

# **Eucharistic Homily**

*Third Lord's Day in Lent*

*March 15, 2020*

One good thing that God accomplishes through plagues and pandemics is to remind us of our mortality and the limits of our own medical and scientific technology. I'm all in favor of medicine and science when used for the glory of God, but we should never forget that medicine and science will never be able to defeat death. Only God can defeat death, and He has done it through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This is why the early church father, Ignatius of Antioch, referred to Holy Communion as "the medicine of immortality" which is "the antidote to prevent us from dying" by causing us to "live forever in Jesus Christ." This holy food will not prevent physical death, but it is the promise and the foretaste of resurrection life. The glorious resurrection body of Jesus is the only way through death to new creation 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 God has provided for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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