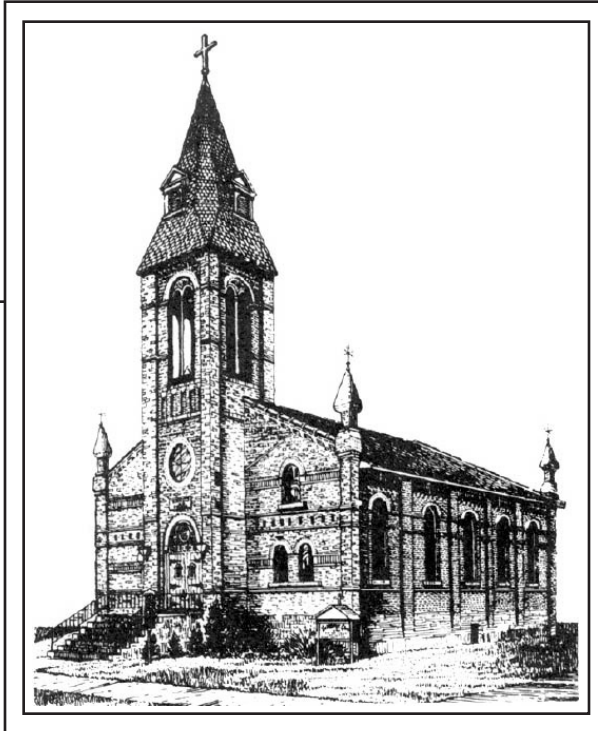


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Authenticity & Division

It is customary for us to celebrate First Communions in the Easter Season when the Church for fifty days reflects on and unpacks the great mystery of Christ's rising from death to life and its meaning for our living. Recently, at one of the First Communion Masses I was presiding over, I made the usual announcement prior to Communion (and often made at weddings, funerals and on occasions when it is assumed there are many non-Catholics present), informing the congregation that those who are not Roman Catholic are invited to come forward and receive a blessing instead of Communion. Because sometimes those who do not understand the Church's belief in the Eucharist take this kind of information as an insult that in effect leaves them out, I added that if anyone wished to discuss this issue regarding inter-communion with me, to speak to me after the Mass had ended.

At the conclusion of the Mass, I made myself available for pictures with the First Communicants. A woman approached me, not in the slightest way pleased with my announcement, and asked, "How can you preach unity on one hand and then speak of division on the other?" I listened to her attack on my words, not able to get a word in, when finally, I said to her, "I have listened to you, now please listen to what I have to say." I asked her if she believed in Jesus, and she answered in the affirmative. I asked her whether she agreed that Jesus calls us all to authenticity, and again she replied positively. "That", I said, "was what my announcement was all about - authenticity and being true to what we believe."

On the surface, it would seem obvious that what Christian's ought to do with one another, regardless of their Christian denomination, is to get along and that the hallmark of our existence should be the genuine love we have for one another. However, that unity that Jesus prayed for to His Father, "that they may be one as you and I are one" must be one that is real and authentic. It is not enough for us to somehow pretend that we are one when we are not. The differences between the various Christian denominations are a serious wound to the heart of Christ still, yet unity cannot be accomplished at the cost of compromise and a watering down of the truth. Some may erroneously think that ecumenism will be achieved when the Catholic Church gets rid of what they perceive to be its silly sacraments and join with other denominations in community and preaching based on the word of God alone. Being authentic, however, means that the Catholic Church will never "give up" those things that have been handed down to us from Christ himself. The things revealed by Christ to the Apostles and to the Church he established have not been altered from their essential core meaning and purpose for 2000 years, nor will they every be. Like the Word of God itself, the Church will always stand firm on what it has received and believed for two millennia and will continue to be the voice, the messenger and the obedient servant to Jesus Christ.

While one denomination (e.g. Roman Catholicism) believes that the bread and wine at Mass is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus, others would hold that it is merely a sharing of what amounts to be the equivalent of a cracker. A priest recently shared with me that when he was in the seminary, his studies led him to take a course at a Christian college. During one of the break periods in one class,

he was sitting with other students having coffee when one of the students from that college announced, "Hey, we still have some bread left over from our Eucharist this morning. We can have it with our coffee." What one group of believers would pass off as unimportant and of no great and lasting significance, another holds that same word to a totally different standard and meaning. If a Catholic was to say, "Let's go get some hosts from the tabernacle and have them with our coffee" it would constitute the highest form of sacrilege.

Taking this to the topic and the matter at hand - other Christians coming forward to receive the Eucharist in the Catholic Church - what would cause worshippers who are not Catholic to come forward and receive Communion in the Catholic Church is ignorance of what Eucharist means for Catholics from what their own denomination holds it to be. The role of the presider at Mass is to inform the minds and consciences of those who are present, particularly with a mixed congregation of visitors, non-Christians, Christians and Catholics of what the Church teaches about the Eucharist. As St. Paul said, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." That's pretty straightforward and serious talk from St. Paul about the Eucharist. Would he say that about any loaf of bread or a cracker or anything else? No, because St. Paul was speaking specifically to the conscious, mindful act of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ truly in the Eucharist Christ instituted when he gave us his body and blood and told us through the disciples to "Do this in memory of me".

Some would hold that many Catholics don't seem to have a proper understanding of what the Church has always believed about the Eucharist, but again, this is the work of bishops, priests, deacons, those who work in ministry, those who teach and all who profess the name Catholic, to undertake to study and know what Catholics have always believed.

It should deeply sadden us that all of the churches within Christianity cannot come together and believe the same thing, but one need only look at the continuous stream of new "Christian" churches that are born or die every day and we can see that the continual splintering of the Church goes against what Christ intended and wants still. It becomes increasingly difficult to have unity when there exists so much division and diversity. Announcing that Eucharist in the Catholic Church is not offered to everyone does not create division but points out that division exists and that authentic unity is not achieved by pretending it is otherwise.

As Christians we can and should do those things that we authentically hold in common; prayer, reading of the Word of God and living out a desire to know and love God and serve him in our neighbour no matter who that neighbour is. Worshipping the Father in "spirit and in truth" means being authentic to what we have received, and any Christian should be able and willing to agree and hold fast to that.

(Fr. Charles)

"Father, may they be one as you and I are one".

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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Wed May 22 8:30am	Unannounced Mass Unannounced Mass
Thurs May 23 8:30am	Intentions of Behm MacRae Requested by Mom & Dad
Friday May 24 7:30am 8:30am	Holy Hour In Thanksgiving Eva & Family Unannounced Mass
Sat May 25 3:30 to 4:00pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Clemence Bertrand Requested by the O’Hearn Family
Sunday May 26 9:00am	+Gina Gelsomini Requested by Lora Cartwright
11:00am	For the People

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