

## **EPISODE 26 – The Altar**

1. How does the altar in your church represent the various meanings ascribed to it by our tradition?
  - Meanings from tradition:
    - Christ himself is the Victim
    - Christ is the Priest
    - Christ is the Altar of Sacrifice
  - These meanings are there. They are expressed in the prayers said at it and around it, in the bows and genuflections toward it, in the sacrifice offered upon it. God is there, we believe it, we celebrate it.
  - I have never been to a dedication of a new altar but I heard the process described on the video and have heard the testimony of those who were present when the new altar was dedicated at St. Mary's. It was the awe and wonder in those testimonies that gave new insight to me with how central and special the altar is to the church. Now with this lesson this taken this understanding to an even deeper level.
2. What can you do to deepen the reverence you have for the altar?
  - Make sure to reverence the altar with every opportunity to do so, with bows, with genuflections, with prayers. Do this and at every opportunity lets others know why I do these things and how important it is that they too do the same.
3. What connection do you make between the altar in church and the altar of your heart?
  - Jesus is the connection, the common element. He is God upon each of these altars loving me as I choose to worship Him.