

Fr. JC's Pastoral Letter

My dear Little Flower,

There is something deeply beautiful about the timing of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

After the great journey of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost, the Church now pauses to gaze upon one enduring gift: the Eucharist — the Body and Blood of Christ given for the life of the world.

Corpus Christi simply means “The Body of Christ.” On this Sunday, the Church celebrates with wonder and gratitude that Jesus did not merely leave us teachings, memories, or symbols. He gave us - He left us with - Himself.

At every Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit, ordinary bread and wine become the Real Presence of Christ. The same Spirit who overshadowed Mary at the Annunciation... the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead... the same Spirit poured out at Pentecost... continues to move quietly and powerfully upon the altars of the Church.

This is why Corpus Christi belongs so beautifully within what we might call the “season of the Holy Spirit.” Summer is often associated with warmth, light, fire, life, and growth. And spiritually, Pentecost begins this great season of the Church where the fire of the Holy Spirit is no longer merely descending from heaven — it is now dwelling within the hearts of believers.

The Holy Spirit is “the invincible summer” of the Christian soul. And where does that fire continually sustain us? In the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is not only a devotion for Sundays. It is the living heartbeat of the Church. It is Christ walking with His people in ordinary life — into our homes, fears, griefs, marriages, anxieties, responsibilities, exhaustion, hopes, and joys.

So many people today live spiritually hungry. Hungry for meaning. Hungry for peace. Hungry to know they are not alone. Corpus Christi reminds us that God answers human hunger not with an idea, but with Presence. He feeds us with Himself.

And perhaps this is the great mystery of the Holy Spirit in daily life: the Spirit does not simply give emotional inspiration or dramatic experiences. The Holy Spirit quietly transforms ordinary things into places of divine encounter.



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Bread becomes Heaven. Wine becomes salvation. A gathered people become the Body of Christ. Sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, in procession become witnesses to the gospel. And ordinary human lives become temples of God.

This is why Eucharistic faith matters so deeply. Because the Eucharist teaches us that God remains. He remains with His Church. He remains with His people. He walks with you. He remains with you.

Even when faith feels weak. Even when life feels uncertain. Even when the world grows noisy and divided. The Eucharist is Christ saying again and again: “I will not leave you orphaned.”

And every time we come forward for Holy Communion, the fire of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit draws us into communion — with God and with one another — shaping us slowly into the living presence of Christ for the world.

As we continue our summer journey together under the theme of the “Invincible Summer” of the Holy Spirit, may Corpus Christi remind us that the fire of God is not distant. It is near. It is alive. It is waiting for us at the altar.

And from that altar, Christ sends us back into the world carrying His love into ordinary life.

Come to the Eucharist. Come hungry. Come weary. Come joyful. Come as you are.

For the Lord still prepares a table for His people.

Your parish priest,
Fr. JC Merino



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New Church Envelope Provider

Due to ongoing delays in delivery, the company previously providing our parish envelopes has not consistently mailed them to parishioners in a timely manner. As a result, this provider has issued their final envelope package, covering the period from May 27 through July 12.

We have contracted with a new provider, Church Budget, to better serve our parish needs moving forward. New envelope packets will be mailed directly to your home, and you may begin using them starting July 19.

Please note that you will be assigned a new envelope ID number. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition and thank you for your continued support of our parish.