



Blessed Trinity

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October 3, 2021 • The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 Quotes from the Church Fathers on the Eucharist

Philip Kosloski

From the very beginning the Church Fathers believed that the Eucharist was the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.



When reading the writings of the Church Fathers on the Eucharist, it is clear that they believed in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

To help illustrate that point, here is a small selection of quotes from the early Church Fathers that detail their beliefs about the Holy Eucharist. After reading these, it becomes clear how the Church has passed on this teaching over the years virtually unchanged.

St. Justin Martyr

For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food

consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

They [Gnostics] abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not admit that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, the flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in His graciousness, raised from the dead.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

[Christ] has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own Blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, he has established as his own Body, from which he gives increase to our bodies.

St. Clement of Alexandria

The Word is everything to a child: both Father and Mother, both Instructor and Nurse. "Eat My Flesh," He says, "and drink My Blood." The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients. He delivers over His Flesh, and pours out His Blood; and nothing is lacking for the growth of His children. O incredible mystery!

St. Hippolytus of Rome

But let each of the faithful be zealous, before he eats anything else, to receive the Eucharist ... let each one take care that no unbeliever taste the Eucharist, nor a mouse nor any other animal, and that nothing of it fall or be lost; for the body of Christ is to be eaten by believers and must not be despised.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Carefully hallow your eyes by the touch of the sacred Body, and then partake, taking care to lose no part of It. Such a loss would be like a mutilation of your own body.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

For as the bread, which is produced from the earth, when it receives the invocation of God, is no longer

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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common bread, but the Eucharist, consisting of two realities, earthly and heavenly; so also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity.

St. Augustine

That bread which you see on the altar, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the body of Christ. That chalice, or rather, what is in that chalice, having been sanctified by the word of God, is the blood of Christ.

St. Ephraim

Our Lord Jesus took in His hands what in the beginning was only bread; and He blessed it, and signed it, and made it holy in the name of the Father and in the name of the Spirit; and He broke it and in His gracious kindness He distributed it to all His disciples one by one. He called the bread His living Body, and did Himself fill it with Himself and the Spirit.

St. Athanasius

You shall see the Levites bringing loaves and a cup of wine, and placing them on the table. So long as the prayers of supplication and entreaties have not been made, there is only bread and wine. But after the great and wonderful prayers have been completed, then the bread is become the Body, and the wine the Blood, of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

As to the reality of His Flesh and Blood, there is no room left for doubt, because now, both by the declaration of the Lord Himself and by our own faith, it is truly Flesh and it is truly Blood. And These Elements bring it about, when taken and consumed, that we are in Christ and Christ is in us. Is this not true?

St. Gregory of Nyssa

This Body, by the indwelling of God the Word, has been made over to divine dignity. Rightly then, do we believe that the bread consecrated by the word of God has been made over into the Body of God the Word.

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Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will be postponed until January 11, 2022, with "Our Catholic Life" series. Classes will be Tuesday mornings at 9:30am - 11:00am in the Faith Formation Room.

If you are interested in joining, contact Barbara Townsed at 727-867-3605.



October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Social media certainly has its downsides, but it's a wonderful way to keep up with friends and family. Lately, I've noticed a number of wedding day snapshots – with couples finally able to celebrate their “big day” as pandemic restrictions have eased. Today's readings bring these beautiful images to mind. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about marriage: “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” While the readings focus on the relationship between man and woman, we are reminded that God created all of us – no matter our state in life – to love one another as he loves us. The capacity to love is in our DNA. Jesus invites us to be companions on life's journey, reflecting to others Christ's love for the Church.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year in October, our diocese invites married couples to a “Wedding Anniversary Mass.” Friends and family are invited to join them as they celebrate milestone anniversaries – whether it be 5 years or 50. Just as we celebrate newlyweds, it's nice to recognize these couples – and the love that has endured well after the honeymoon ended. Just as they witnessed their love for one another on their wedding day, they have continued to do so through the ensuing years by their example. Despite the inevitable hardships, they cling to one another; through disagreements and quarrels, they find a way back to each other – and I suspect they laugh together too. By sharing their stories we, too, can witness to others a love that endures through thick and thin. In doing so, we help build up our families, our communities, and our Church.

WITNESS You may have heard of *The Moth*, a popular storytelling platform. Each of us has a story to tell, and recording family “love stories” can be a fun way to witness to our children and grandchildren what good relationships look like. Take some time to interview your parents or others in your extended family about how they met, how they've overcome the challenges they have faced as a couple, and how they have kept God at the center.



Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneveux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Geneveux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2, Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

4:00 p.m. Trudy Murray (dec)

Sunday, October 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Bertha Zaweski (dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (dec)

Monday, October 4, Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 a.m. Blanche Grimes (liv)

Tuesday, October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:00 a.m. Jane King (dec)

Wednesday, October 6, St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, October 7, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Trudy Murray (dec)

Alice and Dan Carr 60 Wedding Anniversary

Friday, October 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jordan Carruth (dec)

Saturday, October 9, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

8:00 a.m. Bishop John A. Duffy (dec)

4:00 p.m. Ted Hoyle (dec)

Sunday, October 10, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Bynd (dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Jose Bispo (dec)

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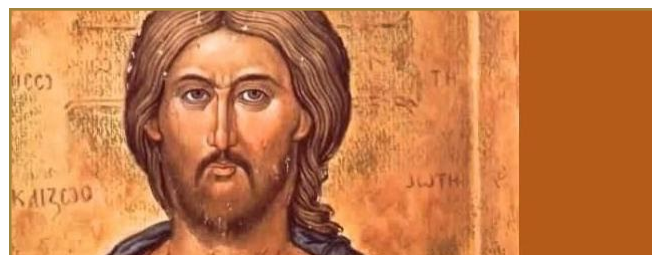
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The Messiah

Lives Among us



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

A lot of people have requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says

make a difference
DONATE

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727)867-3663.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving September 20-26

Offertory	\$ 1,585
Building Fund	\$ 20
SVDP	\$ 90

September 26, 2021

Offertory/Donation	\$ 7,641
Gift Shop	\$ 125
SVDP	\$ 661
Building Fund	\$ 70
Memorials	\$ 50
APA	\$ 22
Holy Days	\$ 20

**Thank you for
your generosity!**





Pray to End Abortion

You are cordially invited to join with parishioners from parishes throughout the Diocese, along with members of numerous Protestant churches,

during the 40 Days For Life Campaign peacefully praying to end abortion in front of the abortion clinic-All Women's Health Center-at 4131 Central Avenue here in St. Petersburg.

The campaign runs from September 22 thru October 31. Our parish's next special day is **Saturday, October 23**. Please indicate the times that you expect to attend by filling in the sign up sheets in the back of the Church.

You are encouraged to bring a folding/beach chair for your comfort.

Please feel free to call for more information, Marilyn at 727-867-2390, Cathy at 646-552-8015, or Lynn and Rich at 727-258-7406.

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Eternal Father,
we lift up these and all the priests of the world.
Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.
Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son,
Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

10/03 • Rev. James Johnson
10/04 • Rev. Thomas Morgan
10/05 • Spencer Grant, Seminarian
10/06 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
10/07 • Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Morris
10/08 • Bishop Gregory L. Parkes
10/09 • Rev. William Santhouse



Rehearsals for all of our ensembles have started. Adult choir meets at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, Bell Choir at 5:30pm on Thursdays, and Contemporary Choir at 3:00pm on Fridays. All who are interested, please contact Vincent at (727)867-3663, ext. 309, or by email, vjs@btsp.org. Or come and see Vincent at the organ after Mass, or simply show up to the ensemble of your choice. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation and
all the elements of nature obey your command.*

We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us.

May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

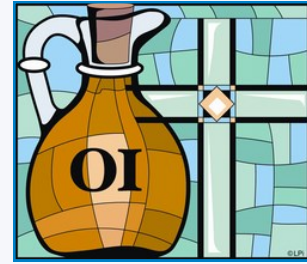
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Bento, Ron
Bestow, Shawn
Boss, Kristin
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Comeau, Teresa
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Dow, Bob
Dutilly, Dennis
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Frazier, Nancy
Fr. Jim Klima
Garcia, Jose M.

Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Grondin, Gaetane
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Holley, Gerry
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
Lawrence, Sandy
LeVan, George
Lyons, Laura
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Murdock, Cheryl
Murdock, Evan
Nicholson, Maria

Noguez, Armida
Oliphant, Brian
Parmigiani, Valerie
Phillips, James
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Privitera, Peter
Quinn, Timothy
Roberts, Amanda
Romani, Angelo & Marlene
Schaefer, Jake
Schneider, Mary Jo
Scotlight, Kristin
Seaquist, Tim
Shannon, Tom Jr.
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Kyle
Youngman, Ruthe



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.