

Standing at the door of the school, I watch the kids come in every morning.

Some are running, some are shuffling, some are looking back as though hoping to turn around, others are excitedly talking about what's coming up in their school day.

When it's time for prayer or Mass or lunch or recess ... and the students come together - well, it's hard to contain their excitement and noise.

Children can run through all emotions in a short span of time.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the religious folks of his time to children playing make-believe. They laugh, they cry ... and none of it is real. They criticized John the Baptist as being too far one way ... and turn around and go after Jesus for being too much another.

St. Paul gives some explanation to this when he says:

*When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,  
think as a child, reason as a child ...*

But as an adult, he had to "*put childish things aside.*"

We live in a society where adulthood is pushed further and further back. 18 ... 21 ... 26 ... 30 ... 40 ... when do we grow up?

And in the same way that we fail to establish a responsible life as adults, many adults fail to live responsible moral or Christian lives.

As a Christian community, we need to show the world that it is not age, or money ... education, or reputation that are important ... but rather living a life according to God's will and exercising the three Theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. Not pretending to be Christians, but by engaging the Holy Spirit in our lives ... actually living out God's grace, mercy, and love in our daily life.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood ... Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us pray for a deeper outpouring of the Spirit of God in our lives so that we might embody the Love of God in all that we say ... and all that we do.