

It Really Is All About the Lord



We have arrived at the distribution of the Eucharist. During the distribution, the Communion Antiphon is said. Like the other Antiphons, it is a Mass Proper and it is based on the scripture of that particular Mass. Perhaps you have noticed the priest speaking the Antiphon after Communion (but before the Prayer after Communion) and that sometimes it does not match with the one that we sang. If you remember back to the Offertory, we discussed how there are varying “difficulty” levels the Church gives us for the Antiphons. With the change in difficulty, a change in text is usually also required. This is the case here as well - the Antiphon in the Roman Missal (book of prayers for the Mass) is designed to be spoken, whereas we sing the Antiphon with the words found in the Roman Gradual (the Church's official songbook).

There is not much left to cover, but there is just a bit too much to do it all in one sitting, so we will finalize our examination of the Mass next week. For now, a couple notes to accompany our change of season. Today is Trinity Sunday, and it kicks off the 2nd portion of Ordinary Time. Actually, if we are being precise, we have been in Ordinary Time all week as it began with the conclusion of the Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours on Pentecost. For this reason, you will notice a change in decoration, a change in the Mass Ordinary, and new vestment colors, among other differences.

Next week is Corpus Christi and we will have the customary procession after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Processions used to be more commonplace and more elaborate. It was not that long ago that we would have processed with our Blessed Lord along the Parish's territorial boundary with much pomp (and road closures!). Our procession will be significantly shorter - after all, we have a very sizable territory after the RMC merger - so I hope you join us. It is so important to profess our faith publicly and take up space. Come spend some time with the Lord and claim some space in the world for Him!

St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!

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