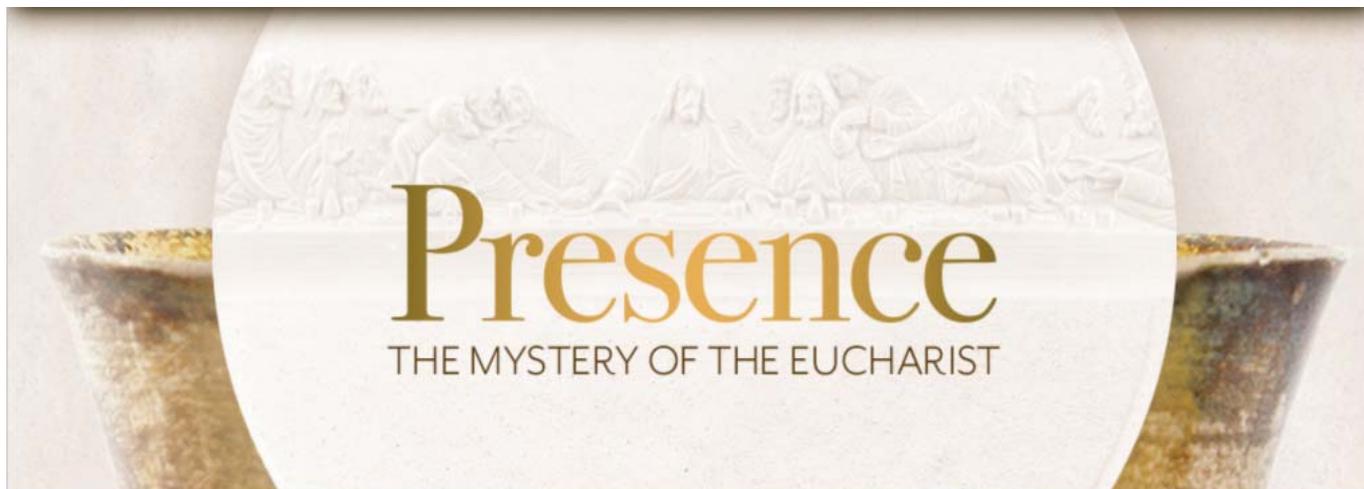


Presence

The Mystery of the Eucharist



During the month of May, parishioners are encouraged to join in a Study by **the Augustine Institute Studios** in the Parish Hall on **Mondays / Tuesdays** OR **Wednesdays / Thursdays**. 05/05/18

You may also join in the study on FORMED.org ... Study Guides are available at the Parish Office or you may download them from FORMED.org.

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

	<u>Study Guide books will be available for \$5.00 each.</u>	Mondays, Tuesdays 7:00pm	Wednesdays, Thursdays 7:00pm
	7:00pm – 8:15 or 8:30pm		
#1	<p>God is with Us (35 minutes)</p> <p><i>God wants to unite us to himself, to pour his love into us and to receive our love in return. He wants to be in communion with us. He wants this so much that he humbles himself, becoming truly and completely present under the appearance of simple bread and wine. Through the Eucharist, God gives himself and expresses his love for us – and by receiving him, we love him in return. In exploring the story of the Eucharist, the question to ask is not only “What is the Eucharist?” but “Who is the Eucharist?”</i></p>	<u>Monday</u> May 7	<u>Wednesday</u> May 9
#2	<p>The Story of the Eucharist (40 minutes)</p> <p><i>The whole story of salvation history is a single narrative, leading up to the climactic gift of the Eucharist. From the Garden of Eden to the Cross, God has been preparing his people for the Eucharist through many prefigurations – sacrifice, manna, Passover, and more. Jesus also prepares his followers for the Eucharist throughout his public ministry; through miracles such as changing water into wine and multiplying loaves of bread, Jesus prepares us for the greater miracle of changing bread and wine into his own Body and Blood.</i></p>	<u>Tuesday</u> May 15	<u>Thursday</u> May 17
#3	<p>Bread for the Journey (34 minutes)</p> <p><i>The Eucharist is the true Bread from Heaven that sustains us on our journey toward Heaven. It would be foolish to go on a journey without taking any provisions. This is even more true for our spiritual journey. To say that the Eucharist is our spiritual food is not a metaphor; it truly nourishes and sustains our souls, just as physical food does for our body. Jesus, through the Mass, is truly present with us in the Holy Eucharist – and this reality should completely transform our lives.</i></p>	<u>Monday</u> May 21	<u>Wednesday</u> May 23
#4	<p>Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist (107 minutes)</p> <p><i>How can we explain the Eucharist to the people in our world who come from many different walks of life, whether they are Catholic, Protestant, secular, or still seeking? As Dr. Tim Gray will show us, we can do so by following the method and example of Jesus himself, who tackled very similar objections from the people of his own time. By learning how to better understand and respond to the objections of those who disagree with us, we can better evangelize and share the truth of the Holy Eucharist with the world.</i></p>	<u>Tuesday</u> May 29	<u>Thursday</u> May 31