



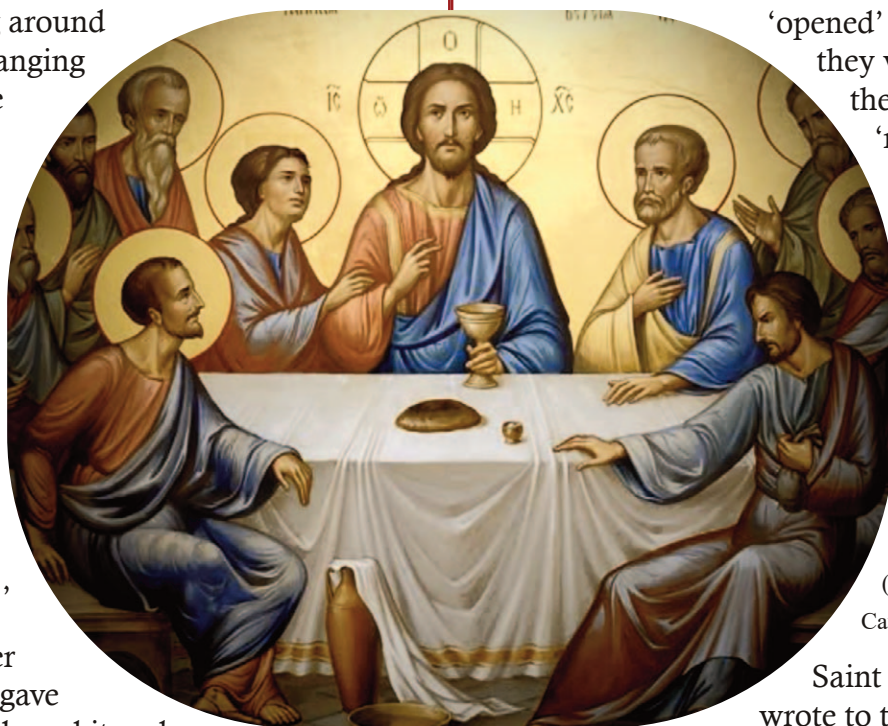
UNCHANGING TRUTH IN A CHANGING WORLD

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever" Hebrews 13:8

Today, everything around us seems to be changing so quickly that we can become disoriented. At the Last Supper, on the road to Emmaus, and in the earliest days of the Church we find the gift of the living, Life-giving Truth that remains the 'same yesterday, today and forever.'

At the Last Supper Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, blessed it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Matthew 26:26-28 On the road to Emmaus, Jesus' disciples, disoriented by the horror of Christ's crucifixion and death, were walking away. All that they believed to be true, all that they had hoped for, seemed to have died with Him. Then Jesus came and walked with them 'opening' to them the truth hidden within the Scriptures.

Their hearts began to rekindle yet they did not ignite until he "reclined at the table with them, took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, he began giving it to them." Immediately their eyes were opened, and recognizing Jesus they exclaimed, "Were not our hearts burning within in us as he spoke to us on the road?" Luke 24:30-32 The Word of God



'opened' to them by Jesus as they walked, prepared their hearts to 'receive' him in the 'broken bread.'

This pattern for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration was recognized as early as the second century by St. Justin Martyr (155 AD). Catechism of the Catholic Church – CCC 1345

Saint Justin Martyr wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius 138-161 AD saying:

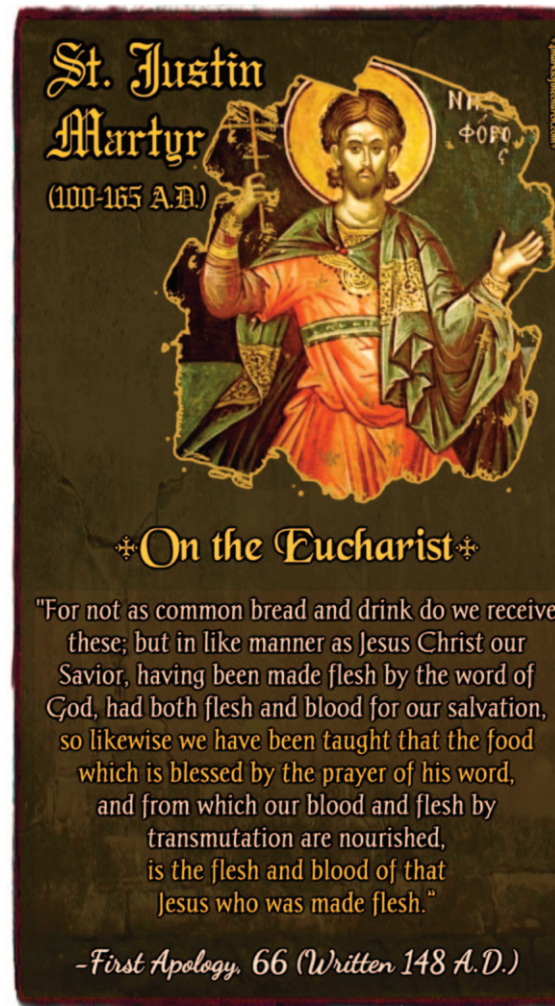
On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word 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."



