



AUGUST 18, 2024

THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

August 17-23

Saturday/4:30pm/Augusto Coutinho †, Maria Spannuth †, Lee Roy Weiland †, Germana Nascimento †, Delia Gonzalez †
6:30pm/Isabel Topete †
Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †, Juniver Lim. †, Antonio Torio †
10:00am/Tony Mello †
11:30am/All Souls †
Monday/9:00am/All Souls †
Tuesday/9:00am/Garrett Parsons †
Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls †
Thursday/9:00am/ All Souls †
Friday/9:00am/All Souls †

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:54-58).

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Let us pray for our sick: Beto Da Sanchez, Charlie Morales, Francisca Martinez, Dave Robinson, Nick Neuburger, Larry Ellsworth, Aslan Khamo, Maria Gonzalez, Noelia Monroy, Rosemary Lanza, Larry Mitchell, Senon Franco Jr., Maria Duarte Mota Ferreira, Manuel Silva,

Becoming Catholic

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that if you or a family member have not received all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, the **OCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program at St. Christopher's can help prepare you to receive these Sacraments. Did you know if someone you know would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, the RCIA Program at St. Christopher's can help. For further information please contact Ben White, 916 396 5453.

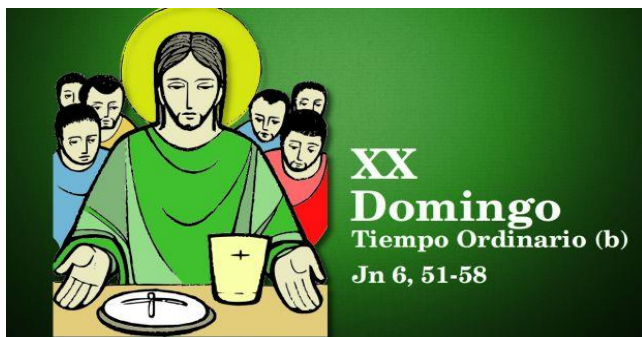


To all who have donated to the roof project. A total of \$68,165.00 has been received. Our Goal: \$134,000.00.

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the donation of \$2,500., to benefit our roof project.

TURN IN YOUR ALUMINUM PULL TABS

The Daughters of Isabella collect aluminum pull tabs from containers like soda pop, soup, pet food cans, etc. then bring them to the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. This helps the Ronald McDonald House raise funds for their programs that provide family-centered care to families and children. If you would like to start saving can tabs for this worthy cause, please bring them to church when you attend mass and give them to any Daughters of Isabella member.



XX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 18 de agosto de 2024

Si no comen la carne del Hijo del hombre y no beben su sangre, no podrán tener vida en ustedes. — Juan 6:53

ESTA FIESTA EUCARÍSTICA

Ciertos aspectos de la naturaleza humana nunca cambian, ni siquiera en el transcurso de varios siglos. Cuando celebramos una fiesta, comemos; cuando celebramos un acontecimiento importante, damos un banquete. En la primera lectura de hoy, la Sabiduría está preparando un banquete, un símbolo de la celebración de la alianza que Israel tiene con Dios. La conmemoración central de su alianza salvadora del Éxodo es la comida de la pascua judía. Por lo tanto, es natural y no casual que la celebración cristiana de la nueva alianza sellada por la sangre de Cristo en la cruz sea una comida, nuestra Eucaristía, la cual primero fue ofrecida por Jesús durante la conmemoración de la pascua judía. Algunas veces nos resulta fácil olvidar el rico origen religioso y humano de nuestro banquete eucarístico de pan y vino que son el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús. Hoy y en los próximos domingos que escuchemos el discurso sobre el “Pan de Vida” por boca de Juan, recordemos la generosa alianza que Dios forja con nosotros y llenémonos de alegría con este maravilloso banquete al que somos invitados.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La sabiduría nos dice: Dejen su ignorancia y vivirán; avancen por el camino de la prudencia (Proverbios 9:1-6).

Salmo — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan como personas de sabiduría tratando de entender qué es la voluntad del Señor, llenos del Espíritu y dando gracias siempre (Efesios 5:15-20).

Evangelio — Jesús dice, “Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre” (Juan 6:51-58).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sábado: Ez 43:1-7a; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-21; Ef 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Noticias de la Doctrina!

¡Registraciones de la doctrina se ha cerrado!