

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Celebrating the Heart of Our Faith

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners and Visitors,

Before Jesus ascended, He promised: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). But how?

He isn't here to hug your kids, or sit at your hospital bed, or walk beside you after a funeral... or is He?

Corpus Christi is the Church shouting: "He IS here."

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and said, "This is my Body." He didn't say "This represents my Body." He didn't say "This will help you remember Me." He said "This IS Me."

So, every Mass is Bethlehem, Calvary, and the Empty Tomb in your neighborhood. The same Jesus Mary held, the same Jesus who bled, the same Jesus who rose — placed in your hands, on your tongue, into your heart.

Three questions for Corpus Christi Week:

1. Do I believe it? If you struggle, tell Him. The apostles said, "Lord, increase our faith." Start there.
2. Do I behave like it? If that's Jesus in the Tabernacle, why do I genuflect like I'm checking my shoe? If He's in me after Communion, why do I rush to the parking lot?
3. Do I become what I eat? We receive the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ. Who will you feed this week? Who needs your time, your forgiveness, your presence?

If you have been dealing with lots of "stuff" lately - today the Church says: "Here's the antidote. Take and eat."

Don't leave Mass hungry. He gave everything to be with you. Let Him.

Have a Blessed Corpus Christi Sunday 2026!

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