

Eucharistic Homily

Second Lord's Day of Epiphany
January 13, 2019

When a Levitical priest was ordained according to the Law of Moses, he gained a new identity, a new status, new privileges, and new responsibilities. By virtue of his ordination, a priest was authorized to enter holy places and eat holy food and minister before the Lord on behalf of others.

When you were baptized into union with Jesus, the heavenly high priest, you were given a new identity, a new status, new privileges, and new responsibilities that far exceeded anything a Levitical priest could ever dream of. The Bible clearly says that your baptism authorizes you to enter the very heavenly presence of God in union with Jesus by the Spirit. This means that there are no holy places that are off limits to any of God's people. Your baptism also gives you a seat at the Table of the Lord to partake of Christ's body and blood. There's nothing magical about this bread or wine, but the Holy Spirit imparts to us all the blessings of Christ's broken body and shed blood when we receive these elements in faith. These are holy things for holy people.

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

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