

September 30, 2007

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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JESUS VS SATAN

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God [the Father] was tired of hearing all of the bickering. Finally God said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and I will judge who does the better job."

So down Satan and Jesus sat at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded. They did some genealogy reports. They made cards. They did every known job.

But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate.

"Wait! He cheated, how did he do it?"

God shrugged and said, "**Jesus Saves.**"

Holy Rosary

Sunday7:40AM

Sunday10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday8:00AM

Sunday11:00AM



Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

The Sacrament of the Eucharist - Part 3

Last week we discussed the indisputable fact that the New Testament must be accepted literally when describing the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Jesus. This week I would like to take a walk through the writings of the early Church Fathers to prove two things:

1. The Church has always literally accepted the Biblical verses that concerning the Eucharist.

2. The instruction of the Early Church Fathers has traveled through time to our day and this doctrine is exactly the same today as it was 19 centuries ago.

All the early Church Fathers believed in the Real Presence. For example, St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, cir. AD110, concerning heretics of his day, “They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the Flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, Flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father in His goodness raised up again”. (Letter to the Smyrnaeans; William A. Jurgens, The Faith of the Early Fathers, Vol. 1, #64).

St. Justin Martyr wrote his First Apology (see Jurgens, p.55 Vol.1 #28) around AD 150. “We call this food Eucharist; and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration, and is thereby living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread, nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by Him and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nourished, is both the flesh and blood of the incarnated Jesus”. (First Apology, Jurgens, #128 [p. 55]). Jurgens has listed literally *hundreds* of the early Church Fathers writings concerning the Eucharist in his three volume set The Faith of the Early Fathers. It is inspiring reading but let us take a different tack now.

What did the pioneer “reformer“ Martin Luther think and write concerning the Eucharist? Surprise! Martin Luther accepted the doctrine that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ: “of all the fathers (of the Church) as many as you can name, not one has ever spoken about the sacrament as these fanatics do. None of them (Fathers of the Church) uses such an expression as, ‘It is simply bread and wine,’ or ‘Christ’s body and blood are not present’ ...Certainly among so many Fathers and so many writings a negative argument should have turned up at least once, as it happens in other articles; but they (the Fathers of the Church) all stand uniformly and consistently on the affirmative side”. (Luther’s Works, Vol.37 ,54 noted in Beginning Apologetics 1, pps.8-9).

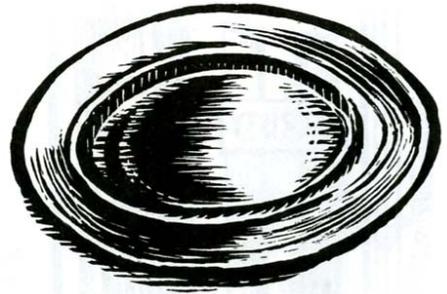
To conclude, I ask you to reflect on 1 Corinthians 11:26-30: “So it is the Lord’s death that you are heralding, whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, until he comes. And therefore if anyone eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily, he will be held to account for the Lord’s body and blood”. Meaning? If a man eats the Lord’s body and drinks His blood unworthily he brings damnation on himself. This verse gives Protestants of all faiths a very difficult time. Believe.

Verse 3. St. Pio’s Communion prayer: “Stay with me Lord, for you are my life, and without You, I am without meaning and ‘hope”. **Peace**

Materials and Objects for Mass

Paten:

The plate that holds the host(s) to be consecrated.



President's Chair:

The place from which the priest begins and ends the Mass.

Pulpit, or the Lectern:

A stand at which the Scriptures are proclaimed and the homily given.



Catholic Common Cents Corner

"Do unto others as they do unto you."

Um, you won't find that in your bible or hear it in Mass.

Try

"Do unto others as you would wish them do unto you."

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	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
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