



## The Miracle Of The Five Loaves And Two Fish

Barley is the first grain to be harvested in the spring, and the feast of unleavened bread celebrates the first fruits of the barley harvest. Jesus performs this miracle as Passover approaches, and will go on later in John 6 to explain that he himself is the bread of life. The miracle of the loaves points backwards to great events in the Old Testament to give us clues as to who Jesus really is. But it also points forward to the future, to what Jesus will do in the upper room on the night before he died and which will be made present again in every Eucharist. The people recline where there is much grass, verdant pastures (Psalm 23), and the Good Shepherd, after giving thanks (*eucharistia* in biblical Greek) feeds them with rich fare that causes their cup to run over with blessings of not only earthly satisfaction, but eternal life.

How many baskets of scraps are left over? *Twelve*, the mystical number symbolizing God's people. Twelve tribes, twelve patriarchs, and now twelve apostles, the patriarchs of the New Israel gathering up the remnants of a feast that will be the new covenant meal of God's new people, the celebration of their deliverance, the new food for the journey to the true promised land, heaven.

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday~Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

### **A Catholic Community**

Diocese of Honolulu



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the family of St. Stephen Catholic Church nurture and sustain our faith through Love,*

### **MASS SCHEDULES**

(Main Church)

Monday ~ *Communion Service Only*, 8:00 AM  
Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 AM  
Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM  
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM  
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM  
or by appointment

### **DEVOTION**

The Holy Rosary is said 30 minutes before Mass



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**St. Stephen The First Martyr**  
**Knights of Columbus Council 16267**



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**A GENTLE REMINDER**



The St. Steven First Martyr Knights of Columbus Council 16267 will meet on August 6, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. Your presence will be greatly appreciated!

**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**

**Enough For The "Vast Crowd"**

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It is estimated that in every second of the day and night four elevations of the Host take place. I never cease to wonder at this, or to rejoice in the knowledge that there is never a second of one's life in which one cannot lift up one's heart to God in the heart of Christ lifted up in the Host. I think, too, of all the places in the world where the Mass is being celebrated; of how Christ, who began his earthly life in a stable and ended it on a scaffold, has penetrated into every place and circumstance of human life, and has gathered every fragment of man's love to be offered in sacrifice.

Think of all the places where Mass is being celebrated at this present moment, the very moment in which you are reading this page; all the cathedrals and all the churches of the world, all the tin huts and mud huts and make-shifts that are the best man can do in many mission fields... In ships out on the deep seas, on battlefields and camps, in prisons and hospital wards, in the desert and the jungle, in the great cities of the world, in the cottages of faithful peasants in persecuted countries, and under the tall trees of lonely forests of exile.

Think too how everywhere where Christ is lifted up men are bowed down in adoration, soldiers, sailors, airmen, fishermen, men of every country, of every color, rich men and poor men, free men and prisoners, old men and young men, men of every craft and trade and profession, all adoring God, all in communion with one another, all in communion with the Holy Father, all in communion with you and me. *And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me.*

~ Caryll Houselander

*Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British author, poet, and spiritual teacher.*

**RESPECT LIFE (Continued)**

Following the example of Our Lord, we respond to confusion with understanding and to hatred with love."

[usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:**

**THIS WEEK: \$2,456.00**

**LAST WEEK: \$2,974.00**

**MAHALO!**

*We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Community.*

**2020 SCHEDULES**

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**GROUP 5**

**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

\* Ginny Jordan

Celine Asato ~ Ann Yee

Barbara & Edwin Guieb ~ Perlita Baron

**GROUP 6**

**Friday, August 7**

\* Sui Kozuma

Patti Silva ~ Leona Auerbach ~ Sue Ann Yasuoka

Rose Paraz ~ Meriam Ladrillono

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, August 1** ~ Sue Ann Yasuoka, David Houle

**Saturday, August 8, 2020** ~ Sr. Marykutty, Scott Bell

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

**7:30 A.M.** ~ Chester Hughes, Patti Silva

**10:00 A.M.** ~ CCD

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**7:30 A.M.** ~ Sr. Marykutty, David Choo

**10:00 A.M.** ~ Knights of Columbus

**RESPECT LIFE**

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, chairman of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued the following statement in response to reports of increasing incidents of church vandalism and fires:

"In the last few weeks, we have witnessed, among other things, one church rammed with a car and set on fire, as well as statues of Jesus Christ and of the Virgin Mary defaced or even beheaded. An historic mission church has also been badly damaged by fire, and the cause is still under investigation."

