

Only then can we go one step further. Jesus promises what we now call his sacramental presence under the kind of bread: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day" (Jn 6, 54).

Did the Apostles understand what the Lord meant? They had been eyewitnesses of the extraordinary miracle of the multiplication of the loaves; they had seen Jesus walking on the sea. And yet, I think, it was "unbelievable" for them, that Jesus should be able to transform bread into his own body and wine into his own blood.

When asked by Jesus, Peter does not say: "No problem." He says: "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (Jn 6, 69). He accepts Jesus' unique authority - and respects the unspeakable mystery. Can we do better?

On 25 May 2008 the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. We will have a common Mass of the English speaking Mission at St Bernhard, beginning at 9.30 a.m. About one hour later we will start our procession with the Blessed Sacrament to four different altars in the neighborhood.

Two altars will be prepared by the German parish, one by the African and one by the Filipino communities with their respective choirs. Please come and join us.

"Faith will tell us Christ is present,
when our human senses fail"
(*Saint Thomas Aquinas*).

Yours in Christ

Father Herbert Gillessen

We celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, 8 June 2008, in the 11 a.m. Mass. Our candidates ask for your prayer:

Name, place of birth

Vincent Ariksoy, Germany

Lily Ireton, USA

Jack Ireton, USA

Madeleine Kelly, Great Britain

Dennis Loebach, Germany

Arja Nunn, Germany

Myron Schulz, USA

Elena Weidl, USA

Max Weidl, USA

Collections:

1/12/22/30 May	Our Mission
4 May	Catholic Daycare Centers
11 May	RENOVABIS
18 May	"Katholikentag" /Osnabrück
25 May	Pro Vita
1/15/22 June	Our Mission
8 June	Caritas
29 June	Peter's Pence



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May/June 2008

WORD OF THE PRIEST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The best introduction into the mystery of the holy Eucharist is the one given by Jesus himself to his Apostles. Saint John reports in Chapter 6 of his Gospel. Jesus starts with the multiplication of the loaves: he multiplies five barley loaves so that five thousand men can eat. Jesus reveals his power over the bread and his compassion with the hungry crowd.

During the following night the Apostles see Jesus walking on the sea and coming near their boat. Jesus reveals his power over his body.

The next day, in the synagogue of Capernaum, Jesus speaks about the Bread of Life.

He reveals himself as the one who satisfies man's hunger for truth and love, his hunger for God.

The mystery of his Person, as true God and true man, addresses the deepest desires of the human soul. Man wants to be united with God, his origin and his final goal. Jesus offers this union in his own Person. We must assimilate Him, "eat" this "Bread", allow Him to reign in us.

Faith is required to accept this mystery. To believe means to be drawn by the Father. We must correspond to his divine initiative.

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Liturgy May/June 2008

	<u>All Saints</u>	<u>St Bernhard</u>	<u>St Albert</u>
	<u>MAY</u>		
1	Ascension of the Lord		
	----	11 a.m.	----
4	Seventh Sunday of Easter		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
11	Pentecost Sunday		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
12	Pentecost Monday		
	-----	11 a.m.	---
18	Most Holy Trinity		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
22	Corpus Christi		
	Pontifical Mass at 6 p.m. at Bebelplatz (Berlin-Mitte) followed by the Corpus Christi Procession		
25	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ		
	<u>Common Mass of the Mission</u> Mass at 9:30 followed by the Corpus Christi Procession at 10:30 a.m. around St Bernhard		
30	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		
	---	6:30 p.m.	---
	<u>JUNE</u>		
1	Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
8	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	St Bernhard: First Holy Communion		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
15	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
22	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
29	Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles		
	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon

Information for the Mission in General

Our Mission offers pastoral care, religious education (children and adults: First Holy Communion, Confirmation). Baptisms, weddings, hospital and home visits can be arranged through the Priest.

The Priest is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and by appointment. For weddings, please contact Father Gillessen 3 months in advance.

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