

## Solemnity of Corpus Christi | Year A

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | John 6:51-58)

Moses reminds the Israelites that although manna provides food for the body, a person does not live by bread alone, but by very word that comes from God's mouth. Let us turn to God.

1/ The people of Jerusalem are urged to praise the Lord God, for he has blessed the children within them. For all peoples throughout the world who fear God. We pray that, led by Pope Francis, pastors, deacons, ministers, and rabbis, they always give praise to God. Let us pray.

2/ Paul uses the metaphor of the loaf of bread being "One" and reminds the Corinthians that they, though many in number and differences, are "One" body. This is because they all are Christians and partake of the "One" loaf of bread. For people of differences. We pray that they may all believe in the living God and what Jesus did for humanity. Let us pray.

3/ Jesus declares to the Jewish crowds that whoever eats the bread that he gives will forever, because the bread that he gives is his flesh for the life of the world. For all Christians and God-fearing peoples. We pray that they may feed on the true meaning of every word that comes from the mouth of God and on the Gospel message about Jesus. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus further declares that, unlike the ancestors of the Israelites who ate manna and still died, those who feed on the meaning of the bread that he gives will live forever. For our sisters and brothers who labored in life with faith in God and Jesus, but have now departed from us. We pray that God grant them pardon of sins and life in heaven. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Sonny and Betty Hardesty, Gene and Debbie Hardesty, Mary Ruth Mills, Rose LaTondress, and Ruby Wright Strohm; **[at 10:00 AM]** James and Virginia Wilkins, Mary Ruth Mills, Rose LaTondress, and Ruby Wright Strohm. Let us pray.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of Jesus's body and blood. May we offer to God our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live and reign with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.