

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Sunday – June 23, 2019

I want to thank you for the great variety of Fidget Spinners I received as a result of last week's Homily. I spoke of the fidget spinner as being a powerful example of the Holy Trinity that the unity with our God is not a static union or relationship, but on the contrary is very much in motion.

The relationship of Father with Son.... with Holy Spirit There is a constant perpetual motion between God the Father The Son and the Holy Spirit. Likewise, our relationship with our God needs to be in perpetual motion. The relationship that I had with God when I was a child, is not going to work very well in my adult relationship with Him. No more than the blue jeans I wore as a child could satisfy my needs today. So, the relationships I had then do not serve me now.

Life is a dynamic growing relationship in every way to stop growing and developing is to die. So, the dynamic relationship with our God, has also got to be growing because the relationship within our God is constantly active and growing.

Now here is another piece of information that I was given this week, that I previously didn't know. I was told, "Quarks are the constituent point like particles making up protons and neutrons. Quarks have spin as well as the protons and neutrons they form. The Quarks arrange themselves in three's and the energy required to isolate them is infinite. This means they can not be separated. If you like St. Patrick's shamrock, then you will like the protons as well. It seems to reflect the Trinity in nature."

Now that is powerful stuff! Thank you, Steve for that information. And thank you all for the Fidgets Spinners. I am trying to think of what to mention next in my Homily, that I may need?????

So the message is clear and simple we need not a static relationship with our God, but a very dynamic hopeful, trusting relationship believing that He is conforming us to Himself, and not indeed that we are conforming Him to ourselves. He is bringing us into His likeness, but the only way He can and will do that is if we surrender. And that has got to be the hardest thing in the whole darn universe for us humans to do!

So, let's take a brief look at this: Consider the last three major decisions which you made in your life — three big decisions :

- a.) *Did your decision conform to what God was telling you ?*
- b.) *Or, Did God conform to the decision you were making ?*
- c.) *Did God receive any consideration in my decision making ?*

This is a pretty valuable assessment in terms of whether God is really static or dynamic in my life. When it comes to really important decisions in my life how aware and active is my relationship with Him? This is where the power of prayer in my life becomes clarifying. Do I ask God's input in the really important decisions in my life? Or, am I more inclined to work hard at making a decision myself, and then asking God to bless it.....and make it the right decision?

There's the story of a man who was rushing to a very important meeting. He had driven around the parking garage in a state of anxiety looking for a parking spot and no luck. He says, God please help find a parking spot and I promise I will go back to church regularly. Almost immediately, he notices someone backing out of a spot and he says: 'Never mind, God I found one myself!' The Gospel today is a powerful example of this struggle !

"Jesus spoke to the crowds about the Kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured." It must have been a powerful sight! The 12 approach Him as the day was drawing to a close. "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions, for we are in a deserted place here," He said to them. "Give them some food yourselves." How important "you give them some food."

And so the great discussion ensues !

"They replied, 'Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all of these people.'" Wow ! What a tough time of decision making ? Ok, do you want us to go buy food? Will you continue teaching while we go buy the food? Oh... And the money yes, the cash Are you going to give it to us ? Or, do we have to come up with it ourselves ???? What an appropriate question on this our Pledge Sunday ?

He knew well and understood all of their questions ! And He knew well what He was going to do with their offering ! Have them sit down in Small Groups how appropriate is that What happens next is the truly dramatic portion of this great teaching event. His disciples had already concluded : There is not a hope of feeding all of these people with what we have five loaves and a couple of fish. How often we have that experience in our lives? There is no way that this is going to be enough, and yet how often it just works out!

Yes, it appeared to be a reasonable conclusion based on what we see, what we know, or think we know ! The teaching now becomes powerful Bring me what you have don't tell me it is not enough let me Bless it You distribute it

Then, tell me whether it is enough or not ! How many baskets were left over? That is what we call The Abundance of Our God ! It is a powerful teaching one of the greatest in the Gospelthat God can never be outdone in Generosity. No matter how generous I am, God is even more generous If I let Him !!!!!

This event is a prototype of Eucharist He gathers, and heals, and feeds His people. If you come to Eucharist seeking to be healed, comforted, forgiven, fulfilled, restored to newness of life He will not let you go away empty. But one has to believe it will happen.

Does our Eucharistic Celebration Proclaim that?! Surely our Forty Hours of Adoration was a proclamation of that! Come and See Come and be with me for an hour!

— Fr. Gerry Hurley