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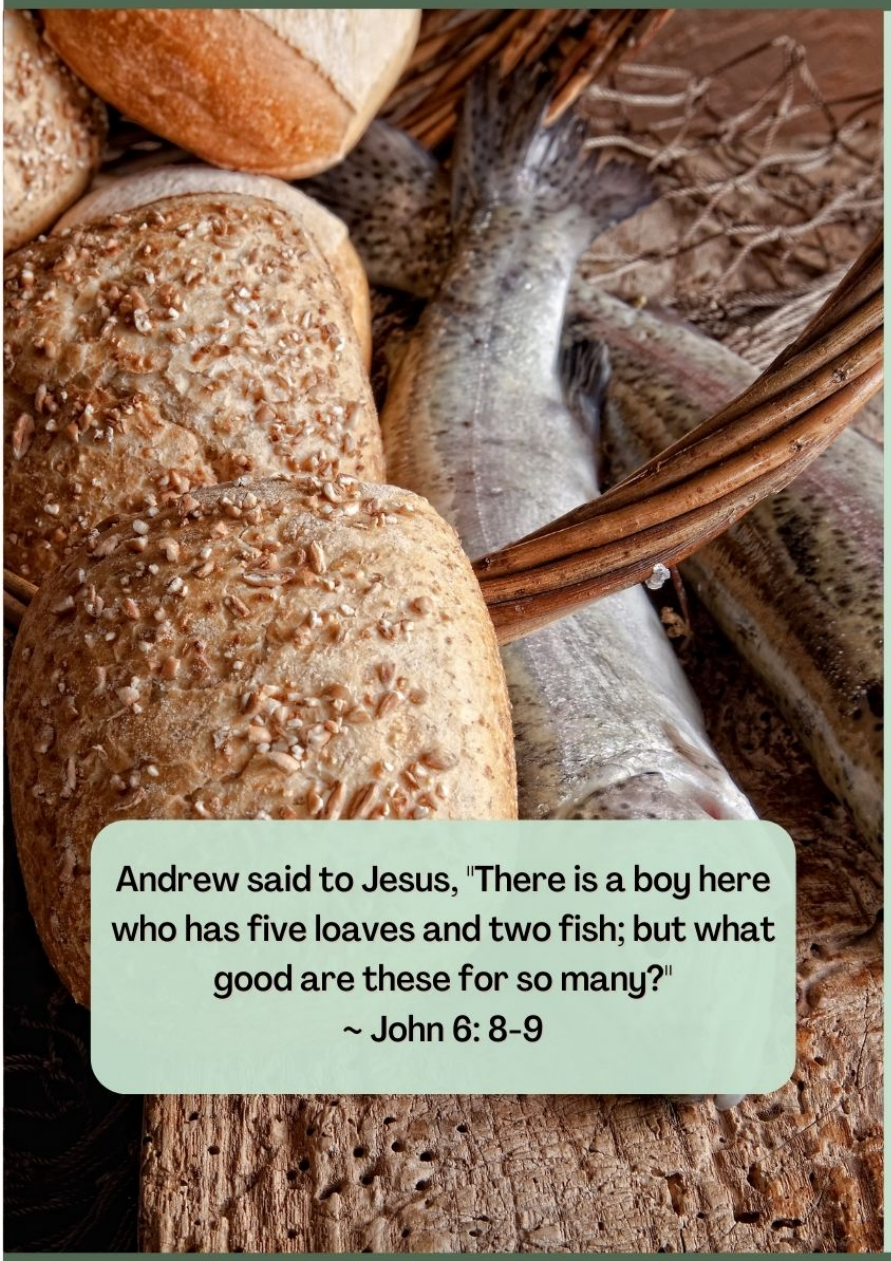
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 25, 2021



We, the Catholic community of St. Joseph, Placentia, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, center our lives on Jesus Christ. Together we grow as disciples of the Lord in faith and action.

Mass Schedule:
All Mass times are in-person, with no face masks if fully vaccinated. Livestream masses are available as noted below.

Saturday: Vigil Mass 4 PM
Sunday:
8 AM
10 AM - Livestream
12 PM - Spanish/Livestream
5 PM
Daily Mass: Mon - Sat, 8:30 AM
Livestream
Reconciliation:
Every Saturday at 3:00 PM
or by appointment

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Please call the Parish Center office.

