

Corpus Christi Sunday

- Napoleon wouldn't receive the Eucharist because he felt he was unworthy
 - Theologians would come and try to convince him – no success.
 - Old country pastor "Of course you're not worthy – but you need it"
 - Jesus didn't give us the Eucharist because we are worthy
 - Jesus gave us the Eucharist because he knew our need.
- Every year I teach RCIA
 - For about a year those converting to Catholicism come every week
 - One of the topics we cover is the Mass – Eucharist
 - And every year the students come to me and say
 - I went home and told my wife – "I didn't know that"
 - So I thought I'd share it with you
- At Mass the priest consecrates the bread & wine & it becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus
 - It doesn't represent it – it doesn't symbolize it – it becomes it
 - Every Sunday, on our altar – Bethlehem happens
 - Let's talk for a minute about the bread and wine
 - Unleavened – why – Passover (We too are on a journey)
 - Wheat, not rice, not barley, not corn (CANON LAW)
 - Whether home made or wafer its same unleavened wheat, why
 - Its probably what they ate BUT
 - Out of many grains, one loaf
 - Out of many – one body (look at all the grain here)
 - WE are the body of Christ
 - Just like out of many one loaf, out of many ...
 - Wine – 100% grape
 - White, red, rose, Burgundy, Chardonnay – no apple
 - Out of many grapes, one wine
 - Look around – out of many – one body
 - What would happen if we ever ran out of hosts?
 - You get 100% of Jesus, receiving either body or blood.

We come together here as family – to share a meal

We come together here as the Body of Christ – to share the Body of Christ.

JC, fully human, fully divine, gave us His body and blood to nourish our body & soul

Out of many, one loaf

Out of many, one wine

Out of many, one Body

Nourished by this Eucharist we ARE the Body of Christ

We share communion – 'common-union' in Eucharist

It is because of that unity, we don't share Euch with those that are NOT in union with us.

Jesus calls us to eat His body and drink His blood and we do

Jesus calls us to be His Body, in midst of the world, and we do that too

Strengthened by our unity Strengthened by His presence

We can bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet