



St Anthony's Parish

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St Bernard's Parish

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

17th September 2023

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

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Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-1.30pm

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In the case of urgent situations-sickness etc. please call 0422 869 646

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Items for the newsletter must be submitted by Wednesday midnight please email judyparishnews@gmail.com

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH 18/09/2023-24/09/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	18/9	6.30pm
Tuesday	19/9	9.30am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	20/9	9.30am
Thursday	21/9	9.30am
Friday	22/9	9.30am
Saturday	23/9	9.00am

Rosary **9.00am prior to weekday masses &**

Rosary **8.30am prior to Saturday morning masses**



Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	23/9	5.00pm
Sunday	24/9	8.30am & 10.30am

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.
No Confession on Monday.

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH 18/09/2023-24/09/2023

MASS TIMES:

Monday	18/9	No mass
Tuesday	19/9	9.30am
Holy Hour		6.30pm
Wednesday	20/9	9.30am
Thursday	21/9	9.30am
Friday	22/9	9.30am
Saturday	23/9	9.00am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	23/9	6.30pm
Sunday	24/9	8.30am & 10.30am

(Rosary in the Chapel 10.00am on Sundays)

Every Monday-Rosary and Adoration 7pm-8pm in the church.

Confession is available and begins 30 minutes prior to each Mass and will cease 5 minutes before Mass commences.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET MASS TIMES

VIGIL	23/9	5.00pm
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PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference. Thank you.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A (Mt. 18: 21-32)

THE COST OF UNFORGIVENESS- Fr Wilford Urmaza

Matthew's last discourse deals with forgiveness. Peter asked Jesus, if my brother sins against me, must I forgive him seven times? Peter, knowing that Jesus is just and a merciful man, wanted to impress him. He wanted to show Jesus that he is merciful himself. Though he knew that the law requires them to forgive only three times, he doubled it and even added one more to gain appreciation.

But in response, Jesus says no, you must pardon not only seven times but seventy-seven times. Meaning forgiveness should have no limits and should know no boundaries. Every follower or disciple of Christ must be merciful and forgiving. Being impervious to forgiveness is unworthy of the kingdom.

We too, commit sins over and over again. Yet, despite our persistence in sin, despite the frequency and gravity of our offenses, God never ceases to forgive us when we beg for mercy. And all this is because of His great love and ineffable Mercy. If the Lord therefore Has been merciful to us sinners, then as followers and disciples of Him, He awaits us to respond in the same act of generosity and kindness towards our neighbor.



PARISH & EVENTS NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP

Date: Monday, 18 September 2023

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Venue: St Bernard's Parish Hall, Bacchus Marsh

This Safeguarding Workshop is intended to provide foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm. Also, a clear understanding of one's duty of care and expectations. The workshop is presented by Rosemary Teed from the Professional Safeguarding Unit of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

It is a requirement that all Parish Leaders, Coordinators, current and future Volunteers attend this Workshop to keep abreast with the updates and new required processes. Please bring along your WWCC or VIT card in order to receive a certificate of completion.

This invitation is also extended to all Parishioners, including parents/carers, who have a keen interest in the safety of young children and vulnerable adults. Any enquiries, please call, Godwin Barton (St. Anthony's Parish) on 0425 734 449, or Margaret Love (St. Bernard's Parish) on 0437 247 779. We look forward to your support. - *Safeguarding Committee*

THE ANNUAL APPEAL TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF THE ROGATIONIST SEMINARIANS-NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will have a special collection for the Father Di Francia Center of Studies -(Rogationist Seminary)—the community in the Philippines that Fr Alex and Fr Wilford are from. This school year 2023-2024 the Rogationist Seminary are sending 25 religious students (15 Filipinos, 7 Vietnamese and 3 Indonesians) for their theological studies to the Don Bosco School of Theology, as part of their preparation in their future ministry. In this regard the Community are seeking our help and support in this noble mission.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs. 19:17)

Your generosity in supporting this appeal would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

ST ANTHONY'S

FEAST DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY-8TH SEPT Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We had beautiful flowers and a big cake and the community brought food to share. We collected \$268.10 in donations and this money will be used for upcoming Marian events/festivities and initiatives. Thank you to our Mission Team for organizing this event and all our Parishioners who attended, it was a very special faith filled evening.