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Do We Live Our Lives Out of a Mindset of Scarcity or Abundance?

Have you ever been in a situation where there was not enough food to go around? It could be a family situation, a social function, a disaster of some sort, or working or living in a third world country. I just returned from a 10 day camping trip with 19 (hungry) teenagers and three adults. There were meals where we were not sure there would be enough, but somehow everyone got fed. The readings for Mass today made me think about whether I have a mindset of scarcity, fearing I/we won't have enough or a mindset of abundance, trusting that some how, some way God will provide what we need. Both the First Reading from 2 Kings 4: 42 - 44 and our Gospel reading from John 6: 1 – 15, are about God miraculously feeding the people and once everyone was satisfied, there were leftovers! Our God is a God of abundance who longs to feed our deepest soul longings.

In our First Reading from 2 Kings 4: 42 – 44, Elisha gathered a group of prophets around him to share fellowship, encouragement and food as a community. That community life nourished them to go out and minister to others.They were not only given physical nourishment, but spiritual as well. Their true nourishment was God's word, hearing it, having it become part of them and sharing it with others.

The First Reading story parallels our Gospel story in John 6: 1 – 15 and the other five times the story shows up in the Gospels. The feeding of a large crowd from a small amount of food shows up in all four Gospels, which means it had a powerful impact on the Apostles and Gospel writers.(Matthew 14: 13 – 21; 15: 32 -39, Mark 6: 34 – 44; 8: 1 – 9, and Luke 9: 10 – 17). Jesus takes the bread, blesses and breaks what he is given and, as Elisha did, directs the people to share. The Old Testament story about Elisha has an even greater and richer meaning in light of Jesus' life and ministry. The multiplication of the loaves of bread and the fishes becomes the symbol for Jesus' Eucharistic feeding of his disciples down through the ages with his very own Body and Blood.

What will satisfy our hunger? What do we truly hunger for deep down inside? We hunger for a relationship with Jesus. We hunger for salvation. Where can we go to satisfy our hunger and deepest longings? The meal that will satisfy our hunger is the Eucharist, the meal that we share life with Christ and one another. God wants us to overflow with his abundance!

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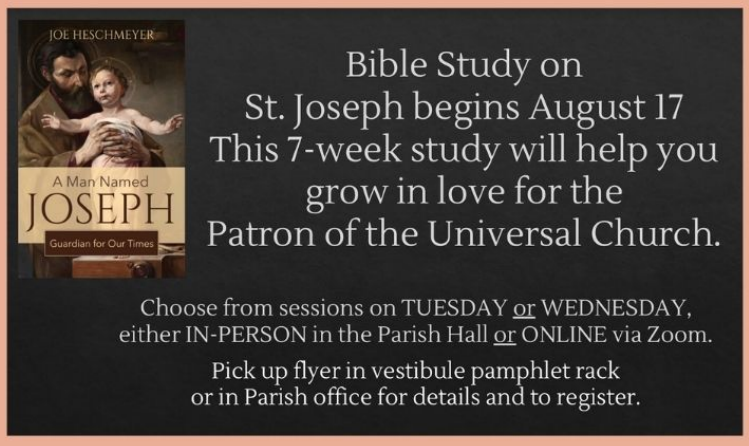

Mass Intentions:

Monday 7/26
Joan Sessa - Sp Int

Tuesday 7/27
Don Carlos Rodriguez - RIP
James Murphy - RIP
Betty Cottage - RIP
Eloise Woore - RIP
Archie & Marissa Reyes - Sp Int

Wednesday 7/28
Africana Quijano - RIP

Thursday 7/29
Thomas & Mary McDonnell - RIP
Jose Rojas - RIP
Felicitas Evangelista - RIP
Quirico Evangelista - RIP
Maria Castillo - RIP

Friday 7/30
David Hernandez - RIP

Saturday 7/31
Ricardo Marrero - RIP
Dr. Tomas Arambulo -RIP

Sunday 8/01
Michael Decker - RIP
Jane M. Hill - RIP
Rosenda Luna - RIP
Evaristo & Eufemia Corales - RIP

Pray for the sick...
Hector Cruz
Jessica & Flower Rogers
Diane Camarillo
Alma Juarez
francisco Javier Perez

...and for those who have died
Ricardo Martin Ayala
Sixto Tinio
Carlos Navarro Ramos

4 English Worship Aid

Gathering Song: TABLE OF PLENTY Dan Schutte © 1992 OCP Publications

Come to the feast of heaven and earth / Come to the table of plenty / God will provide for all that we need / here at the table of plenty.
1. My bread will ever sustain you / through days of sorrow and woe / My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

READING 1 **2 Kings 4:42-44**
A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, “Give it to the people to eat.” But his servant objected, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” Elisha insisted, “Give it to the people to eat.” “For thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 145 Estela García-López & Rodolfo López © 2016 OCP Publications
The hand of the Lord feeds us / He answers all our needs / He answers all our needs.

