

Vatican City, Apr 4, 2018 - (CNA/EWTN News).- On Wednesday Pope Francis said the Eucharist is key to living an authentic Christian witness, and that those who leave Mass unchanged, continuing to gossip or hold onto unholy habits, have missed the point.

“While the Mass ends, the commitment for Christian witness opens. We leave the church to go in peace to bring the blessing of God to our daily activities, to our homes, to our work, to the affairs of the earthly city, glorifying the Lord with our lives.”

“Christians go to Mass to participate in the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, and to live as better Christians. If we leave the church gossiping, or talking badly about other people, then “the Mass didn’t enter into my heart, because I am not capable of living Christian testimony.”

“Every time I leave Mass I must leave better than I went in,” adding that the Eucharist should leave a person with a better heart, a better spirit and “a stronger desire to live as a Christian.” “In the measure in which we mortify our egoism, meaning we allow what opposes the Gospel and the love of Jesus to die, greater space is created in us for the power of his Spirit”.

And while the liturgy is a prime way to gain great unity with Jesus, Francis noted that the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine “does not end with the Mass.” Rather, the Eucharist is kept in the tabernacle in order to give communion to the sick who are unable to attend Mass, and it is also kept for moments of “silent adoration” through the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

“Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass, whether in private or in community, helps us to remain in Christ” and imitate his words and actions, adding that Christians are men and women “who allow their soul to grow with the strength of God. Not these small, tight, egoistic souls,” he said, but “great souls” who allow themselves to grow with the strength of the Holy Spirit and after being washed by the body and blood of Christ. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, because “the more we participate in the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to separate ourselves from him with mortal sin.”

Community is also an essential element of the Mass, because the Eucharist “makes the Church,” and ought to lead to an increased commitment in service of the poor, who bear the flesh of Christ. Pope Francis closed his audience asking pilgrims to give thanks to the Lord “for the path of rediscovering the holy Mass which he has given us to walk together,” and prayed that each person would allow themselves “to be attracted with a renewed faith to this real encounter with Jesus, died and risen for us.”

“May our lives always flourish like this, like Easter, with flowers of hope and good works, that we always find the strength for this in the Eucharist, in union with Jesus.” In his speech, the pope focused on the concluding rite of Mass, in which believers are told to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

The Mass, particularly with this commission, “finds fulfilment in the concrete choices one makes and involves us first-hand in the mysteries of Christ”. “We cannot forget that we celebrate the Eucharist to learn to become Eucharistic men and women,” explaining that this means allowing Christ to act in and through the choices one makes, taking on his thoughts, feelings and actions.

St. Paul expresses this clearly when he speaks of his own assimilation to Jesus, saying he no longer lives, but Christ lives in him, Francis said, explaining that the apostle’s experience “also illuminates us.”

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8th – 15th April 2018

**Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**



Sunday 8.04	10am 11.30am	Ann Feeney RIP Billy Murphy and Mary Murphy	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31
Monday 9.04	No Mass		
Tue 10.04	10am	People of the parish	Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7-15
Wed 11.04	10am	People of the parish	Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21
Thu 12.04	No Mass		
Friday 13.04	No Mass		
Sat 14.04	10am	Noreen Maddix RIP	Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21
Sunday 15.04	10am 11.30am	Gil and Noreen Raper - Wedding anniversary Michael Freyne - Speedy - recovery	Acts 3:13-15,17-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the week:

Monday, The annunciation of the Lord. Wednesday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Bishop's Charitable Purposes

Feast of the Divine Mercy. Sunday 8th April. An afternoon of devotions with Fr. Ted Mullen, at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Gleneagles Avenue LE4 7ZB. Starting at 2.30am, with Mass at 5pm. See poster in church porch.

Healing Service at the Rosmini Centre on Friday 13 April starting at 7.00pm with the Rosary followed by Mass and prayers for healing. Fr Denis Labartette is the main celebrant.

Rosary on the Coast - for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles, Sunday, 29th April 2018, 3.00pm. Cars and/or a minibus will depart Leicester for this event on the East Coast at around 11am. We hope to go to a historic location (details/travel cost to be confirmed). To travel with us please either write your name on the poster in the porch / on the table by latest 16th April or contact Francisca on 07943 711549 (email francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com)

Blessed Sacrament Procession - 29th April 2018. On Sat 28th April at 2pm Bishop Patrick will lead the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession, as we witness to our faith through the streets of central Nottingham. Starting at St Mary's, Hyson Green, and proceeding to the Cathedral, for Benediction at around 4pm. After Benediction we will pause to pray before the tomb of the Venerable Mary Potter to pray for her Beatification. For more information please contact Fr. David Palmer: catholicdavid@me.com. In addition, join us, before the Blessed Sacrament Procession, for the study morning at St. Mary's, Hyson Green. Bishop Patrick will open the morning in prayer at 10am and finish just before the start of the procession. The study morning will be looking at the Eucharist. For more information please contact: formation@nrctd.org.uk. See poster in church porch.

March for Life in London on Saturday 5th May. A peaceful, prayerful procession to bring an end to abortions. We will arrive in London by midday in time for the March at 1pm and should be back by 8.30pm. Tickets are £15 per head, £10 for unwaged and students, and £7.50 for any children (u16). For more details on the March see www.marchforlife.co.uk Seats are on a first come first served basis so please reply to Francisca Martinez on 07943 711549 as soon as you can, or email francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com.

Share the Journey - Nottingham. Walk from St. Barnabas Cathedral to the Assumption, Beeston via the Nottingham & Beeston Canal. This is a five mile gentle stroll in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers taking place on Saturday 26th May 2018. We leave the cathedral at 11am.

Mother of God/St Aiden's Ecumenical Procession on 20th May, Pentecost Sunday. To start at St Aiden's at 3pm and finish at Mother of God for final prayers and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

VACANCY at Christ the King, Infant Site: Assistant Headteacher. Closing date is Midday Friday 13th April. See poster in church porch.

Justice and Peace Fieldworker. We are looking for someone with a passion for justice and peace to be the Fieldworker for the Commission. You will need excellent communication skills, understanding of Catholic social teaching, flexibility, and the maturity to organise and manage your own workload and office. The post is based at Willson House in Nottingham, but the Fieldworker may work from home by agreement. Driving licence and use of a car are essential, as the Fieldworker serves the whole diocese. Salary will be £14,500 pa for 24 hours per week. Closing date Monday 16th April. For full details and information on how to apply please put 'Fieldworker' in the subject line and email: pmstoat@gmail.com or call 01159 509 773 with your name and email address.

Financial details: Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 18th March to be announced.

Thought for the week: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." **Martin Luther King**

CAR PARKING

Let us be more organised in parking our car when we have an activity either in church or in the hall and do not block any parked car. Please let us also not park our cars on the grass on Greencoat Road or at the front of the church. It makes the grass look very untidy. **Thanks**

Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook on sale in the porch @ £2.

Pope Francis April Intentions: Universal - For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.



~ Tea/coffee after the 10am Mass every Sunday after the 10am Mass in the hall. Please join us!

A Prayer for peace in the world:

Almighty God, creator of the hearth in which we live, help us today in our search for peaceful ways to avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny and to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths. We pray that the billions of peace-loving people of goodwill throughout the nations, will join together in prayer and action to bring love where there is hatred, friendship where there is enmity, and justice where there is oppression. **Amen.**