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Fr. Danny Murphy – Corpus Christi 2016

Today is the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Many of you might be too young to remember that this used to be called Corpus Christi and before THAT it was always celebrated on a Thursday! Regardless, this feast recognizes our awesome privilege of receiving Holy Communion. Back in my grandma's day we learned that when we receive Holy Communion, we receive the "Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity" of Christ. Today we will look at the Soul and Divinity and then the Body and Blood of Christ:

SOUL: That very word reminds us of life itself. We talk about "Our Immortal Soul" We recall that the body, dies, corrupts but the soul lives forever. If we "have soul", we have zest, have spirit! Jesus tells us: "when you eat my body and drink my blood, you will have my life within you." So, soul and life are connected. If we see life as a drudgery, as one problem

after another; if in life we seem to be low on energy and may have lost our enthusiasm, then we need to be open to the soul of Christ which we receive in Holy Communion!

DIVINITY: When I think of the Divinity of Christ, I think of his power. In Christ all things are possible. Jesus and I can get through ANYTHING together and Jesus will do most of the work! So when we receive Holy Communion the power of Jesus divinity is renewed within us. So if life for you is marked by fear or tension or anxiety, be open to the power of Christ in Holy Communion.

BODY: I picture Jesus walking on earth with a gentle smile and then, later I see his body broken on the cross. Each time I receive his Body in Holy Communion, it renews my own smile even in my toughest days. And just as Jesus was broken on the cross, that brokenness is part of my life as well: through weariness, age, injury, infirmity. I may simply be worn out or my heart may be broken or I may feel betrayed, be lonely, or be in grief or in sadness. Soo...I need to be open to the body of Christ that I receive in Holy Communion.

BLOOD: When I was a young boy I used to say a prayer and here is one sentence from that prayer: "...for one drop of his blood for sinners spilled, was sufficient to cleanse the world of its guilt." I really don't like to drink wine at all, but I LOVE to drink the Blood of Christ because it renews, washes over, revives and fills each time I receive the blood of Christ in Holy Communion. I have many reasons to be grateful to be a Catholic, but the primary reason is that we have the awesome privilege of receiving the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in Holy **Communion**.

