

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 65: Fraction

STEP-BY-STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

This week, we continue with the meaningful actions that are happening during the Lamb of God. The Roman Missal indicates that during the singing or recitation of the Lamb of God, the priest “takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly: ‘May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.’” We call this part of the Mass the Fraction or the Breaking and the Commingling. The Catholic Encyclopedia teaches that, “The ‘Breaking,’ from the Latin, *fractio*, is the act of breaking the bread of the species consecrated in the Mass” (Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 226), which is why the breaking is sometimes called the fracturing rite. “This rite, which is simple in its appearance, is full of ancient meaning. At the Last Supper, Jesus ‘broke the bread’ to distribute to the disciples. After the Resurrection, the disciples recognized Jesus in the ‘Breaking of the Bread.’ Both in the Acts of the Apostles and in the letters of St. Paul, the Eucharistic celebration is often referred to as ‘breaking of the bread.’” (A Study of the Mass” p. 19). Dr. Edward Sri notes several Scripture passages regarding “Breaking the Bread,” including: Mt 14:19; 15:36; Mk 6:41; 8:6; Lk 9:16; Mt 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24; Lk 24:30; Acts 2:42, 46 (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 132–33).

A Sign of Unity

“Breaking Bread” is a sign of our unity, together sharing in the “one loaf.” Although for practicality many churches use smaller hosts for the distribution of Holy Communion, the symbolism of the fracturing reminds us that we are united together in Christ, not only in the Mass where we are but also with those present at Mass in every time and place. Another



sign of unity is the Church’s direction that, if possible, the faithful should receive Communion from hosts consecrated at that particular Mass. We know Christ is truly present and remains so in the hosts reserved in the tabernacle. Receiving hosts consecrated in the Mass we are participating in provides a sign of unity and also strengthens our participation in the sacrifice of Christ. (Recall from the Old Testament/Temple times that people were given a portion of the sacrifice, and their participation was completed through eating that portion.)

A Symbol of Reality

As mentioned above, after the initial breaking of the Host, the priest breaks off a small piece and places it into the chalice. This is called the “Commingling.” As the Diocese of Peoria explains, “Placing a piece of the host in the chalice is a very ancient custom dating back to at least the fourth century. Originally, it was designed to show unity and communion between the pope, bishops and their local Churches. Fragments of the host from the Masses celebrated by the pope or bishop were carried by the deacons to the local churches and placed into the chalices during the celebration of the Mass. It symbolized the reality that the entire [C]hurch is present at every Mass. Even though it is not practiced as such today, the commingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ remains a beautiful part of the Communion Rite as it expresses a great reality. When the consecration takes place, the bread and the wine are consecrated separately, for this is how our Lord instituted the memorial sacrifice of His death on the cross. He anticipated how His death would take place: the separation of His Body and Blood and He bled to His death on the cross. The commingling at this point during the Mass symbolizes the Resurrection of Jesus when on the third day His Body and Soul
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and Soul were reunited forever” (A Study of the Mass, p. 19). Reminding us that the whole Christ is present in either/both the Consecrated Host and/or the Chalice, Charles Belmonte writes, “Some say that the separated species signify the Victim in the state of death (the body in one place, the blood in another), whereas in reality our Lord is present in either and in both species, as he is in heaven, living and glorious. Therefore, the mingling symbolizes the re-union of Christ’s body and soul as in his resurrection. It is, however, probable that the mingling must have corresponded to the dogmatic need to show clearly the unity and indivisibility of the body and blood of Jesus Christ” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 179–80). A Sacrament of Unity

As a priest, I really enjoy thinking about the ancient custom of having the deacon bring a fragment of a host consecrated at Mass by the bishop. Sometimes after the commingling prayer, I will

silently say a short prayer for the bishop. I ask the Lord to gift him with wisdom and strength to lead us well. I ask that he be strengthened through reception of the Eucharist and that his heart continue to become more like Christ’s. In that moment, this sign of unity recalls me back to ordination day, when priests promise respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors. The Eucharist truly is our sacrament of unity—drawing each of us into greater unity with Christ and with one another.

All that from the Fraction Rite and Commingling! This rite shows us very concretely that there are no parts of the Mass without deep meaning, even gestures that may seem small. Does this mean we have to pay attention at every moment? Do your best, and realize that if you wander off, you might miss something really special!.

-Fr. Luke Spannagel

Pastors Weekly Reflection: ST. JUSTIN MARTYR ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Dearest St. John’s family of families,

Peace be with you this season of Easter!

“Jesus Christ is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.”

