
 - But WHY He did it is the source of our HOPE
 - Jesus came that we might have life – ABUNDANTLY
 - He fed the 5000 – He fed the 12 – He feeds us
 - He feeds our bodies AND our spirits
 - He IS the Bread of Life – eternal life

- Given for us, right here, right now.