READING 2 **Ephesians 4:1-6**
Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

GOSPEL: **John 6:1-15**
Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

5 English Worship Aid

Preparation of the Gifts Song: HERE AT THIS TABLE Janet Sullivan Whitaker & Max Whitaker © 2000 OCP Publications

Come and be filled / here at this table / Food for all who hunger / and drink for all who thirst / Drink of His love / wine of salvation / You shall live forever / in Jesus Christ the Lord.

1. You who labor for justice / you who labor for peace / you who steady the plow in the field / of the Lord.
2. You with lives full of pain / you who sorrow and weep / you beloved of Christ come to Him / come to Him!
3. Children of every color in every land / you are His own / He gathers you gently / Don't you grow weary / for when you run / you run with the Lord!
4. You the aged among us / holy faithful and wise / may the wisdom you share form our lives / and our world!
5. Let each woman and man learn from the stranger / we're not so different / and so much unites us / For we are one / blest with the Spirit / and the power of love!

Communion Songs: GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT Robert Kreutz & Omer Westenforf © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia

You satisfy the hungry heart / with gift of finest wheat / Come give to us O saving Lord / the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep / they know and heed his voice / so when You call Your family Lord / we follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to You / our praise and gratitude / that You should count us worthy Lord / to share this heavenly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share / the Blood of Christ outpoured / Do not one cup one loaf declare / our oneness in the Lord?
4. The mystery of Your presence Lord / no mortal tongue can tell / Whom all the world cannot contain / comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us O Lord / then selfless let us be / to serve each other in Your name / in truth and charity.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD Bernadette Farrell © 1990 OCP Publications

Bread for the world / a world of hunger / Wine for all peoples / people who thirst / May we who eat / be bread for others / May we who drink pour out our love.

1. Lord Jesus Christ You are the bread of life / broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain / Where we divide Your people You are waiting there / on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.
2. Lord Jesus Christ You are the wine of peace / poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps / Where we are tired and weary You are waiting there / to be the way which beckons us beyond despair.
3. Lord Jesus Christ You call us to Your feast / at which the rich and powerful have become the least / Where we survive on others in our human greed / You walk among us begging for your every need.

Recessional Song: OVERFLOW Matt Maher © 2006 spiritandsong.com

1. Your Grace / is power / Your will / forever / Your love / is a river / overflow in me / Your word / true presence / Your body / our recompense / Your blood / salvation / overflow in me.

Overflow in me my Lord / overflow in me my Lord / Let Your people bless You as your cup is poured / Overflow in me my Lord / overflow in me my Lord.

2. Your worship / of You / it's Your gift / to us from You / No one / could give this gift but You / overflow in me.

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6 Lecturas y Musica para la Misa

Canto de Entrada: VEN AL BANQUETE Bob Hurd, Pia Moriarty & Jaime Cortez © 1994 OCP Publications

Ven ven al banquete / Ven a la fiesta de Dios / Los que tienen hambre / y sed serán saciados / Ven a la cena de Cristo / ven a la fiesta de Dios.

1. Quién le puede dar de comer / a la multitud / Con Jesús al compartir / lo poco que hay recibimos plenitud.

PRIMERA LECTURA **2 Reyes 4:42-44**

En aquellos días, llegó de Baal-Salisá un hombre que traía para el siervo de Dios, Eliseo, como primicias, veinte panes de cebada y grano tierno en espiga. Entonces Eliseo dijo a su criado: "Dáselos a la gente para que coman". Pero él le respondió: "¿Cómo voy a repartir estos panes entre cien hombres?" Eliseo insistió: "Dáselos a la gente para que coman, porque esto dice el Señor: 'Comerán todos y sobrará' ". El criado repartió los panes a la gente; todos comieron y todavía sobró, como había dicho el Señor.

