

Eucharistic Homily

Eighteenth Lord's Day after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

Hebrews 12 calls us to imitate Jesus, who, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising its shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. In other words, Jesus endured the agony of the cross for joy of Easter morning. He subjected Himself to unimaginable shame for the glory of overthrowing death, conquering the Devil, and setting the world free from the curse of sin and death. Jesus entrusted Himself to His Father who does all things well.

Jesus shows us how to endure the cross for the glory that awaits. Jesus shows us that suffering is not wasted. Our trials and afflictions are not in vain. The testing of our faith is for our good. Suffering according to the will of God always leads to glory. Death has been swallowed up in victory, for it is now the doorway to resurrection glory. As we commune in the body and blood of our Savior, we receive His life, blessing, and strength to follow in His footsteps and to lay down our lives for the glory of God and the life of the world.

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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