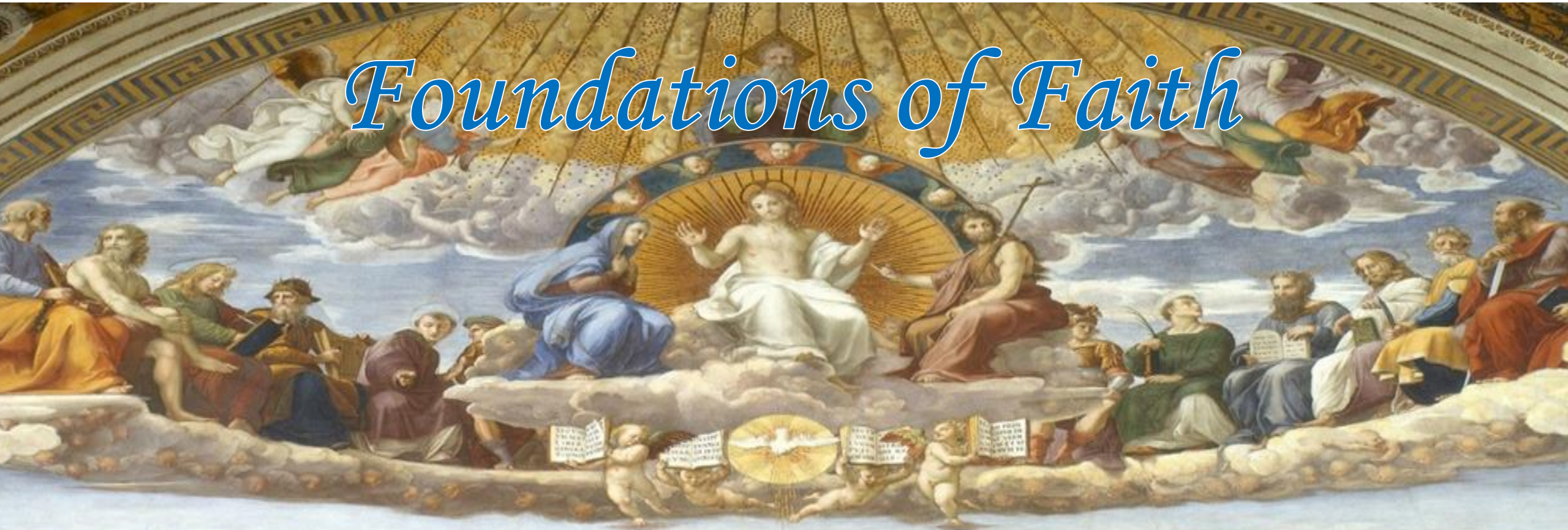


Foundations of Faith



Session 1 – The Eucharist “... This is my Body...”

OPENING PRAYER

- Luke 22:7, 14, 19-20



CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING

- Source and Summit (CCC #1324)
- Real Presence (Body, Blood, Soul, & Divinity)
(CCC #1374)



PROBLEM — WHY NOW?

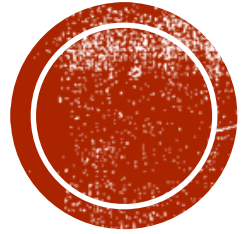
- 2019 “Pew Study” said only 1/3 of Catholics believe in the “Real Presence of Christ” in the Eucharist



FOR TONIGHT

- Old Testament Biblical Roots
- New Testament Biblical Roots
- Early Church (Church Fathers)
- Eucharistic Miracles





OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL ROOTS



MELCHIZEDEK'S BLESSING

- Genesis 14:18-20
 - Blessing with BREAD & WINE
- Psalm 110
- Hebrews 7



PASSOVER MEAL

- Exodus 12
 - NOTE: Lamb killed & Blood spread
 - At JESUS' Passover NO LAMB...
 - v.8 – Lamb must be EATEN of...
 - v.8 – Eaten with Unleavened Bread
 - v. 43 – NO FOREIGNER may eat of it
 - v.47 – MUST celebrate this Feast



PASSOVER MEAL

- Leviticus 23
 - v.6 – Followed by Feast of Unleavened Bread



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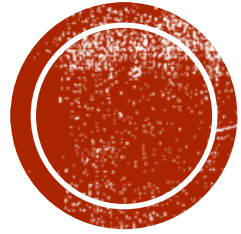
- Exodus 16



