

ALL SOULS DAY

There are three Mass readings today

First Mass (John 5: 25-29) (No Valtorta reference)

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Second Mass (John 6: 37-40)

(*Poem* Vol. 3. p. 444; *Gospel* Vol. 5, p. 412)

'I am the Bread of Life. You will find it in Me. Its name is Jesus. He who comes to Me will never be hungry again, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty again, because celestial rivers will flow into him quenching all material ardour. I have already told you. And you have known Me by now. And yet you do not believe Me. You cannot believe that everything is in Me. And yet it is so. All the treasures of God are in Me. And everything pertaining to the earth has been given to Me; thus the glorious Heavens and the militant earth are united in Me and even the expiating and expecting mass of those who died in the grace of God are in Me, because all power has been given to Me and is in Me. And I tell you: everything the Father gives Me, will come to Me. And I will not reject those who come to Me, because I descended from Heaven not to do My will, but the will of Him Who sent Me. And this is the will of My Father, of the Father Who sent Me: that I may lose not even one of those He gave Me, but I may raise them from death on the last day. Now the will of the Father Who sent Me is that whoever knows the Son and believes in Him, will have eternal Life and I may raise him on the Last Day, seeing that he is nourished with faith in Me and is signed with My seal.'

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Third Mass (John 6: 51-55)

(*Poem* Vol. 3, pp. 445-6 – *Gospel* Vol. 5, pp. 414-5;
Azariah (1993) pp. 146-7 – (2007) pp. 151-2)

(This passage takes place near the beach at Capernaum. While Jesus is caressing some children, His disciples arrive and greet Him. They go to the beautiful and friendly synagogue of Capernaum, in which today, fortunately, there are no Pharisees. Jesus gives instructions to leave all the doors open, so that those who cannot fit inside may hear Him from the street and the square. He says:)

'... Your fathers ate manna in the desert, and they died. Because manna was a holy but temporary food, and gave life - as was required - to reach the Land, Promised by God to His people. But the Manna Which I am, will have no limit of time or power. It is not only celestial, but divine, and produces what is divine: the incorruptibility and immortality of what God created to His image and likeness. It will not last forty days, forty months, forty years, forty centuries. But it will last until the end of Time. And it will be given to all those who hunger for what is holy and pleasing to the Lord, Who will rejoice at giving Himself to men - for whom He became incarnate - that they may have the Life, which does not die.

I can give Myself, I can transubstantiate for the sake of men, so that the bread may become Flesh, and the Flesh may become Bread for the spiritual hunger of men, who without that Food, would die of starvation and spiritual diseases. But if one eats this Bread with justice, one will live for ever. The bread which I will give is My Body - sacrificed for the Life of the world - and is My Love - spread in the houses of God - so that all loving or unhappy souls may come to the Table of the Lord, may find solace to their need to be united to God, and may find relief to their sorrows.'

'But how can You give us Your flesh to eat?' they ask. 'Who do You think we are? Blood-thirsty beasts? Savages? Murderers? Blood and crime disgust us.'

Jesus replies: 'I tell you solemnly, that man is very often more cruel than beasts; that sin makes men savages; that pride makes them bloodthirsty murderers; and that blood and crime will not disgust all the people here present. And also in future, man will be the same, because Satan, sensuality and pride, make him brutal. Man therefore, with greater care, must rid himself of the dreadful, germs through the infusion of the Holy One. *I tell you solemnly, that if you do not eat the Flesh of the Son of man, and if you do not drink His Blood, you will not have Life in you. He who eats My Flesh worthily, and drinks My Blood, has eternal Life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. For My Flesh is real Food, and My Blood is real Drink. He who eats My Flesh, and drinks My Blood, lives in Me, and I live in him. As the living Father sent Me, and as I live for the Father, whoever eats Me, will also live for Me, will go where I send him, will do what I want, will live austere - as a man, and as ardently as a Seraph - and will be holy. Because in order to be able to feed on My Flesh and My Blood, he will abstain from sin, and will live, ascending. And he will finish his ascent at the feet of the Eternal Father.*'

(Azariah, Maria Valtorta's Guardian Angel, speaks of the Holy Eucharist:)

'Oh, let us exult! There is nothing, no, there is nothing but exultation in me, an angel, over seeing you nourished with the Heavenly Bread and the Divine Word.

I approach and hear the Word. I approach and smell the fragrance of the Bread of Paradise... This Word is the one that makes us angels sing, with great joy.... And, like the Eucharistic Bread, this Word is Bread, sapiential bread which, under different species that are appearance and not substance, conceals sublime things... The Word is Eucharist, and the Eucharist remains the Word under a different form, but with the same divine holiness. Since they are, then, one and the same, the gifts and fruits produced are identical: Life, Wisdom, Holiness, Grace.

Communion may be called the Word and the Bread. The former is Communion of God Spirit, for the spirit and intellect of man. The latter is Communion of God Flesh and Blood, for the whole man, to transform him into God, by the operation of most holy grace and infinite love.

Never receive either unworthily, so that it will not be 'death' for you. But in an upright, humble, obedient spirit, filled with love, fill yourself with Them in time, so as to be rich therefore for eternity. Because these Foods, which come from Heaven, help and complete each other, giving full, eternal Life according to the promise of the Word Jesus: 'Whoever keeps my words will not see death in eternity'; and 'Whoever eats this Bread will live forever.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!