

Perpetual Adoration Newsletter

Scripture & Tradition: on Transubstantiation

When Jesus told his disciples that “my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink” (Jn.6:55), his disciples took Him *literally* and said: “This sort of talk is hard to endure! How can anyone take it seriously?” (Jn.6:60). Then St. John’s Gospel reports: “Jesus was fully aware that his disciples were murmuring in protest at what he had said” (Jn. 6:61). John then states that “From this time on, many of his disciples broke away and would not remain in his company any longer. Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you want to leave me too?’” (Jn.6:66-67). The Twelve (except for Judas) stayed with Jesus because they trusted his words (Jn. 6:69-71)

Now, “Jesus was fully aware” that the departing disciples understood his teaching literally. Obviously, if Jesus had only meant that they would eat his Body and drink his Blood *figuratively* or *symbolically*, He would have said so before they walked away. Since He did not, He meant his words literally and, of course, not *sensibly* or *cannibalistically*, but miraculously!

Some people become confused by what Jesus said after the disciples complained that “This sort of talk is hard to endure! How can anyone take it seriously?” Jesus states: “It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words I spoke to you are spirit and life” (Jn. 6:63). They mistakenly think that this is proof that Jesus is saying that He only means that the disciples will eat his flesh and drink his blood spiritually and not literally. But it is illogical that Jesus would say that *his flesh* is ‘useless’ after saying ‘the flesh of the Son of Man’ gives “life” (Jn.6:53). Rather, Jesus is not talking about his flesh, but about *their flesh*. Jesus is telling the disciples that they cannot grasp or come to his teaching on the Eucharist by their *senses* or their “flesh”, which is “useless” for this purpose, but only through faith or “spirit”.

(taken from “Modern Misconceptions about the Eucharist” by Rev. Regis Scanlon, O.F.M.Cap.)

BELIEF IN THE TRUE PRESENCE REQUIRES FAITH, NOT “PROOF”...THE PROOF COMES FROM THE VERY WORDS OF JESUS WHO CANNOT DECEIVE NOR BE DECEIVED...what more do we need?

“Lord, You have the Words of Everlasting Life”



The Story of the feast of Corpus Christi (Body of Christ)

Jesus appeared to St. Juliana in the 13th century and showed her a moon with a dark spot on it. He explained that the moon represented the Church’s calendar and the dark spot represented a feast day that was missing. Jesus said that as the Church progressed in time, it would decline in faith in His Real Presence. For this reason, He said it would be necessary to have a special feast day to remind everyone of His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus wanted a feast day exclusively to honor His Most Sacred Body. Corpus Christi! God’s feast day! We celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday every year in the month of June. (**June 10, 2007**)

COMMUNION OF SAINTS CORNER:

Pope John Paul II: “Jesus is present in the Eucharist to be met, loved, received and consoled...Receive Jesus often!...Jesus is your greatest Friend...In all the situations of your life turn to the Divine Friend, present with us and in us in the Eucharist”

Bl. Imelda Lambertini (Patroness of 1st Holy Communicants): Her great love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament filled her with an intense desire to receive Him in Holy Communion, which she was denied because of her young age. At the age of nine, Imelda entered a Dominican convent, to become a nun. On Ascension Thursday (in1333), Imelda was the only one at Mass not allowed to receive Communion. The priest noticed a consecrated Host hovering near where Imelda knelt. He was moved by God to give her First Holy Communion. Immediately Imelda fell into rapture and died out of great love for Jesus!