"Whether those who committed these acts were troubled individuals crying out for help or agents of hate seeking to intimidate, the attacks are signs of a society in need of healing."

"In those incidents where human actions are clear, the motives still are not. As we strain to understand the destruction of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion, we pray for any who have caused it, and we remain vigilant against more of it."

"Our nation finds itself in an extraordinary hour of cultural conflict. The path forward must be through the compassion and understanding practiced and taught by Jesus and his Holy Mother. Let us contemplate, rather than destroy, images of these examples of God's love."



## "LIVING FAITH" Daily Catholic Devotions

Saturday, August 1, 2020

[www.livingfaith.com](http://www.livingfaith.com)

### Speaking in Truth

**It was the Lord who sent me to prophesy...** Jeremiah 26:12

I remember, when I was a teenager, how my mother, without really warning me, let me know that the plans I had made with friends *might* not be a good idea. She was a bit of a prophet—like Jeremiah—one who spoke for God.

As Jeremiah did not fear reprisal from the people, neither did my mother from me. She was, in a word, my "mother," not my friend. Her goal was to let me know that choices have consequences. Like those who listened to Jeremiah and told the king, "This man does not deserve the sentence of death," I, too, got the idea that she was speaking on behalf of my best interests.

Her words did not deserve my disdain, rather my gratitude. For in her wisdom, she spoke God's truth.

*Gracious God, how often you use people or events to speak to me of what you would have me do. May I learn not only to listen, but to speak your word to others.*

~ Judy Schueneman



## "LIVING FAITH" Daily Catholic Devotions

Sunday, August 2, 2020

[www.livingfaith.com](http://www.livingfaith.com)

### A Whole Lot of Nothing

**What will separate us from the love of Christ?** Romans 8:35

Paul's answer to this question seems unimaginable. He presents an exhaustive list of possibilities and then rules out each one. Simply put, the answer is *nothing*.

I find solace in Paul's assurance. We cannot wrap our human hearts and minds around the vastness of Christ's love. All of us have loved ones who have strayed from the faith, lived their lives without regard for moral teachings and spoken to us as if we are fools for being Christians. Are they separated from the love of Jesus Christ? Not according to St. Paul. Nothing can break the bond of salvation in Christ's love.

Jesus asks us to love sinners and saints as he loves: unconditionally. Some may reject us, but we must remain compassionate. We are called, as the mystical Body of Christ, to love each other into the arms of Jesus.

~ Deborah Meister

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



This weekend, Saturday, August 1, and Sunday, August 2, we will be conducting Corona Virus testing before parishioners enter the main Church for Masses. Ushers will be posted with a digital thermometer to take your temperature. Your cooperation with this effort will be greatly appreciated.

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with you!*

~ Fr. Mario

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### Sunday, August 2

7:30 A.M. Mass

✠ Jack Wong

✠ Al Tagab

Healing Prayers For:  
Bernard Ho ~ Wayne Silva

10:00 A.M. Mass

✠ Vera Asbitomi

✠ Karen Lee

✠ Salvador Solidum

✠ Sam Chun

✠ Steve Aki

✠ Helena Kim

✠ Al Tagab

Healing Prayers For:  
Nancy Contrades

✠ Benny Delos Trino, Sr.

✠ Angela Pascual

✠ Mary & David Tom



### Monday, August 3

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

For the Deceased of the Parish



### Tuesday, August 4

8:00 A.M. Mass

Healing Prayers For: Mary Souza



### Wednesday, August 5

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ Steve Aki

✠ Mary & David Tom



### Thursday, August 6

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ Mary & David Tom



### Friday, August 7

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ JonaLee Ayres



### Saturday, August 8

8:00 A.M. Mass

✠ Don Yee

✠ Kara Dodge

4:00 P.M. Mass

✠ Doreen & Francis Chia

✠ Nancy & Raymond Tom

✠ Betty Lowe

✠ Beatrice Tom

✠ Henry George, Jr.

