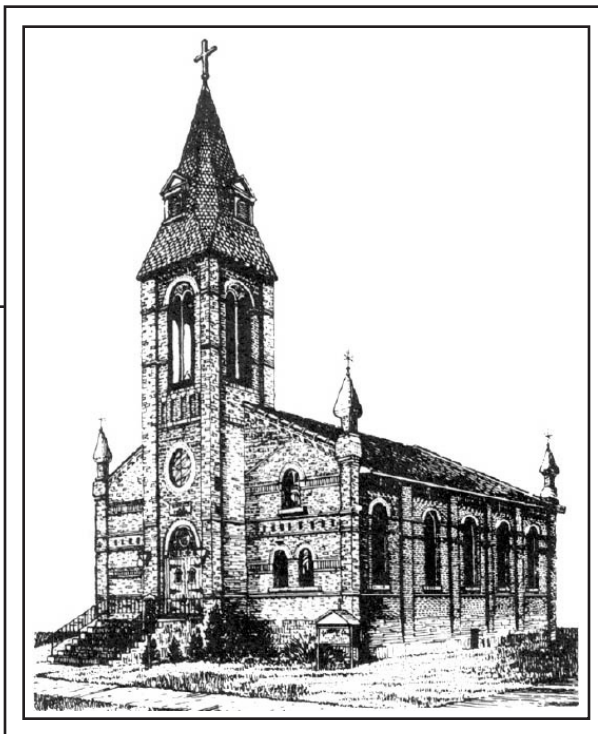


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## We've Seen It All!

By the time this bulletin is being read by our parishioners and those who read it online, the fullness of the Great Three Days will have been celebrated here at St. Mary's and around the Catholic world. We will have moved from Holy Thursday's joyful celebration of the Eucharist, priesthood and our call to serve as Christ has served us to the empty tomb of Good Friday and the powerful recalling of Christ Passion and death on the Cross as the Saviour doing the awful work of saving us by His Death for all sin. The Easter Vigil will have already found us at the tomb in the dark, recalling what God had done in times past in creating us but also with a recalling of God's salvific deeds to save sinful humanity, which would culminate in Jesus' Death. Yet in that same liturgy we experience in some measure the revelation again of Jesus' Resurrection as He had promised. And this vigil of all vigils leads us to not only on Easter Sunday morning but for fifty days, continue to unpack and celebrate the great mysteries we have entered into. Our Lent of forty days has been our spiritual preparation to look at our lives and allow God to work with us and through us to de-clutter ourselves of the world and our sins and weaknesses and "put on Christ". As I mentioned at the beginning of Lent, the Lent we go through determines the Easter we celebrate in many ways. And yet and even still, God can work with us right now through the power of His Death and Resurrection to help us move toward Him and the life He wants us to live. Everything all of us – all of us – are looking for is found in Jesus. But how do we find it?

The Eucharist.

The night before our Lord died, He instituted the Eucharist, the Mass. It was His last commission to all those who would come to believe, as we hear in the story which follows. Jesus didn't pass on to us an idea or some ideals or goals but a way of life and a tangible way of receiving Him. Yes, it's too ordinary, too simple to be what we hear it's supposed to be. And the question has been asked before as we would ask it now ourselves – "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" (John 6:52) Yes, looking at a man and thinking he is asking us to somehow consume him would certainly conjure up images of the unthinkable and unbearable and that's why so many of them left Jesus because of this. It was not a mere man or mortal who uttered these words of institution of His Body and Blood, but God in the flesh. He, like no other knows what we need, what you need. If it's true that we need Jesus is it not an even greater mystery and gift that He wants to give us Himself in an ongoing, tangible way so much so that we can even point with our finger in a Catholic church and say, "There is God! There is Jesus! He's right there! And we can and in fact, we must. "Do this", He said, "in remembrance of me."

Seeing is believing when we find ourselves at Mass each Sunday looking at Jesus being held aloft the altar in the hands of the priest who says, "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world." (Fr. Charles)



## How I began to believe that the Eucharist really is Jesus

*It was actually Bob Dylan that got me started.*  
(From *Aleteia Magazine*, Feb. 20, 2018) by Tom Hoopes

When friends told me in college that they believed that the Eucharist at Mass is not bread anymore but really Jesus Christ, truly present, I didn't understand them.

"You mean you believe the bread recalls Christ at his Last Supper, right?", I said.

