

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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Every drop of blood in our bodies is precious because it is essential for life. It should not surprise us, then, that the Church speaks with such reverence about the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the month of July, the Church invites us to reflect upon this great mystery. Although the Feast of the Precious Blood was established by Pope Pius IX in 1849, devotion to the Precious Blood reaches back to the earliest days of Christianity. The early Church Fathers taught that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ. From His side flowed blood and water, signs of the saving grace that continue to nourish the Church through the sacraments.

The Precious Blood is much more than a reminder of Christ's suffering on Calvary. It is the Blood He willingly shed for our redemption. It is the Blood of the risen Christ, victorious over sin and death. It is the Blood made present upon our altars each time the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated.

St. Peter reminds us that we were redeemed, "not with perishable things like silver or gold... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a spotless and unblemished lamb" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Those words remind us that our salvation came at an immeasurable price. God's love for us was not measured in words alone, but in the sacrifice of His Son.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we stand at the foot of the Cross and before the empty tomb. We receive not merely a symbol, but the living Christ Himself. Through His Body and Blood, He strengthens us, forgives us, and draws us into a deeper communion with Him.

As we begin this month dedicated to the Precious Blood, let us renew our appreciation for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. May we never take for granted the sacrifice Christ made for us or the privilege we have of receiving Him in Holy Communion. May His Precious Blood cleanse our hearts, strengthen our faith, and draw us ever closer to Him.

**You pray for me. I pray for you.
I remember you at Mass.**