

## Holy Thursday

Today we celebrate the Last Supper

We read the gospel of John

The ONLY gospel that tells the story of Jesus washing their feet

And tonight we will wash feet – Just like Jesus did

But the focus is not about washing feet

The focus is about Jesus – and what He did at the Last Supper

If I were invite you to my house for dinner

You would come in, sit down, I'd offer you a drink

We might have some cheese and crackers first – talk a bit

Then we'd go to the dining room table – maybe there'd be a salad

Then I'd bring out spaghetti and meatballs – and we'd eat & talk

Maybe then some dessert – some pie, or maybe cake – Pretty good huh?

Now time passes and eventually (I hope) you invite me to your house

I come in and sit down – and you bring me a peanut butter sandwich.

Is that right? NO

Well tonight we are coming to this altar – our dining room table

And tonight Jesus shares a meal with us – and HE is our food

Jesus offers us Himself in the Eucharist – His Body and Blood

What do we offer Him – if Jesus gives Himself completely to us

Shouldn't we give ourselves completely to Him? YES

The same etiquette of my inviting you to dinner applies

Jesus invites us to dinner –

We should offer Him OURselves just as He offers HIMself

Jesus is the High Priest – offering at HIS table – His altar – the Last Supper

So in our Triduum the role of Priest is emphasized –

Holy TH communion is only possible at Mass – (with a priest)

So the Archbishop has sent me a fax of what to do on Holy Thursday if no priest

We can pray – we can hear the readings – but no communion

Good Friday is a continuation of Holy TH – no communion

Easter Vigil – no communion THE PRIESTHOOD IS THAT IMPORTANT

Tonight Jesus shares Himself – and then is taken from us

In the garden, after supper, Jesus is arrested, and taken

So after our communion – Jesus will be taken

All the tabernacles of the world will be empty – and we wait

It begins tonight – the passion of Christ – but Easter is coming

So we will wait, and watch, and prepare – IN FAITH

I encourage You, today, tomorrow, or Saturday to offer Jesus what He offers you – everything you are. – just as He offers you everything He is.