No, they said. They didn't believe there was any bread there at all, after the consecration. There was just Jesus. He only *looked* like bread.

Once I understood what they were saying, I thought they were crazy. In all my years attending the Catholic church, I had never been taught anything of the kind.

### So first, they had to convince me the Church actually believes this.

Today, the Catechism exists, and it makes this doctrine very clear. Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

1376 The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."

But there was no Catechism back then — and so no simple way to find out if you were hearing real Church doctrine or someone's peculiar ideas.

I think they looked it up in Ludwig Ott's book to prove it to me. Whatever they did, I begrudgingly believed that the "Real Presence" was a real thing.

Stuff we Catholics did made more sense after that — genuflecting before getting into the pew, the priests cleaning the sacred vessels, and the many rules governing who can receive Communion.

Once I was convinced that the Real Presence was a real doctrine, however, I still thought it was crazy. Why would God want to take on the appearance of bread? Why would he want to be eaten?

**Bob Dylan helped me understand.**

After losing my faith in high school, I only became open to Christianity again because of Bob Dylan. I had bought all of his albums, and loved them all — even the Christian ones.

In the title song from his album *Saved*, Dylan concisely summed up his Protestant beliefs this way: “I was blinded by the devil / Born already ruined / Stone-cold dead / As I stepped out of the womb / By His grace I have been touched / By His word I have been healed / By His hand I’ve been delivered / By His Spirit I’ve been sealed / I’ve been saved / By the blood of the Lamb.”

And then he repeated it: “Saved, by the blood of the Lamb.” I bought what he said — to a point. I saw how Dylan could be “born already ruined.” We are all connected by blood to Adam, and so his decision to align himself with sin defined me just as one grandfather’s move from Kansas to Arizona and the other grandfather’s move from El Salvador to Mexico.

But how could Jesus’ blood get from Palestine two millennia ago to save Bob Dylan, or me, today?

It does so spiritually, the Protestants believe. But I couldn’t believe in that. God did things in a much more natural way than that in every other instance I knew of. If God wanted the blood of Jesus to reverse what I had inherited from the blood of Adam, I thought, that blood had to actually be in me.

**And that’s when I got it.**

“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life with in you,” Jesus said, “For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.”

He scared people with that kind of talk, reports John— but he meant it.

The apostles must have been relieved when they realized the role bread and wine would play in this ingestion of blood. St. Paul described it a couple decades after the Last Supper, in about the year 53.

That was it. You were saved by the blood of Jesus directly — not spiritually. Even Bob Dylan seemed to acknowledge it later in his career, when, after leaving his Christian sect, he sang, “I never could learn to drink that blood and call it wine.”

**Scriptures filled out the picture for me. One in particular.**

Lots of Scriptures suddenly take on new life, when you see that God is preparing the way for the Eucharist: Melchizedek’s bread and wine, the Manna in the desert, the Passover Lamb and the multiplication of the loaves.

But one made the most sense to me for the first time: The supper at Emmaus. In the story, Jesus meets two of his disciples after his death. They don’t recognize him until he breaks bread — then he disappears.

That never sounded real to me. Again, I didn’t like spiritualizing Jesus. He did earthy miracles, with water and spit and mud. He didn’t do magician’s tricks like vanishing into thin air.

But I was willing to admit he would do something odd like that if he was trying to communicate something earthy. But what was he trying to communicate?

The Eucharist makes it clear: I am no longer with you in this form (my body) but in this form (bread).

And so, I believed. And still do.



Tuesday April 18	+Anne Van Boxmeer Requested by Susan Holmes
Wednesday April 19	+Rose McCabe Requested by Mary Jo McNulty & Family
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Friday April 21	
7:30pm	Holy Hour
8:30am	+Marianne Herz Requested by Ingeborg Scholz
Saturday April 22	
3:30pm	Confessions
4:30pm	+George Gerynowicz Requested by the Cudney Family
Sunday April 23	
9:00am	Healing Intentions Maria Gal Requested by the Gal-Jagielski Family
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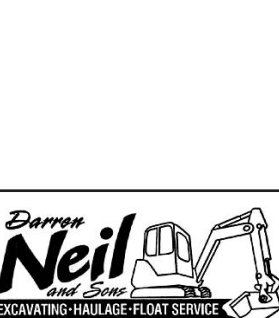

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