



COME & RECEIVE

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

John 6:54-56

Jesus told His followers that He would give us His flesh and blood as our life-giving food and drink. Then, at the Last Supper, Jesus fulfilled this promise and showed His Apostles how the gift of His body & blood, which he would sacrifice on the cross the next day, would become present to us through bread and wine. From the very first days of the Church, Christian communities celebrated “the breaking of the bread” and believed and taught that Jesus was truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. The Church still believes and teaches this today. That is why we genuflect when we enter the Church. We are recognizing that Jesus, King of Kings, is present in the tabernacle in the form of the consecrated host. The next time you enter St. Joseph, or any Catholic Church, don’t just go through the motions. Stop. Look directly at the tabernacle. Consider who is present there. Genuflect slowly and say, as St. Thomas did upon seeing the resurrected Jesus: “My Lord and my God!”



National Eucharistic Revival

The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist beginning on Sunday, June 19, 2022 when the Church celebrates the Solemnity of THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST. Please consider taking some time to reflect on your own beliefs about the Eucharist by considering the questions below and viewing the personal witness of fellow parishioners and the short informational video provided.

Do I truly believe it is the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ that we receive in Holy Communion at Mass? If so, do I come to Mass with a disposition that reflects being in the presence of and receiving my Lord, Creator, Savior and King?

Do I have doubts about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist or not believe it at all? If so, how can I learn more about this fundamental belief of our Catholic faith? Begin by simply viewing the videos provided.