After almost 2000 years the liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds according to the same fundamental structure experienced by the disciples of Emmaus. CCC 1345 This same structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day displays two great parts that form a fundamental unity: CCC 1346

- the gathering, the Liturgy of the Word, with readings, homily, and general intercessions;
- the Liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the consecratory thanksgiving, and communion.



As St. Justin continues to explain:
When the president has given thanks, all the people have expressed their assent, by saying, "Amen."
Then those who are called by us deacons give to each of those present the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced, and to those who are absent the deacons carry away a portion.

As our weekly celebration of the Eucharist concludes, it is the Deacon who exhorts, "Go in Peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," and our voices say "Thanks be to God", but our hearts ask, 'Peace? How Lord, in this disorienting world?'

We have just 'received' our answer in the; breaking of the Bread.' If our hearts are rekindled and our eyes are opened, we will recognize the only One who can reorient and anchor our hearts in this ever-changing world. St. Justin affirms this truth in the simple phrase, 'they carry away a portion.' Here we find the unchanging Truth that the 'Eucharitized' bread remains the Body and Blood of Christ. The secret to our Peace is that Jesus himself remains in the Blessed Sacrament to be 'carried away' or reserved in a tabernacle or exposed and adored in a monstrance. Thus, as he promised, he is with us "always until the end of the age." Matt. 28:20



*Jesus is the Truth
 unchanged and
 unchanging,
 "yesterday, today,
 and forever."*

*Our Chapel of Perpetual Adoration
 is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*

From 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM

*Daily Mass is at 7:15 AM
 Evening Prayer is 4:30 PM*

*Wednesdays Rosary is prayed at 4:10 PM
 Sundays - 4:10 PM: Rosary, Evening Prayer
 followed by Benediction the Blessed Sacrament*

Note: Our Bookstore closes daily at 2:00 PM

SILVER JUBILEE OF SISTER MARY JOHN THE BAPTIST OF THE DIVINE MERCY, OP
 Profession Motto : "He must increase and I must decrease." St. John the Baptist Jn. 30::3



Sister reaffirmed her Vows in the hands of Sister Mary Rani, OP our Prioress.



Sister's brothers Minh and Tua present the Offertory Gifts to Rev. Hoang Lam and Msgr. Timothy Hogan



Sister shared her day with friends and benefactors including Rev. Joseph Marquis. Gifts for her garden bring Sister real joy.



Our Monastery Chaplain Father Santoro, OP honored Sister as he preached the Homily.

NEWS FROM THE MONASTERY

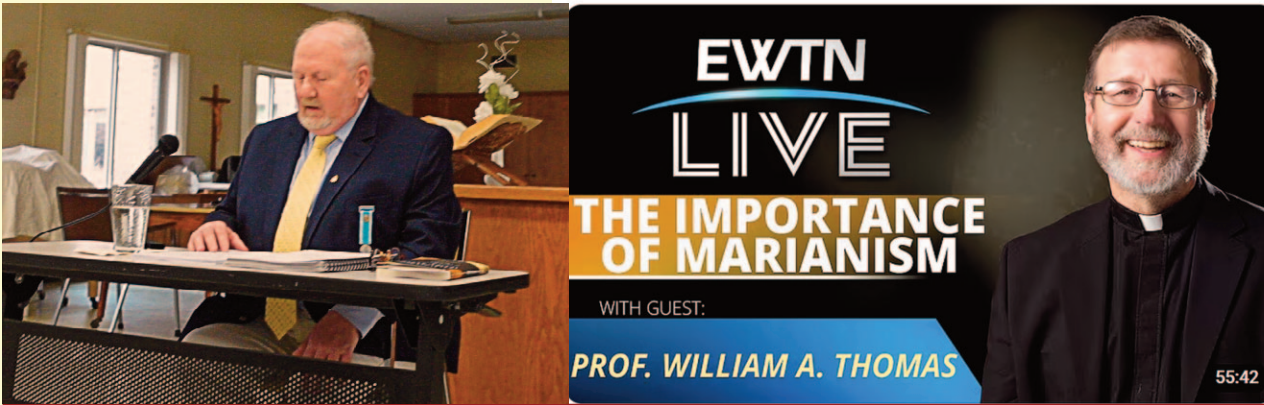
How good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell in unity. Ps. 133.1



Archbishop Allen Vigneron came to visit before his retirement became official. His Excellency visited us periodically to share Diocesan news and prayer requests. We remain very grateful for his fatherly care. We will miss him and keep him in our prayers.



Sr. Ester Mary, RMS shared stories of her work in the Diocese with both joy and compassion for the needs of our people. Sister brought with her Blessed, soon to be saint, Carlos Acutis’ first class relic.



Our friend, Professor William Thomas shared with us his latest work, “The Silence of Mary,” a beautiful study on the Contemplative heart of our Blessed Mother., On May 14th, EWTN’s Fr. Mitch welcomed Prof. Thomas, an expert on Marian Theology, to talk about several of the Church-approved Marian Shrines around the world and his work with the Pope St. John Paul II Institute of Marian Studies and the Pontifical Academy of Mary. The program is avaiable on YouTube.



