Dear Parishioners

In today's Homily I told a story about a priest who was a professor at an ecclesiastical University in Rome for over 35 years. He was well liked by his seminarians but was also very demanding of himself and his students. Never giving a day off to his class for any reason.

Well one day he came into class laid down his books and said to his students "Today we will not have class."

The seminarians were shocked. One even sheepishly raised his hand and asked, "Why not, Father?"

The priest answered, "Today I want to celebrate, because during my morning prayers , for the first time in thirty-five years, I felt the presence of God."

Now this story amazed me because for almost forty years the priest who was faithful to in his daily prayer never experienced any consolation,

But for all that time, he never gave up on God.

Why may you ask? Simply because he knew that God was never going to give up on him.

God never gives up on us just like he never gave up on his Apostles, even when they didn't understand him or appreciate the gifts of his wisdom and power.

We to don't always understand his plan or appreciate his gifts. However, Jesus still stays faithful to us giving us his wisdom and his gifts.

And one way he stays with us is through the gift of his body and blood in Holy Communion. In the Eucharist we receive Christ and become closer to him.

He is showing us he is with us, believes in us and will not give up on us!

So, this week when you receive Holy Communion, please remember this,

And even if times are tough know that he is with you and loves you.

Because you are Gods child and that is a wonderful gift!