

**This Week's Message  
from Fr. Amesse  
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Pope Francis wrote a few years back a letter called, “I have earnestly desired.” I wrote about it back then and I still reflect on what he wrote. It is good to share with you again. The Holy Father wanted us to know what we do at Mass. None of us is worthy to be at Mass. The Savior however has invited us. I would be lost if I did not have the Mass.

“I have earnestly desired” was written by a Pope who deeply loved the Eucharist. He was astonished in the presence of the Sacrifice of the Mass. He wrote, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer a month ago.” Pope Francis begins the letter with this sentence. It comes from St. John’s Gospel. What does Jesus earnestly desire?

Christ eagerly desires to share the Last Supper with the 12 Apostles. That same Supper will be made present in the celebration of the Eucharist until the Lord returns again. Everyone is invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb. The Holy Father wanted all to be seated at the Supper of the sacrifice of the Lamb and live from Him. I am sure the new Pope, Pope Leo, does as well.

You who read these words have already accepted the invitation. Every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by His desire for us. We allow ourselves to be drawn by Him. Indeed, every reception of communion of the Body and Blood of Christ was already desired by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper.

**I remember you at Mass. I pray for you, you pray for me.  
And remember—Hope does not disappoint.**