

BIOGRAPHY

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a special Feast of the Church. It reminds us of the True Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is something that should fill us with awe, knowing that that little Host and that Chalice contain the whole and true God, the Very Same which the heavens cannot contain.

The Lord Jesus Christ instituted this Sacrament to carry on the affect of His Sacrifice, that is, to provide all men who come to Him and His Catholic Church with the grace to persevere in all virtue and righteousness and to attain to everlasting salvation.

Catholics should consider themselves most blessed and fortunate, for they have the Very God that they worship. The Catholic Church was given this Sacrament, this Object of our desire. We should do well always to give thanks to God for the greatness that He has given us.

We must also be aware that we have this Sacred Food, which the Protestants did away with, because their pride was too great to be humbled under so awesome a sight – God made flesh veiled under Bread and Wine.

So this day, let us sing for joy that the Bread of Angels has come down to us, and has found us worthy to partake of this Sacred Banquet. The Altar of the Catholic Church is where man and God meet, where Heaven and earth join in common adoration of its common Creator, the High Priest of our Religion, Who gives Himself for our salvation each and every day.

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

CORPUS CHRISTI

FEAST DAY:
THURSDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY
OR SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY

COLLECT

O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever feel within us the fruit of Thy Redemption. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen