

1st Reading: Gn 14:18-20
Responsorial: Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel: Lk 9:11b-17

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: "You are the Messiah of God." In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

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Corpus Christi

Catholic Kids Media: youtu.be/rnyeDpTdHDk
"The child is the beauty of God, present in the world, that greatest gift to a family. - Mother Teresa
(www.patreon.com/catholickidsmedia)



National Eucharist Revival Quotes from the Popes

"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but

recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope. (vatican.va Ecclesia de Eucharistia, Pope John Paul II) [Encyclical Letter]

FAMILY BIBLE: MAKE THE CONNECTIONS!

Nativity of St. John The Baptist (June 23)

Mark 1:6 "John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey."

Celebrate the life of St. John the Baptist together as you make Honey Playdough. This no-cook recipe makes a soft playdough that bring hours of fun and creativity for the whole family. Talk about St. John the Baptist and try to create grasshoppers, sea shells, camels or other animals he might have encountered in the wilderness.

Recipe: teachingmama.org - Honey Playdough



Links for More Resources, Ideas and Activities

Woman'sday.com : 30 Homemade Father's Day Crafts

Word-sunday.com: Body and Blood of Christ Cycle C

media.ascensionpress.com: Corpus Christi: How to Live the Feast

CatholicDigest.com: Five Facts about the Sacred Heart of Jesus

carmelitesistersocd.com - 5 Ways to Celebrate a Catholic Dad on Father's Day



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