

Eucharistic Homily

*Twenty-Fourth Lord's Day after Pentecost
November 20, 2022*

If I asked 100 people at random to make a list of the Top 10 major sins, I am very confident that the sin of ingratitude would not show up very much if at all.

And yet, Rom. 1 indicates that the failure to give thanks to God is the fundamental sin underneath all other sins: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.... For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Trusting God enough to praise Him is the foundation of the Christian life, which is why this sacrament of the New Covenant is a Thanksgiving feast.

This Table trains us in thanking God for things that seemed really bad at the moment but turned out to be the greatest blessing in the end. This Table trains us to remember God's faithfulness in the past as a guarantee of his faithfulness in the future. This Table trains us to humble ourselves and receive God's gifts with joy.

These are the gifts of God for the baptized people of God. Come to the Lord in faith with a heart of thanksgiving.

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