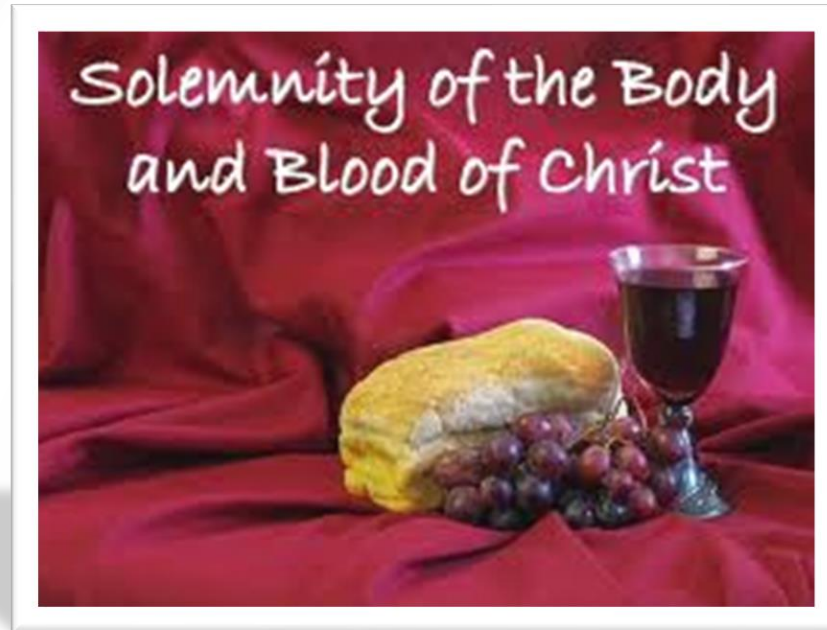


Getting Ready for Sunday!

Sunday, 24 March 2024

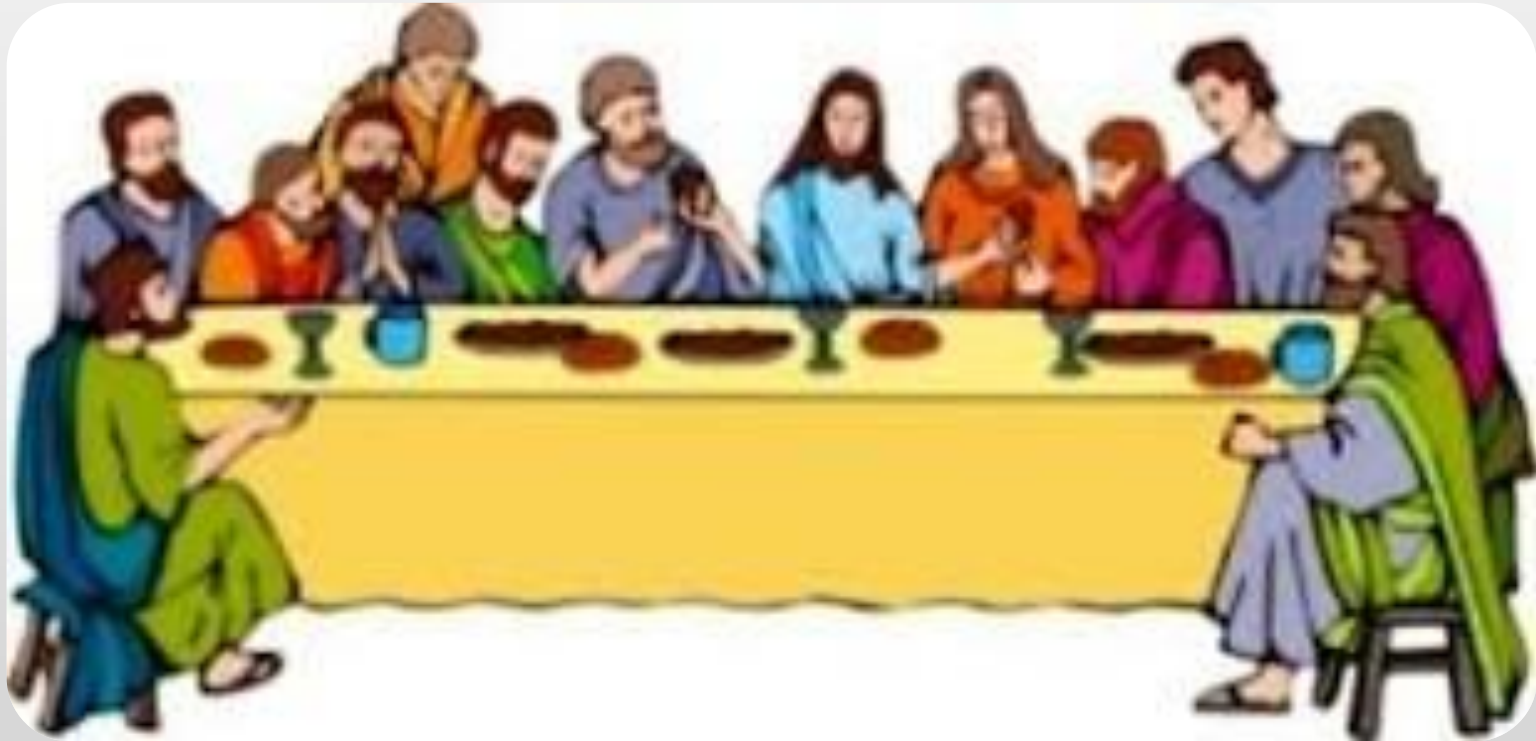


The Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist (Mass) first begun on Holy Thursday at the celebration of the Last Supper.



We each have an invitation to the table of the Last Supper-to a place which is uniquely ours. Christ eagerly awaits us, in the same hopeful way that He waited for those who first sat with Him on Holy Thursday. He calls us lovingly to Him to share His company. This is our place of family belonging!

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



The Passover with the Disciples and
The Institution of the Lord's Supper

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him:

Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?



So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them:

Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”



He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready.



Make preparations for us there.

So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.



The Passover is a Jewish family celebration of the freedom gained by the Israelites when they escaped from Egypt.

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said:

“Take; this is my body.”



A lamb was sacrificed and eaten at the Passover on escape from Egypt!

Jesus offers Himself for sacrifice, offering His Body for us.

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.



Jesus changes the ordinary gifts of our lives into greatness every day – most of the time, we don't even notice!

Jesus changed ordinary wine into His precious Blood.

He said to them:

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.



When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



At the end of the Last Supper,
Jesus went to the place where
He would be captured!

He carried the experience of
being with His friends with
Him.

At the end of Mass we take the
nourishment of the Eucharist with us so
that we may share the message for the rest
of the week.

Bible Search

Read Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 in your family Bible - this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



*Name all the gifts God has given to you.
Give thanks to God for each of these gifts.*

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to be more grateful this week.

Ask God to help you to give thanks to God and others this week.

