

Corpus Christi Sunday - Year C

- This is the feast of Corpus Christi – let's look at this 1st reading from Gen
- Here's the story to set up this 1st reading:
 - There is a war on – and Abe's nephew Lot is captured
 - So Abe goes after him and rescues him, defeating the evil king
 - He returns with Lot and all the booty from the battle
 - When he returns, Melchizedek greets him:
 - “In those days Melchizedek, King of Salem, brought out bread and wine AND
Being a priest of God Most High – he blessed Abram”
 - THEN Abram gave him a tenth of everything
 - This is an image of what we do here (almost)
 - All of us go out into the world each day
 - We work and toil and struggle and come home with our booty
what we win in the battle
 - On Sunday we come to the altar
 - Priest (Deacon) brings out the bread & we are blessed
 - Do we respond like Abram?
- Today is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus
 - In Gospel Jesus takes bread – blesses it, breaks it, and gives it
 - In 1COR St. Paul recalls the Last Supper
 - Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it
 - This IS my body – Do this in memory of me
 - All 4 Gospels recall the Last Supper
 - St. Paul even included it in his letter to COR
 - Eucharist is a key tenant of our faith
 - From the beginning of the Church
 - Not a symbol, Not a representation
 - This IS my body
 - This IS my blood --- Do this in memory of me.
 - SO
 - At Mass the priest takes bread, blesses, breaks, & gives
 - Melchizedek, as priest of God
 - takes bread, blesses, breaks, & gives
 - How does Abram respond?
 - Abram gives a tenth of everything he earned
 - So here – after a week of battling the world
 - We come before the altar of God to be blessed
 - The bread is offered, blessed, broken, & given
 - We pass the basket – Abram gave a tenth
(The scriptural basis for tithing)
How we tithe is personal – if already tithing OK

If not – it's something to pray about