

shall live by Me"; "He that eateth this bread shall live forever."

We receive Jesus Christ into our souls when we go to Holy Communion.

"Behold, I come!" such is the sweet announcement Jesus makes to you from His altar-throne. He says to you what He said to His Apostles when He sat down with them at His Last Supper: "With desire have I desired to eat this pasch with you." and "The hour has at last come which I have looked forward to for so long a time, when I am to give Myself to you in the Sacrament of My love. Behold, I come!"

The Joys of Heaven

The Blessed in Heaven are with God. The presence of God is their happiness. To be with Jesus should also be our happiness on earth. Blessed indeed are those souls to whom Jesus comes in His Holy Sacrament.

St. Iseberg, after living a holy life in the Monastery of Hemmenrode, went to Heaven to receive the reward promised to the faithful children of God. But before leaving this world, God was pleased to show him in a vision, as far as mortal eyes can see them, the joys of Paradise.

"Brethren," he said to those around him, "I have seen things so beautiful; those unutterable good things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

"I was taken up this night into Heaven, and I saw the great Queen of Heaven, Our Lady, who promised to help me to the end. I have seen Jesus Himself. Oh, how sweet is the Lord to those who taste and see Him! Oh, how great and delicious is the sweetness He has made me to experience this night! How far it exceeds all thought of man! I taste it in my heart, but I cannot express it by my lips.

Oh, how happy are those blessed ones who shall enjoy the presence of God in Heaven for ever and forever! If God were to show you what I have seen, you would utterly despise all worldly glory."

When he had said these words he died, and entered for all eternity into the presence of God Who is the joy of the Blessed.

"Behold, I come." Jesus comes to us in our exile, as the Church tells us, that by receiving Him we may have a pledge of eternal life. This is also the promise He Himself made to those who partake of His Divine banquet: "I will raise them up at the last day."

The Catechism in Examples by Rev. D. Chisholm

Please Pray for Our Deceased Members

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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

Blessed Sacrament: Most Great Gift Made for Us

Oblied to Love Him More:

The love of Jesus Christ was not satisfied with sacrificing for us His divine life in the midst of a sea of ignominies and torments, in order to prove to us the affection that He bore us; but besides all this, in order to oblige us to love Him more, on the night before His death He would leave us His whole self as our food in the Holy Eucharist.

Love Exceeded:

God is omnipotent; but after He has given Himself to a soul in this Sacrament of love, He has nothing more to give her.

Gift of Infinite Love:

The Council of Trent says, that Jesus, in giving Himself to us in the Holy Communion, pours forth, as it were, all the riches of His infinite love in this Gift: "He has, as it were, poured forth the treasures of his love towards man."

Unexplainable Example of Christ's Love:

How would that vassal esteem himself honored, writes St. Francis de Sales, were

Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

his prince, whilst he was at table, to send him a portion of his own dish; and what would it be if this portion were a piece torn out from his own arm?

- - - Not Only a Portion!!

Jesus in the Holy Communion gives us for our food, not only a portion of His own meal and of His most sacred flesh, but **all His body**: *Take and eat, this is My Body.* (Matt. xxvi. 26)

- - - also Soul and Divinity:

And together with His body He gives us also His soul and His divinity; so that, as St. John Chrysostom says, our Lord, in giving Himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament, gives us all that He has, and nothing more remains for Him to give us: "He gave all to Thee, and left nothing for Himself."

O wonderful prodigy of divine love, that God, Who is the Lord of all, makes Himself entirely ours! (Thank You Jesus)

Affections and Prayers.

O my dear Jesus, what more canst Thou do to make us love Thee? Oh, make us understand what an excess of love Thou hast shown us in reducing Thyself to food, in order to unite Thyself thus to us poor sinners!

Thou, therefore, my dear Redeemer, hast had so much affection for me that Thou hast not refused to give Thyself again and again entirely for me in Holy Communion. And yet I have had the courage to drive Thee so many times away from my soul!

But:

- ¹ Thou didst love a humble and contrite heart.
- ² Thou didst become man for my sake,
- ³ Thou didst die for me,
- ⁴ Thou didst even go so far as to become my food;

and what more can there remain for Thee to do to gain my love?

Oh, that I could die with grief every time that I remember to have thus disregarded Thy grace!

I repent, O My Love,

with my whole heart for having offended Thee. I love Thee, O infinite goodness! I love Thee, O infinite love! I desire nothing but to love Thee, and I fear nothing but to live without Thy love.

My Beloved Jesus,

do not refuse to come for the future into my soul.

Come, because I would rather die a thousand times than drive Thee away again, and I will do all I can to please Thee.

Come and inflame my whole soul with Thy love.

Grant that I may forget everything, to think only of Thee, and to aspire to Thee alone, my sovereign and my only good.

O Mary, my Mother,

pray for me; and by thy prayers make me grateful for all the love of Jesus towards me.

Meditation for the Octave of Corpus Christi by St. Liguori

Our Return to Loving Our Lord

It is Necessary to suffer, and to suffer with Patience.

To speak of patience and suffering is a thing neither practiced nor understood by those who love the world. It is understood and practiced only by souls who love God.

The great proof which Jesus Christ has given of His love to us.

¹ As God He loved us in creating us, ² in providing us so many blessings, ³ in calling us to enjoy the same glory that He Himself enjoys; ⁴ but in nothing else has He more fully shown how much He loves us than in becoming man, ⁵ and embracing a painful

life, ⁶ and a death full of pangs and ignominies, for love of us.

And how shall we show our love for Jesus Christ? By leading a life full of pleasures and earthly delights?

Due to our unhappy condition, as sinners, and the gratitude we owe to the love of Jesus Christ, require that, for His love, we **should renounce the delights of this earth, and embrace with affection the cross which He gives us to carry during this life, after Him who goes before, bearing a cross far heavier than ours; and all this in order to bring us, after our death, to a blessed life, which will never end.**

Considerations ch. XI by St. Alphonsus

St. Veronica Sees Jesus

St. Veronica of Milan used to see Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament under the form of a little child coming out of the tabernacle and going into it again, and remaining on the altar as long as the consecrated Host was there. In the year 1489, during the Octave of Corpus Christi, and as the procession of the Blessed Sacrament was passing round the church, the sacred Host disappeared from her sight, and she saw the priest carrying the Child Jesus in the monstrance. Angels also surrounded the priest, and seemed to carry him, while heavenly music sounded in her ears. In this manner did Jesus wish to show to His servant His real and adorable presence in the sacred Host that by hearing it, our faith also might be strengthened in this adorable mystery.

The Food of Our Souls

Jesus Christ has given Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist to be the life and food of our souls. "He that eateth Me, the same also