We were blest by a visit with our Central Province Novices: In front L to R: Br. Lukas, Br. Aquinas, Br. Thomas, and Fr. Carl Wisdom, Novice Master. behind them are Brothers Basil and Joshua.

COME AND WALK THE WALK OF FAITH WITH US ~
Being of good courage ... we walk by faith and not by sight. Cf. 2 Cor.5:6-7



Come walk with us as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and the Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

This year, as the three-year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States draws to a close, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will travel one last Pilgrimage Route, the St. Katharine Drexel Route, from

Indianapolis to Los Angeles.

The 2025 Drexel Route opened with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Indianapolis on Sunday, May 18th will travel through parts of the Midwest before heading to Texas and along the states of the Southwestern United States. Visiting the tomb of Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the Shrine of Blessed Stanley Rother, and St. Michael Church near Window Rock, which is the capital of Navajo Nation. Finally, after stopping at several missions in Southern California the Pilgrimage will conclude on Corpus Christi with a procession with our Lord around the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.



The Council of Trent (1545-1563) solemnly approved and recommended the Corpus Christi Procession often followed by Benediction as a public profession of the Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

In Eucharistic Processions, we publicly proclaim this truth of our Faith by following the Lord physically, even as we pledge anew in our hearts to follow Him spiritually. Hence, we give public witness to the Lord's proclamation from the Gospel of Saint John:



**I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
 Whoever eats this bread will live forever;
 and the bread that I will give
 is my flesh, for the life of the world. John 6:51**

INTRODUCING OUR CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA PREACHER
Father Jordan DeGuire, OP



Fr. Jordan DeGuire, O.P., a friar of the Central Province of Dominican Friars currently teaching and serving as a Campus Minister at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI. Father grew up in the Milwaukee area and loves all things Wisconsin. He met the Dominican friars in Madison, WI, while attending the University of Wisconsin, where he studied mathematics, economics, and religious studies. Fr Jordan then taught high school math for a year before entering the Dominican Order, with whom he professed vows in 2017 and was ordained a priest in 2023.



The Aquinas Campus Ministry site quips, "Fr. Jordan likes to run and to bake, two hobbies that offset each other nicely."

Father serves as Chaplain on our Monastery Discernment Retreat Team. His experience at Aquinas blesses the young women who attend our Retreats.

Our Easter Vigil this year was extraordinary. Fr. Jordan as celebrant sung the Mass including the Exsultet with Fr. Michael Monshau, OP as concelebrant. If you attended our Easter vigil, you know that this Corpus Christi Novena is not to be missed!

Intentions: _____

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CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA ~ SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH thru SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

We will celebrate for each of these nine days together,

June 14th thru Sunday, June 22nd

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our Novena Intentions
 with a Homily by Fr. Jordan DeGuire OP.

Novena Weekdays begin with Mass at 7:15 PM

Saturday, June 14th & Monday, June 16th thru Saturday June 21st
 followed by Compline - the Night Prayer of the Church



Trinity Sunday, JUNE 15th Mass is at 11:00 AM

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22nd Mass at 11:00 AM followed by a Procession & Benediction

Note: There will be no 7:15 AM Mass during the Novena
 On Friday and Saturday: The Chapel will be open from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our doors will reopen at 6:45 PM for the 7:15 PM Novena Mass.
 On Trinity Sunday, our Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM
 Corpus Christi Sunday the Chapel will open at 9:00 AM and be closed after Benediction

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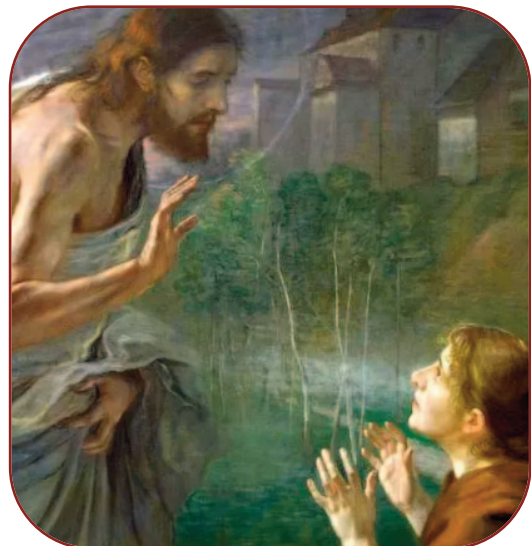
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2025 DISCERNMENT RETREAT FRIDAY JULY 18th ~ Sunday 20th

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for those whom
the Lord is inviting.

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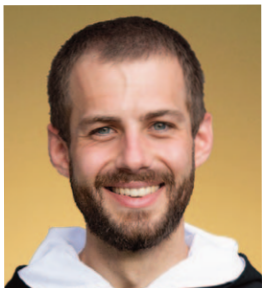
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*When I found Him
Whom my heart loves
... I would not let him go!*
Song of songs



*Presented by our Vocation team
with*



Fr. Jordan DeGuire, OP.