



CHRIST IN THE SACRAMENT

Resources for the Feast of Corpus Christi

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Resources for Parish Leaders

Bulletin Announcement

Archbishop Lori invites you to Encounter Christ in the upcoming Year of the Eucharist! Over the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has created for many a painful separation from the Body and Blood of Christ - the one who truly can heal us mind, body, and spirit. On this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are reminded that Christ wants nothing more than to be united with us and invite us into the mystery that his passion, death, and resurrection have revealed: that God gave His only Son for our salvation, so that we might have eternal life with Him. Come, renew your encounter with the Risen Lord! If you have been away from Mass for a while, welcome back – Jesus has been waiting patiently for you and his Church is more complete when you are here. If you have been worshipping with us since the churches reopened, we have been blessed by your presence. Whether you have been receiving Christ sacramentally in the Eucharist or offering a spiritual communion from home, Christ has been with you and the witness to this encounter that is expressed by your lives has made a difference in this world. Over the course of the next year, we encourage you to Encounter Christ in all the ways he is present in the Mass: the sacrament of the Eucharist, the assembly of God's people, the sacred Word proclaimed, and the priest-celebrant. Keep an eye out for the many ways during this Year of the Eucharist that you can deepen your relationship with Christ, be encouraged to grow in faith with each other, bear witness to the Risen Lord, and be strengthened to serve him wherever you find yourself.

To stay up to date with Year of the Eucharist events and celebrations in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese:

- Text CHRIST2021 to 84576
- Visit www.archbalt.org/year-of-the-eucharist
- Check the parish bulletin and electronic communications for updates

Universal Prayer

For all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, that this Year of the Eucharist would be a period of grace and renewed encounter with the Risen Lord....we pray to the Lord...

For our leaders in government, parishes, schools, and families, that the sacrificial love made manifest in the Eucharist would inspire them to be models of servant-leadership

and encourage them to persevere in the pursuit of peace, justice, and dignity for all...we pray to the Lord...

For our parish community, that we might be transformed by the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist to bear greater witness to his Gospel in faith, hope, and charity ...we pray to the Lord...

For those who are far away from Christ or do not know his name, that they would be led by the Holy Spirit to encounter him in Word, sacrament, the Church, and her ministers... we pray to the Lord

For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, that their suffering would be united with Christ's and in their weakness they would draw strength from the Eucharist, which has the power to transform all suffering into a source of comfort for them and others...we pray to the Lord...

For those who have died, that they will encounter Christ in his heavenly kingdom and that those who mourn them would find comfort and healing in the nearness of Christ who meets them in the Eucharist...we pray to the Lord...

Homily Ideas

Eucharist as Thanksgiving: as we emerge from the pandemic, the Eucharist can remind us of what we are most thankful for as well as how Jesus meets us in both our joy and our sorrow

Eucharist as Source of Conversion: Christ's presence among us in the Eucharist inspires us to recognize our own faith story and, because of it, bear witness to Christ with others; in this way, the Eucharist is a continual source of conversion, particularly when we have been separated from it

Eucharist as Communion, Source of Unity with Christ and Each Other: we have endured a year of separation from the Eucharist and, because of that, a separation from each other as the Body of Christ; returning to the Eucharist allows us to reclaim the fullness of a life rooted in Christ and his Church

Christ's Sacramental Presence in the Eucharist – "This is my body ... This is my blood" – Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity truly present (not just symbols) under the signs of bread and wine. The practice of genuflection to the Eucharist / tabernacle as a way to acknowledge this real presence of Christ. Eucharistic Adoration.