PRIME TIMERS Hi Everyone, this month we are going to Little River Hotel Tuesday 26th September. Meeting up at the old Bunnings parking spot on Barries Rd at 11.45am. Please RSVP by 22nd September. All welcome. Any queries please contact maryco2@bigpond.com or 0421778126.

BINGO Bingo is held every Tuesday night at 7pm in the Padua Hall, St Anthony's Parish. Complimentary tea and coffee available. Canteen services available. Come along and enjoy a great night, and with a bit of luck you could be one of our lucky winners!

Sunday 17 September 2023 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks to the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. Catholic social services hold a unique position in social services because they serve and are part of an established, connected community of people sharing in the social mission of the Church. We thank parishes for often being at the forefront of providing services to members of their community in need. In this challenging time of a cost of living and housing crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. On this day we consider how we all have a role to play. How might we be more involved in achieving justice in our own communities? How can we advocate for structural changes to build a more equitable society where no one is pushed to the margins, and all can prosper?

[Catholic Social Services Victoria - Catholic Social Services Victoria \(css.org.au\)](http://Catholic Social Services Victoria - Catholic Social Services Victoria (css.org.au))

ST BERNARD'S

THANKSGIVING MASS and Sr. MARY FERMIO'S FAREWELL

We are celebrating our awesome community with a Thanksgiving Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 8th October, followed by lunch in the Parish centre. We would like to thank our long-standing parishioners for their vast contributions, and also welcome and thank our new parishioners. We are also saying farewell to Sr Mary Fermio, who, after fourteen years of service to St. Bernard's parish, will sadly be leaving us. This will mark the end of 150 years of the Josephite's presence in Bacchus Marsh. Sr. Mary will be making a presentation on the history of the Josephites in the Parish centre after the 10.30am Mass. We hope to see you there!

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Caleendars are now available at the Piety Stall. \$10 each. These make a great gift at a very reasonable price!!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Parishioners please note, during school holidays over the next two weeks our weekday masses will be celebrated at 9.30am.

LAST CALL

This is the last call for stories, notes, reports, memories, photos etc. for the history of our parish and the people who have built it. If your family has, in any way, contributed to the building of the St Bernard's Parish facilities and culture, we would love to have that recorded. A short paragraph will suffice.

September 30th this year is the cut-off date for contributions. Contributions should be sent to Bacchus Marsh Parish Office

BacchusMarsh@cam.org.au

Please marked Attention: Parish history



WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM SIGNED.

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 23rd & 24th September
Please present yourself to the Mass Coordinator
15 minutes before the scheduled Mass time or a replacement
will be found. Thank you.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Leonia Jessop
10.30am: Anakin Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Gavin Pereira & Ann Tennakoon
8.30am: Philip Anyayahan & Ron Howard
10.30am: Doris Bonello

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact Lesley at the Parish Office Thank you

MASS COORDINATORS

5.00pm: Ron & Natalie
8.30am: Julie & Lillian
10.30am: Leonia & Josephine

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

MINISTERS OF THE WORD-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Maureen Zahra
8.30am Margaret Love
10.30am: Beatrice Younger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS-THIS WEEKEND

6.30pm: Colin Remedios

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 23rd & 24th September

6.30pm: John Thorne
8.30am: Gerard O'Shea
10.30am: Chloe Lindorff

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

6.30pm: Volunteer needed

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

September: Paul Miesen & Family

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Sam Bonello, Christopher Burge, Edith Carag, Emmanuel Caruana, Francis Cochrane, Gerard Cochrane, David Consiglio, Campbell Dodemaide, Cyril D'Silva, Mavis Ferreira, & John Galea.

