

Eucharistic Homily

Eighth Lord's Day after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

In John 15 Jesus explained to His disciples that fruitfulness in life is a direct result of abiding in Christ and remaining in vital fellowship with Him. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

In order to flourish and bear fruit, God's word has to get down in our bones. Just as a fruitful tree needs water, sun, and nutrients from the soil, we need to feast on God's law and put down deep roots into the life-giving word of God. It is of equal importance that we feast on the word made flesh, Jesus Christ. He is the blessed man of Psalm 1—the true tree of life, and through Holy Communion we abide in Him and He in us.

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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