

Eucharistic Homily

Seventeenth Lord's Day after Pentecost

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Scripture is very clear that words are terribly powerful. Life and death are in the tongue. Words can bless, or words can destroy. As we come to this Holy Communion, it's important to remember that some of the most powerful words in the world are "Thank you."

Gratitude keeps us from complaining. Gratitude keeps us from accusing others and defuses conflicts. Gratitude keeps us from anger. Gratitude keeps us from entitlement and self-pity. Gratitude destroys boasting. Gratitude keeps us from prideful self-reliance. Gratitude reminds us that we are finite and dependent creatures. Gratitude makes us look and sound a lot more like Jesus.

Another word for Holy Communion is the Eucharist, which is from the Greek word that means "thanksgiving." Among many other things benefits and blessings, this Eucharistic meal forms us into a grateful people by teaching us to say "thank you" to our gracious Father for the gift of salvation in His Son.

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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