### LEGEND:



= Birthday Blessings



= Wedding/Anniversary Blessings



## Prayer Requests

### For The Sick & The Homebound

Nancy Asato, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

### ✠ For The Deceased Of The Parish ✠

Steve Aki, Kenneth Asato, Ron & Tomiko Asato, Vera Asbitomi, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Sam Chun, Steve Fujii, Eileen Green, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Karen Lee, Frederick Lum, Salvador Solidum, Al Tagab, Beatrice Tom, Gladys Wong, Jack Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee



In the end, dear friend,  
it is always between us  
and God, not between us  
and them.

~ Mother Teresa

## 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

*St. Eusebius of Vercelli*  
*St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Readings from Breaking Bread™ 2020

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**August 2, 2020**

**FIRST READING** ~ Isaiah 55:1-3 (112A)

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**T**hus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** ~ Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18

*The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

**SECOND READING** ~ Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

**B**rothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or merit, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL** ~ Matthew 14:13-21

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and



## DAILY READINGS



**Monday, August 3**

Jeremiah 13:1-11



**Tuesday, August 4**

Jeremiah 14:17-22

*St. John Vianney, Priest*



**Wednesday, August 5**

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

*Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome*



**Thursday, August 6**

Jeremiah 18:1-6

*Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration*



**Friday, August 7**

Jeremiah 26:1-9

*St. Cajetan, Priest; St. Sixtus II, Pope & Martyr & Companions, Martyrs*



**Saturday, August 8**

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

*St. Dominic, Priest*

[catholicreadings.org](http://catholicreadings.org)



**19th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**August 9, 2020**

**BREAKING BREAD™**

*St. Teresa Benedicta Of The Cross, Virgin & Martyr*

**FIRST READING**

*1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a (115A)*

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14*

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**SECOND READING**

*Romans 9:1-5*

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**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

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**The Gospel** *(continued)*

looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand

## MUSIC FOR

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**August 1 & 2, 2020**

**BREAKING BREAD™**



Entrance: [#308] Come To The Feast  
[#309] In This Place.  
[#311] Table Of Plenty  
[#313] Here At This Table

Offertory: [#645] Come To The River  
[#394] Jesus Come To Us  
[#435] Seek Ye First

Communion: [#357] Miracle Of Grace  
[#592] Your Words Are Spirit & Life  
[#337] Behold The Lamb  
[#339] Taste & See

Recessional: [#542] All The Ends Of The Earth  
[#600] Rain Down  
[#555] Laudate, Laudate Dominum  
[#553] He Is The Lord

## THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

*The Annunciation*



**M**ary learns from the Angel Gabriel that God wishes her to be the mother of God and humbly accepts.

*(Luke 1:26-38)*

Picture the scene of the Annunciation. God proposes the mystery of the Incarnation which He will accomplish in the Virgin Mary—but not until she has given her consent. The accomplishment of the mystery is held in suspense awaiting the free acceptance of Mary. At this moment Mary represents all of us in her own person; it is as if God is waiting for the response of the humanity to which He longs to unite Himself. What a solemn moment this is!

For upon this moment depends the decision of the most vital mystery of Christianity.

But see how Mary gives her answer. Full of faith and confidence in the heavenly message and entirely submissive to the Divine Will, the Virgin Mary replies in a spirit of complete and absolute abandonment: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Thy word." This "Fiat" is Mary's consent to the Divine Plan of Redemption. It is like an echo of the "Fiat" of the creation of the world. But this is a new world, a world infinitely superior, a world of grace, which God will cause to arise in consequence of Mary's consent, for at that moment the Divine Word, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, becomes Man in Mary: "And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us."

**The Gospel** *(continued)*

men, not counting women and children.

The Gospel Of The Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**