Reflection from the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr (Cap. 66-67: PB 6, 427-431) The celebration of the eucharist.

“No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.



We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilate for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: Do this in memory of me. This is my body. In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: This is my blood. The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray. On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers

and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, “Amen.” The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.”

Justin Martyr was born near Shechem, Samaria around the year 100. He was raised a pagan and received a good education in history, poetry, rhetoric, and philosophy. This study of philosophy led the young Justin to a hunger for truth and knowledge of God, and he passed through several schools of Greek thought before settling on Platonism. But even in the philosophy of Plato and Socrates, he did not find the answers to his questions. These he ultimately discovered in Christianity, of which he learned in conversation with an old man who approached him as he walked alone on the shore. Moved to a love of Scripture and Christian doctrine by the man’s advice, Justin was soon baptized, likely in Ephesus. St. Justin Martyr whose feast day is celebrated on June 1st, laid out one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass in his First Apology, written between 153 and 155 A.D

St. Justin Martyr, pray for us.

Many blessings,



Rev. Maxy D’Costa

Pastor



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

April 2024 - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

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Church Open During The Week

The church is open Monday - Friday after 8:00am Mass to 4:00pm for personal prayer and reflection. Bring your family and come spend some time with Jesus.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During this year of our parish family Eucharistic Revival, I urge you to come with your spouse and children and spend time in Adoration and prayer during our time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 8:30am to 4:00pm and second Mondays from 8:30am to 8:00pm.

Holy Rosary

We pray the holy rosary devotion after morning Holy Mass Mon-Thurs.




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EACH WEEK CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKLY VERSES TO MEDITATE UPON.

JOIN THE SJA PARISH COMMUNITY AS WE READ AND PRAY THE GOSPEL OF MARK TOGETHER!

**Read (Lectio)
Reflect (Meditatio)
Respond (Oratio)
Rest (Contemplatio)**

THIS WEEK: MARK 2:18-22



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Little Lamb Childcare: Provided for 10:30am Mass in Pre-K Room

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Week of March	31st	\$ 11,888.77
Week of April	7th	\$ 13,150.26

Sacraments and Services

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Funeral Mass / Service: Please first contact Rev. Maxy D'Costa at 503-742-8200 to plan a funeral service at St. John the Apostle for your loved one at your earliest convenience. If you would like your loved one buried in the St. John the Apostle cemetery, please contact Gary Avery at 503-655-7148 to make those arrangements

Family Member that has moved to assisted living/care facility/hospice: If you have a family member that has moved to a care facility, please inform the parish office so we can arrange for pastoral care and we will note the address in our records.

Assisted Hearing System: We have an assisted listening system to help facilitate better hearing for all of our members.

Contact the office.

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Visit sja-catholicchurch.formed.org to register.

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin Announcements due on the Friday, nine days before the Bulletin publication date.



Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sat April 13 Third Sunday of Easter

3:00pm K of C Monthly Directors Mtg, YR

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Anticipated Holy Mass - Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sun April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Holy Mass - All Parishioners

9:30am K of C Parish Breakfast, PC

10:15am Little Lamb's Catechesis & Childcare, Pre-School Rm

10:30am Holy Mass - The Chavez Family INT

11:30am Confessions

11:45am Family of Faith Parent Mtg, PC

1:15pm Confessions

1:30pm Holy Mass (Spanish) - Francisco Ramirez †

2:00pm CDA Financial Review Mtg, PC

Mon April 15

8:00am Holy Mass - Residents of the Ridge INT

6:30pm St. John's Men's Group, YR

Tues April 16

8:00am Holy Mass - Loretta Matulich INT

6:30pm RCIA Catechumenate, YR

Wed April 17

8:00am Holy Mass

6:30pm SEARCH, PC

Thurs April 18

8:00am Holy Mass (School)

6:30pm K of C Officer Planning Mtg, YR

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (10:30 Choir)

Fri April 19

8:00am Holy Mass - Doris Daiker †

8:45-10:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:30am Linda Serres Rosary

11:00am Funeral Mass for Linda Serres

12:00-4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat April 20

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Anticipated Holy Mass - Phyllis Welters INT

Sun April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Holy Mass - All Parishioners

9:15am Children's Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm

10:15am Little Lamb's Catechesis & Childcare, Pre-School Rm

10:30am Holy Mass

11:30am Confessions

11:45am Baptism Formation, YR

1:15pm Confessions Spanish)

1:30pm Holy Mass (Spanish) - Rutilio Lopez Bautista †

3:00pm Welcome Cafe Hot Meal, PC

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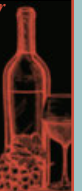
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