

Holy Thursday
(Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15)

Theme: We are called to serve.

Today we joyfully celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. In our Eucharistic celebration today three things stand out for us, that is

- the institution of the Holy Eucharist,**
- the institution of the priesthood, and thirdly,**
- the call to service.**

When our Lord Jesus and His disciples were at supper, Jesus prayed and changed the bread and wine into His own body and blood.

He further authorized His disciples to be doing this in remembrance of Him. That is, any time we receive Holy Communion, it is the body and blood of Christ that we receive. The body and blood of Christ that we receive gives life to the soul and body. It also strengthens us with God's graces and washes away sins.

Also, as they were at the last supper, our Lord Jesus took off his robe, tied a towel around himself and then He poured water into a basin and washed the feet of His disciples. He commanded them to do the same to others.

As Christians and disciples of Christ, we all are called to serve. It is a special call for humility. It leads us to realize that we can only be great by serving others. It also makes us to work for the good of all and not to seek only for our own good. As we celebrate this Mass of the Lord's Supper, let us continue to ask God to arm us with the virtue of humility in all that we do.