

Tridentine Rite

10th-16th June 2007

External Solemnity of Corpus Christi

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Pope Urban IV, who, in the decree concerning Corpus Christi, gives the following explanation of the institution and grandeur of this festival: *"Although we daily, in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass; renew the memory of this holy Sacrament, we believe that we must, besides, solemnly commemorate it every year, to put the unbelievers to shame; and because we have been informed that God has revealed to some pious persons that this festival should be celebrated in the whole Church, we direct that on the first Thursday after the octave of Pentecost the faithful shall assemble in church, join with the priests in singing the word of God,"* Hence this festival was instituted on

account of the greatness of the divine mystery; the unbelief of those who denied the truth of this mystery; and the revelation made to some pious persons. This revelation was made to a nun at Liege, named Juliana, and to her devout friends Eve and Isabella. Juliana, when praying, had frequently a vision in which she saw the bright moon, with one part of it somewhat dark; at her request she received instructions from God that one of the grandest festivals was yet to be instituted the festival of the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

-By Apostolic Indult, 25 Nov. 1885, the Solemnization of the Feast of Corpus Christi was transferred to the Sunday following [Thursday], and is now so observed.

Latin Masses for the Week

There are no Tridentine Rite Masses this week

