

## Notes from Men's group Meeting 2024\_03\_06

- We opened with a prayer and some parish news from Fr. Joe. The parish will be audited by the RCAB in April. They review procedures in place as reporting and financial management, bank statements, payroll and collection/offertory posting to the accounting system.
  - Our main discussion last night focused on the first 3 chapters of "Beautiful Eucharist" and the REAL presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. How this was a difficult concept for the early followers leading many to abandon following Jesus. It is a concept that many over the years and still today have a difficult time struggling with.
  - In relation to the Eucharist, we talked about the 2024 National Eucharistic Revival which has been a 3-year program renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. All of this will culminate in the National Eucharistic Congress in the United States From July 17-21, 2024.
  - When we recite the Psalms in a Sunday mass, we are saying the same prayers that Jesus would have said in his worshipping at the temple!
  - We have a brief discussion on a group name. Should we call it:
    - leave it as St John's mens group
    - St John's men's Spiritual group
    - St John's men's religious study
    - St John's men's Spiritual Study group
  - We will discuss this more at the next meeting
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- We will read 3 chapters from "*Beautiful Eucharist*" by Dynamic Catholic and discuss it at our next meeting. Ch 4,5,6.
  - Because of the upcoming parish retreat and then Holy Week, our next meeting will be Tuesday April 2 at 6pm in the church hall.
  - Thanks to those who brought some refreshment for our group

If anyone has anything else to add that I may have missed, or would like to share with our group, just reply all to this email.

Blessing,  
Norbert