



**CONSOLATA SHRINE**  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
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**FIRST READING**

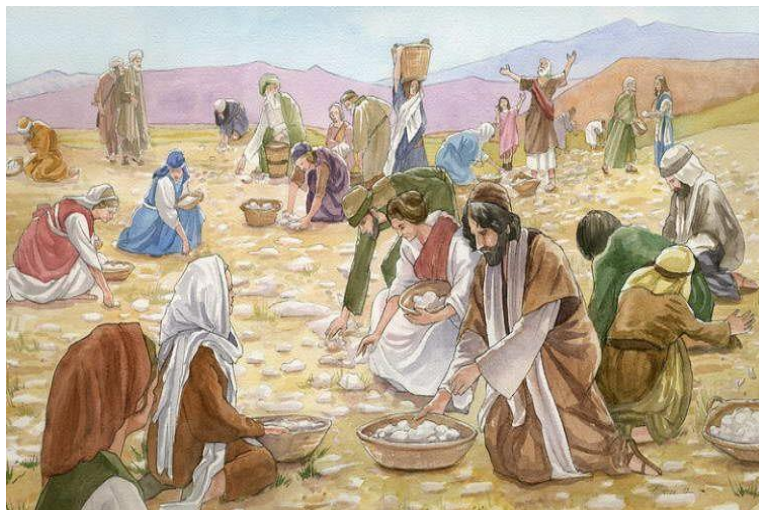
**Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14b-16a**

*“He fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know.”*

**A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy**

Moses spoke to the people, saying, ‘You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna,

which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the



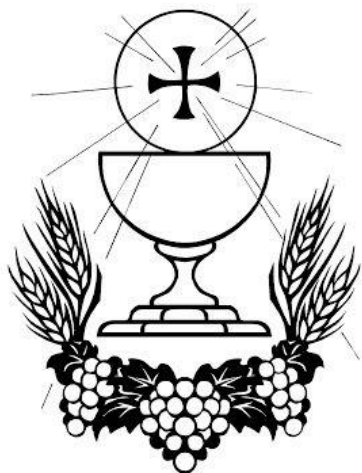
Lord. “And you shall remember the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM      Psalm 147:12-15.19-20 (R12a)**  
**R. O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!  
O Sion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you. **R**

He established peace on your borders;  
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth,  
and swiftly runs his command. **R**

He reveals his word to Jacob;  
to Israel, his decrees and judgments.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his judgments. **R**



**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

*“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.”*

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brethren: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.



**ALLELUIA**

I am the living bread which came down  
from heaven, says the Lord; if any one  
eats this bread he will live for ever

**ALLELUIA**



## GOSPEL

**John 6:51-58**

*“My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.”*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds of the Jews, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

### **Reflection by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.**

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That’s how Jesus presents it in today’s Gospel. He doesn’t make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today’s reading, Jesus uses a Greek word - trogein - that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing. He is testing their faith in His Word, as today’s First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites’ hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In today’s Psalm, too, we see a connection between God’s Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with “finest wheat” and proclaiming his Word to the world. In Jesus, “the living Father” has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the

desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many



of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse. But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life. In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature. This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

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