

## Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ - June 18, 2017

At the time of the Exodus from Egypt God fed the Israelites Bread from Heaven when they were hungry. They had to trust in God that he would provide for them. As the people of God today, we need spiritual food for the journey to the Promised Land of heaven. We need spiritual food for the journey and we need to place our faith in the Eucharist.

Every time we come to Mass we witness a miracle which is performed right before our eyes. A priest was celebrating Mass in Lanciano, Italy. As he said the words of consecration, the host changed shape and began to look like real flesh and the wine took on the characteristics of real blood. After thorough investigations and scientific tests, it was revealed that the flesh was from heart tissue from a human heart and that the blood was type AB and the same as the blood stain on the Shroud of Turin. Even though this happened thirteen hundred years ago it still can be seen in a monstrance and the blood in a glass chalice every day in the Sanctuary of the Church in Lanciano Italy

Jesus the Living Bread that comes down from heaven and feeds his people his own body blood, soul and divinity. First we are fed with the Word of God and then we gather around for the holy Eucharist.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. Let us thank God for this great and wonderful gift. His Body and blood. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and his Eucharistic presences.