Salmo Responsorial: SALMO 144 Manuel F. García © 1984 OCP Publications

Abres tú la mano Señor / y sacias de favores / a todo viviente.

SEGUNDA LECTURA **Efesios 4, 1-6**

Hermanos: Yo, Pablo, prisionero por la causa del Señor, los exhorto a que lleven una vida digna del llamamiento que han recibido. Sean siempre humildes y amables; sean comprensivos y sopórtense mutuamente con amor; esfuércense en mantenerse unidos en el Espíritu con el vínculo de la paz. Porque no hay más que un solo cuerpo y un solo Espíritu, como también una sola es la esperanza del llamamiento que ustedes han recibido. Un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo bautismo, un solo Dios y Padre de todos, que reina sobre todos, actúa a través de todos y vive en todos.

EVANGELIO **Marcos 6, 30-34**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús se fue a la otra orilla del mar de Galilea o lago de Tiberíades. Lo seguía mucha gente, porque habían visto los signos que hacía curando a los enfermos. Jesús subió al monte y se sentó allí con sus discípulos. Estaba cerca la Pascua, festividad de los judíos. Viendo Jesús que mucha gente lo seguía, le dijo a Felipe: "¿Cómo compraremos pan para que coman éstos?" Le hizo esta pregunta para ponerlo a prueba, pues él bien sabía lo que iba a hacer. Felipe le respondió: "Ni doscientos denarios de pan bastarían para que a cada uno le tocara un pedazo de pan". Otro de sus discípulos, Andrés, el hermano de Simón Pedro, le dijo: "Aquí hay un muchacho que trae cinco panes de cebada y dos pescados. Pero, ¿qué es eso para tanta gente?" Jesús le respondió: "Díganle a la gente que se siente". En aquel lugar había mucha hierba. Todos, pues, se sentaron ahí; y tan sólo los hombres eran unos cinco mil. Enseguida tomó Jesús los panes, y después de dar gracias a Dios, se los fue repartiendo a los que se habían sentado a comer. Igualmente les fue dando de los pescados todo lo que quisieron. Después de que todos se saciaron, dijo a sus discípulos: "Recojan los pedazos sobrantes, para que no se desperdicien". Los recogieron y con los pedazos que sobraron de los cinco panes llenaron doce canastos. Entonces la gente, al ver el signo que Jesús había hecho, decía: "Éste es, en verdad, el profeta que habría de venir al mundo". Pero Jesús, sabiendo que iban a llevárselo para proclamarlo rey, se retiró de nuevo a la montaña, él solo.

7 Lecturas y Musica para la Misa

Cantos de Preparación de las Ofrendas: QUIERO SER, SEÑOR, INSTRUMENTO DE TU PAZ
Tradicional
Quiero ser Señor instrumento de tu paz / Quiero ser oh Señor instrumento de tu paz.
1. Que donde haya odio Señor / ponga yo el amor / donde haya ofensa / ponga perdón.
2. Que donde haya discordia Señor / ponga yo unión / donde haya error / ponga verdad.
3. Que donde haya duda Señor / ponga yo la fe / donde haya angustia / ponga esperanza.
4. Donde haya tinieblas Señor / ponga vuestra luz / donde haya tristeza / ponga alegría.

MI DIOS Y MI TODO Rufino Zaragoza © 1990, 1998 OCP Publications
1. Jesús mi único anhelo / Jesús mi único anhelo / Jesús mi amor / Jesús mi belleza / Jesús mi Dios y mi todo.
2. Jesús confianza del alma / Jesús confianza del alma / Jesús mi poder / Jesús mi refugio / Jesús mi Dios y mi todo.
3. Jesús piedad del Señor / Jesús piedad del Señor / Jesús mi verdad / Jesús mi justicia / Jesús mi Dios y mi todo.

Cantos de Comunión: DANOS, SEÑOR, DE ESOS PANES Carlos Rosas © 1975 OCP Publications
1. Con cinco panes y peces / dio de comer el Señor / a muchos hombres y niños / muchas mujeres también / Todos comieron aquello / también saciaron su sed.
Danos Señor de esos panes / y esos peces / de comer / como lo hiciste amoroso / con tus hijos / esa vez.
2. Somos nosotros tus hijos / que te siguen por doquier / por los caminos del mundo / día tras día con fe / A veces nos tropezamos / y sentimos desmayar.
3. Aquel milagro del monte / se repite sin cesar / Jesús en ese Sagrario / se reparte a manos dar / Todos los que tengan hambre / ahí la pueden saciar.

