

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Fourth Lord's Day of Easter

May 12, 2019

I know every mom is different, but my mom has spent a LOT of time in her kitchen. Throughout the years, I and many others have enjoyed the fruit of my mom's labors in her kitchen. In fact, my college roommate used to kid me that my mom wouldn't let me leave the neighborhood without a fresh batch of brownies to take with me. A mother's kitchen is a place where you receive nourishment for body and soul

In Galatians 4 the apostle Paul calls the heavenly Jerusalem—the church—our mother, which, among other things, points to the fact that the church is where we receive spiritual life, sustenance, and nourishment. John Calvin put it this way, “For there is no other way to enter into life unless this mother— [the church]—conceive us in her womb, give us birth, nourish us at her breast, and... keep us under her care and guidance, until [we reach heaven]” (IV.1.iv). Because Jesus has entrusted us into the care of mother church, we should not be surprised that the two sacraments Jesus gave to His church are the washing of new birth (baptism) and a communal meal (the Lord' Supper).

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 provided for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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