

Sermon November 6, 2016 – All Saints Day

HEALING WORSHIP Communion

Various Texts

Introduction:

- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Today we observe All Saints' Day.
- Acts 2:42

I. Sacraments are God's mystery and miracle.

- Sacrament of the Altar = Holy Communion
- Sacrament = sacred act, a holy act, that God has established through which God gives us his grace, his blessings, his gifts.
- Through Holy Communion, we behold nothing less than a mystery and a miracle
- Mt 26:26
- Mt 26:27

II. When we partake of the body of Christ, we, too, are brought together into the Body of Christ.

- Jesus wants and desires that we take Christ's words at face value because that's how he desires to be present in us, in a real way, through bread and wine.
- 1 Corinthians 10:16
- 1 Corinthians 10:17
- Zephaniah 3:17

III. The Sacrament of the Altar calls for personal preparation.

- The one inviting us to be one with him is Holy
- 1 Cor. 11:29
- Therefore let's watch that none of us receives this Sacrament lightly or casually.
- Paul asks us to "examine" ourselves
- 1 Corinthians 11:28
- Prepare yourself—by the power of the Holy Spirit working within you—prepare yourself; your mind, your heart, your will.
 - Am I heartily sorry for my sins and do I sincerely repent of them? Known and unknown?
 - Do I believe that my sins are forgiven solely and singularly through the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ on the cross of Calvary?
 - Do I in faith acknowledge the real presence of bread and the body and wine and the blood of Christ in this Sacrament?

Conclusion

Until then, keep on feeding, keep on praising his name, keep on wining!