SEÑOR, TÚ ERES EL PAN Tradicional
Señor Tú eres el Pan / que nos da la vida eterna. (2x)
1. Dijo Jesús cierto día / predicando en Galilea / Yo soy el Pan que da vida / anunciado por los profetas.
2. Es voluntad de mi Padre / El que coma de esta cena / ha de vivir para siempre / para que ya nunca muera.
3. Aquí está el vino y el pan / que mi cuerpo y sangre encierra / a todo aquel que me coma / le daré la vida nueva.
4. No dominará la muerte / a los que coman y beban / de este pan y de este vino / que es comida verdadera.

Canto de Salida: CRISTO TE NECESITA Cesáreo Gabaráin © 1978 OCP Publications
1. Cristo te necesita para amar para amar / Cristo te necesita para amar / Al que sufre y al triste dale amor dale amor / al humilde y al pobre dale amor.
No te importen las razas ni el color de la piel / ama a todos como hermanos y haz el bien. (2x)
2. Al que vive a tu lado dale amor dale amor / al que viene de lejos dala amor / Al que habla otra lengua dale amor dale amor / al que piensa distinto dale amor.

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8 Grow & Go

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2 Kgs 4:42-44 | Eph 4:1-6 | Jn 6:1-15

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I once saw Tony Melendez, a musician born without arms, play his guitar for the pope – with his feet – and I knew I had witnessed something exceptional, something extraordinary. We may be feeling the same way about some of the Olympic performances taking place right now. But however amazed Tony Melendez or an Olympic medal performance might make us feel, it is hard to imagine what it must have been like to experience Jesus taking a few barley loaves and fish, blessing them, and somehow feeding more than 5,000 people. How Great Thou Art, indeed! Participating in this miracle was life-changing for those who realized what Jesus had done. They were convinced, on the spot, that Jesus was a prophet, and were ready to carry him away as a king. But Jesus did not come to be an earthly king, he came to give his life for us, that we might have life with him in abundance.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One boy gives up his lunch and Jesus feeds thousands – and there were *twelve wicker baskets with fragments* left over! Think of how God can multiply *our* gifts. Perhaps there are times we fail to share what we have, thinking it is too small to make a difference; thinking that what we bring to feed others can't possibly be worth anything. Sure, what usually happens with us isn't on a scale like today's Gospel passage, and our offering may not be "Olympic" in nature. But in sharing our gifts as Jesus calls us to – to love our neighbor and to do "small things with great love" as St. Teresa of Calcutta is purported to have said – there is no such thing as a gift or talent too small. Ask the Holy Spirit for fortitude as you strive to share your gifts.

ACTION Perhaps it's time to contact someone who has been on your mind lately. A seemingly small gesture of concern may be just the support they need right now. With the help of the Holy Spirit, perhaps you may be a source of affirmation for them, providing a catalyst that helps them discern their path more clearly.

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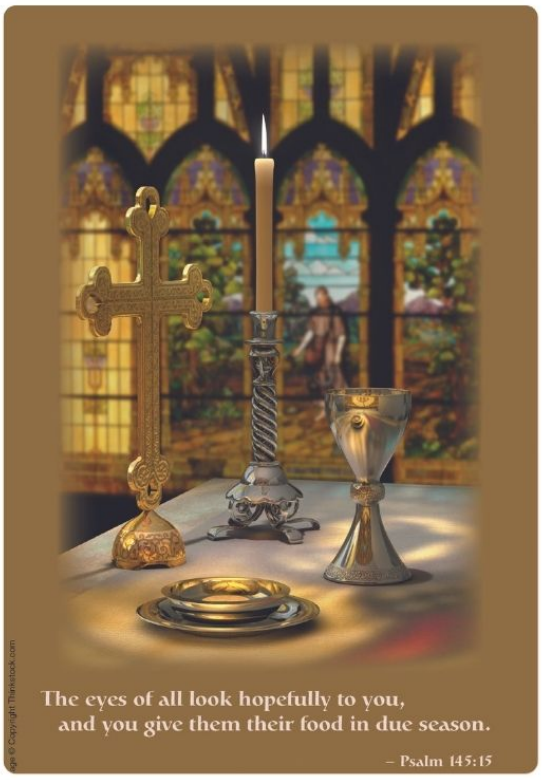
Now that we are coming out of the pandemic step by step and our Bishop has asked us to return to Sunday Mass where we can be together to feed our souls, it is time to experience the abundance Jesus wants to share with us. We need Jesus and we need one another. Not being with others during the lockdown was the hardest thing for me. I am an introvert, but I need people. And I needed and longed for Eucharist. I appreciate the gift of Eucharist all the more now! I treasure seeing familiar faces at Mass again.

