

Eucharistic Homily

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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One author summarizes the evidence of the New Testament this way: “to be a Christian is to belong to a church. No one gets saved and then wanders around by him or herself, thinking about whether to join a church. People repent and are then baptized into the fellowship of a church. Looking to Christ as Lord means being united to Christ’s people. It’s automatic, like being adopted means you’ll quickly find yourself at a dinner table with brothers and sisters.”¹

This is good news! All who have been born again are made part of God’s family, and we get all the privileges and responsibilities that are associated with being a member of a family. The family of God is designed to pray for one another, to help when someone is in need, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep. In the family of God, the childless gain spiritual children, orphans find spiritual parents, and we all find friendship and encouragement and accountability.

And one of the greatest blessings of all is that we get to eat at God’s family table. When God serves us at His Table, He is reassuring us that we are members of the family. And when we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we are claiming God’s people as our own. Through this family meal, the whole body of Christ is strengthened and blessed. Through this family meal, God is forming us together as His family.

If you’ve been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to partake of this family feast that Jesus has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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