Please pray for the Sick:

David Bonello, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Christabelle, Lydia De Vega, Melanie Fue, Bruce Hynes, Kotinis Cornelia Kani, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Lisa Melia, Damien Michael, Hazel Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Nickol, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Troy Saliba, Anna Samy, Samantha Smith, Sina, Saleri, Charlie Spiteri, Janko Stojanovic, Christina Tuigamala, Uatoa Tuigamala, Clint Abela Wadge, Wai Walsh and all those who have requested our prayers.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST.

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Elaine Brook, Francis McGlinchey, Joe O'Brien, Patricia Readman, Leslie Scott, Gwen Tottle, & Jack Walta.

Please pray for the Sick:

Patricia Allison, Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Stephen Beaton, Peter Bennett, Carmel Berry, Steven Braszel, Tina Bower, Tracey Burn, Alex, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Brendan Coburn, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Theresa Dockter, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, George Farrell, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Leonie Kervin, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Troy Saliba, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Colin Taffe, Catherine Time, Susan Trist, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Jayne Wilkins, Nathan Witmore, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young and all those who have requested our prayers.

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen



SERVICE / COMMUNITY

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ST ANTHONY'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS: 23rd & 24th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.00pm Vigil: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Mercy Seufatu
10.30am: Elizabeth Underwood

CHURCH FLOWERS

September: Gloria

CUPPA VOLUNTEERS– 23rd & 24th September

5.00pm Vigil: Dolores Turcsan & Julie Sequiera
8.30am: Sam & Pat Chiles
10.30am: Kathleen McCurry

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330
The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Meeting Room 10.30am.
New members most welcome, training provided.
Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' in the Church foyer.

We cannot accept re-packaged food.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

We're here to support City of Melton residents get ahead through access to our foodbank and other community programs. It's never just about the food or the budget help, it's about recognising the beauty that is in the person and bringing it out so they can be their best.
ress: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

*The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
Pray therefore (**Rogate Ergo...**) to the Lord of the Harvest that He may send Good workers into His vast vineyard. (Mt. 9:37-38).*

Prayer is the answer to the perennial problem of the lack of good evangelical workers. It is a command and not just a simple request or an invitation. The Church needs holy workers. She needs committed, faithful, and zealous ministers of the Gospel. But if we will not beg the Lord, we will never be blessed with Good and Holy Vocations.

St. Hannibal Ma. Di Francia, the Patron of Vocations said; Vocations come from on High, if we do not pray, vocations will not come. Let us therefore implore the Master of the Harvest with this short prayer:

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



ST BERNARD'S

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS : 23rd & 24th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: 6.30pm: Margot Short
Sunday: 8.30am: Carmel Shea

CHURCH FLOWERS

September: Frances McDaid



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS-MOWING

September: Colm Carragher & Ron Geurts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare number 1800 305 330.
Bacchus Marsh Vinnies Store 164-190 Main Street is in urgent need of donations. All donations gratefully appreciated and can be dropped at the Store 7 days a week. Any enquiries please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

The Neighbours' Place is a Christian not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to serve people of the **Moorabool Shire**, west of Melbourne Australia, who are disadvantaged, at risk or temporarily unable to feed themselves or their family and who are in need of emergency food relief.

NILS is a **No Interest Loans Scheme** for assistance of up \$2000 for things like white goods, furniture and minor car repairs to keep life going.

We are located at [77 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh](#)

Phone: 03 5367 6222

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM– ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S

Dear Parishioners, the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's have updated their Baptism Preparation Program.

Baptisms will be held at St Anthony's on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11.00am and Baptisms will be held at St Bernard's on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 11.00am.

Please go to [St Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish | Melton South](#) click on 'Faith Formation' and then 'Baptism of Infants' for all the information and the application form.

Please contact the Parish Offices if you need any assistance. Thank you.



ADULT PREPARATION Adult preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Alex, Fr Wilford or Fr Lucas .

FATIMA STATUE—ST ANTHONY'S

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1:	Ben & Joan Antony	9743 8154
Group 2:	Tunya & Jason Sant	0422 178 260
Group 3:	Philip & Cristina Anyayahan	0403 171 918

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

1st Sunday of the month 3pm.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



Lord, we ask you to continue
to be with us as we
' TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL '
together in prayer.