What are other opportunities that God provides to feed our souls on an ongoing basis? Teens, participate in our Youth Ministry programs. Adults, join our Parish Bible Studies, join a GIFT faith sharing group, go on a retreat, join one of our prayer groups. Get involved in serving others. Talk with your friends about your faith and theirs. Take a walk and pray. You will find that feeding your faith can be fun, you will meet wonderful other people on the journey of faith, and you will see and experience God's abundance.

Carol Koppenheffer



Andrew said to Jesus,
"There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"

JOHN 6:8–9

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GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today's message could be summed up in psalm 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs." Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was "Stone Soup," the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to "Consider well our call." How do we respond to those in need around us?

MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, "Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had." But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? "Jesus said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do." It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn't understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called "The assignment of impossible tasks." It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, "For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child." The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, "I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?" The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, "If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had $1.50 left from the weekend." When we follow this child's example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42–44
Psalm 145:10–11, 15–16, 17–18
Ephesians 4:1–6
John 6:1–15

Andrés le dijo a Jesús:
"Aquí hay un muchacho
que trae cinco panes de cebada
y dos pescados.
Pero, ¿qué es eso para tanta gente?"

JUAN 6:8–9

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DIOS NOS ALIMENTA Y CUIDA

El mensaje de hoy podría resumirse en el salmo 145 "La mano del Señor nos alimenta, el Señor está cerca de los que lo invocan". Cada lectura muestra con qué cuidado Dios nos alimenta y cuida, de una manera cercana y personal. Eliseo alimentó a la multitud con veinte panes de cebada. Jesús bendijo unos pocos panes y alimentó a miles. Tal vez esto parezca inverosímil, pero en las noticias leemos historias de cocineros que toman lo que sobró en restaurantes de lujo y alimentan a muchas personas en un comedor comunitario. De niña, uno de mis cuentos favoritos fue Sopa de piedras, que era la historia de un par de soldados cansados por la guerra que convencen a los habitantes asustados y hambrientos de un pueblito para que saquen sus escasos alimentos y los compartan para hacer una maravillosa sopa que alimente al pueblo. La segunda lectura nos pide que "consideremos bien nuestra llamada". ¿Cómo respondemos a las personas necesitadas que nos rodean?

¿MILAGRO O MAGIA?

Puede ser fácil decir simplemente "Oh sí, esta es la historia del milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces, cuando todos decidieron compartir los pedazos de comida que tenían". Pero ¿qué tanto se trata de alimentar a las multitudes? Jesús le preguntó a Felipe en dónde podrían comprar suficiente comida para que todos comieran. Le hizo esta pregunta para ponerlo a prueba, porque sabía que era lo que iba a hacer. Debió haber sido muy difícil confiar en Jesús, especialmente cuando los discípulos a menudo no lo entendían. Este año también ha sido un reto para nosotros también, confiar que Dios proveerá, y también un reto para nosotros para pedir ayuda.

En la Regla de san Benito hay un capítulo llamado "La asignación de tareas imposibles". En esencia dice que cuando el superior de la comunidad te dice que hagas algo imposible, está bien que vayas a hablar con él acerca de eso, pero al final puede que te pidan que hagas esa tarea. ¿En qué situaciones estamos llamados a confiar? ¿Cuándo se nos piden que actuemos con fe o que hagamos una tarea imposible?

¿CÓMO SABREMOS QUE ESTAMOS HACIENDO LO CORRECTO?

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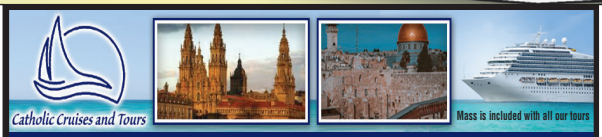

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