

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Seventh Lord's Day after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

It can be tempting to think of God's law only in terms of what we're not allowed to do, but that completely misses the point. God forbids us to do certain things precisely so that we will not miss out on the abundant blessings that God has promised us.

We are warned not to walk according to ungodly counsel because God has a far better way of life that leads us to a far better destination. We are told not to get comfortable with sinners or imitate their lifestyle because God has adopted us into His own family and called us to share in the life of His kingdom. We are cautioned not to sit in counsel with those who actively oppose God, because God has granted us a seat at His banquet and a share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. This is the blessed life.

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

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In order to flourish, God's word has to get down in our bones. We have to eat God's word. Just as a fruitful tree needs water, sun, and nutrients from the soil, we need to feast on God's word and on the word made flesh, Jesus Christ. He is the blessed man of Psalm 1, and through Holy Communion we abide in Him and He in us.