SHOWBREAD IN THE TEMPLE (OR “BREAD OF THE PRESENCE”)

- **Leviticus 24:5-9**
 - ...set out Each sabbath...
 - ...on **BEHALF** of Israel,
 - ...everlasting covenant
 - ...eaten by **PRIESTs** in a **SACRED PLACE**
- **1 Samuel 21:4-6**





NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL ROOTS



BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

- John 6
- ..EATS my flesh (physical action word, like “To chew”)
- When ppl. Doubting, Jesus DOES NOT refer to METAPHOR..but DOUBLES DOWN
- REAL food, REAL drink



LAST SUPPER

- Luke 22; Matthew 26; Mark 14
- “Do this in MEMORY (Anamnesis)”
- NO LAMB – JESUS is Passover Lamb...
 - FLESH of PASSOVER LAMB is now in BREAD
 - SAVING BLOOD of Lamb
 - NOTE: *Priest holding up at Mass and declaring, “Behold, the Lamb of God...”*



ROAD TO EMMMAUS

- Luke 24
 - v.30, v. 35 He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

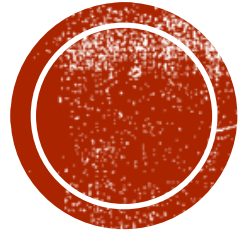
- Acts 2:42 ...Devoted themselves to:
 - Teaching of Apostles
 - Communal Life
 - BREAKING OF BREAD
 - Prayer
- Acts 20:7 “...we gathered to break bread...”



ST. PAUL AND “TRADITION”

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
- Importance of “DISCERNING the Body and the Blood”





EARLY CHURCH & CHURCH FATHERS



ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (C. 110 A.D.)

- I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, WHICH IS THE FLESH OF JESUS CHRIST, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I DESIRE HIS BLOOD, which is love incorruptible. (Letter to the Romans 7:3)
- Take care, then, to use one Eucharist, so that whatever you do, you do according to God: FOR THERE IS ONE FLESH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and one cup IN THE UNION OF HIS BLOOD; one ALTAR, as there is one bishop with the presbytery... (Letter to the Philadelphians 4:1)
- They [i.e. the Gnostics] abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess that THE EUCHARIST IS THE FLESH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in his goodness, raised up again. (Letter to Smyrnians 7:1)



JUSTIN MARTYR (C. 150 A.D.)

- On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things. Then we all rise together and offer prayers* for ourselves . . .and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss. Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts. When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.' When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "**eucharisted**" **bread, wine and water** and take them to those who are absent.¹⁷¹ (quoted in CATECHISM, CCC #1345)



JUSTIN MARTYR (C. 150 A.D.)

- We call this food Eucharist; and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins and for regeneration [Baptism], and is thereby living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by Him, AND BY THE CHANGE OF WHICH our blood and flesh is nourished, IS BOTH THE FLESH AND THE BLOOD OF THAT INCARNATED JESUS. (First Apology, 66)



ST. IRENÆUS OF LYONS (C. 140 - 202 A.D.)

- If the Lord were from other than the Father, how could he rightly take bread, which is of the same creation as our own, and confess it to be rightly



ST. CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA (C. 197 A.D.)

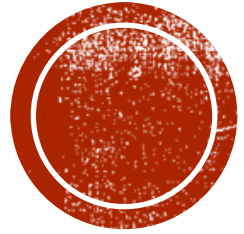
- **"EAT MY FLESH," He says, "AND DRINK MY BLOOD." The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutriments. HE DELIVERS OVER HIS FLESH, AND POURS OUT HIS BLOOD; and nothing is lacking for the growth of His children. O incredible mystery! (Instructor of Children 1:6:42,1,3)**



“TRANSUBSTANTIATION”

- “Substance” = the “ESSENCE of the Thing
- “Accidents” = the ATTRIBUTES of the Thing (appearance, taste, touch, smell, etc.)





EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES



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EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

- Lanciano, Italy - 750
- Bolsena, Italy - 1264
- Betania, Venezuela – 1991
- Tixtla, Mexico - 2006
- Sokolka, Poland – 2008
- <http://www.miracolieucaaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>



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