May we open ourselves to you
with a new depth of trust and conviction
in your guiding hand,
so that we may discern our journey
with compassionate and humble hearts
and come to know your Holy Spirit
Moving within and amongst us,
And so be transformed Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance
of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the
offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 102

Commentator: The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

All: The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This ex-
plains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that
he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive
my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master
gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and
children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the
servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time,"
he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master
felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.
Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow
servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him
by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me,"
he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him,
saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would
not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he
should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed
when they saw what had happened, and they went to their
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master
sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that
debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound,
then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on
you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the
torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my
heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your
brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

NEXT WEEKEND 'S READINGS –

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME– YEAR A

First Reading:	Is 55:6-9
Second Reading:	Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel:	Mt 20:1-16



The Holy Eucharist XXX

Devotion to the Real Presence and Growth in Sanctity (1)

First, what do we mean by the Real Presence? By the Real Presence we mean the Presence now on earth until the end of time of Jesus Christ — true God and true Man in the fullness of both natures contained by the Eucharistic species.

Christ in the fullness of His human and divine natures abides in the Eucharist. The Latin phrase is *connitator*. We have Jesus Christ inside there in a way that He is not present anywhere else except in heaven.

What do we mean by the Real Presence? After the Consecration, we distinguish philosophically between the “substance” and the “accidents”. The “substance” is that which makes a thing what it is and underlies its “accidents” (or properties). The properties can change, but the substance remains. We are the same substance from the time we are conceived in the womb to the present moment, although our accidents (properties, such as height and weight, for example) have certainly changed.

Now some questions:

- 1) After the consecration, is the “substance” of bread and wine on the altar? No.
- 2) After consecration, are the “accidents” of bread and wine, the physical properties of bread and wine, on the altar? Yes, that is the first miracle of the Real Presence. There are two miracles to the Real Presence. The first miracle is that you have real physical properties minus their substance. The first miracle of faith in the Eucharist is in the real absence of the substance of bread and wine. You can taste, you can touch, you can feel bread and wine, but the substance is not there.
- 3) Is the “substance” of Christ’s Body and Blood on the altar after Consecration? Yes. In other words, does Christ have the organs of His Body, does He have His Hands and Feet, and Features, His Eyes, and Mouth, and Eyes and Heart? Do they have size and dimension

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and colour? Is the human mind of Christ thinking in the Eucharist? Is the human will of Christ in the Eucharist loving? Yes. Is the whole Christ there? Yes. The fourth yes, is the second big mystery of the Real Presence. The first mystery is that we have accidents without their substance. The second mystery is we have physical properties without their visible sensibly perceptible manifestation.

Teaching, therefore, devotion to the Real Presence as a means of growth in sanctity should begin with the one who does the teaching, him knowing exactly what the Real Presence means.

What does it mean? First of all, it means that in the Eucharist we have the whole Christ. The Council of Trent gave us the term which is part of our faith: in the Eucharist, we have the *Totus Christus*, the whole Christ.

We believe as Catholics that in the Eucharist Christ is present with the fullness of His divine nature and the fullness of His human nature.

There is no problem whatever or no test of the faith to say that Christ is present with the fullness of His divine nature because Christ had been present as God on earth long before the Incarnation took place. Christ as God is everywhere!

The real test of faith is whether we believe that Christ is present not only as God but is present as Man.

Nor is that enough. It is not merely that He is present as Man but that He is present as Man in the fullness of His bodily or corporeal nature and in the fullness of His spiritual human nature.

Nor is that enough. We believe that in the Eucharist is present Christ with His Body and Blood which are living and possess all the physical properties that any living human being has, so too with the soul. That soul is united with Christ’s humanity. It is therefore a soul with a mind. Christ has two intellects; He has two wills. Consequently, Christ is present in His soul with the fullness of His human mind and His human will and both are distinct from the Divine mind and will.