

Daily Homily
St. Josephat
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This Gospel conversation is sparked by the question, “When will the Kingdom of God come?”

Jesus says: It cannot be observed, as a matter of fact, it is already here.

So, where?

The Kingdom of God is here in the treasures of our Catholic faith: the Creed we profess, the Sacraments we celebrate, the lives of the Saints, our moral teachings, the social action teachings of the faith. The Kingdom of God is among us when we do not go along with the all the currents of the time and the culture of the day... when everyone is jumping on the bandwagon of popular opinion... it is the Kingdom of God that makes us stop and pause and give discerning council between what is right and wrong, what is holy and true, what is right and just. The Kingdom of God is here among us when we allow all this faith of ours to influence our everyday lives, our relationships, our families, our goals and pursuits. Jesus did this with his life ... and he suffered greatly for it, was rejected for it actually.

The Kingdom of God is here right now in this church, in this Eucharistic moment... we are listening to God speak through his Sacred Word, we are meditating on His meaning, allowing these words to give us more discerning and intelligent souls, and more affective and effective lives. We consume not only his word spoken but also his body broken. Everything that Jesus is ... every word that he spoke, every parable told, every synagogue homily preached, every action taken toward individuals or crowds, every healing and every bit of help, all the miracles, ... and even more ... his values and virtues, his integrity and passion, what moved and motivated him and, yes, every bit of suffering and death and the new life of the resurrection is contained in the host we are about to receive. His whole self will be given over to us ... traditionally, we say, Eucharist is Jesus’ body and blood, soul and divinity... His everything and all.

In this, the Kingdom of God is among us. We are aware of this Kingdom among us here so that we, like Christ, may pierce our world with its’ affects: with truth and life, holiness and grace, with justice, love, and peace.