



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JULY 29, 2018, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday-Thursday - 5:40pm - Rosary
 6:00pm – Mass**

Wednesday - 2:30pm - @ AMCC

Friday - 3:00pm - Mass at QCC

**Saturday - 4:30pm -Confessions
 - 5:00pm -Rosary
 - 5:30pm - Mass**

Sunday - 10:30am – Mass

READERS AND EM'S FOR JULY

Saturday July 28

5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday July 29

10:30 Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC Kitty Scott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish Council Summer Meeting on 8/2/2018
 @ 6:30pm.

Volunteers Needed For

2. Clean up around the Church
3. God's Laundry

READERS AND EM'S FOR AUGUST

Saturday August 4

5:30 Lector Janeen Sullivan

Sunday August 5

10:30 Lector Gretchen Froehle
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Sylvia
 Paniataaq

Saturday August 11

5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 12

10:30 Lector Kitty Scott
 EMHC JenniferFast/Gretchen
 Froehle

Saturday August 18

5:30 Lector Tom Moran

Sunday August 19

10:30 Lector Sylvia Paniataaq
 EMHC Gretchen Froehle

Saturday August 25

5:30 Lector Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 26

10:30 Lector Julie Farley
 EMHC Kitty Scott / Jennifer
 Fast

PARISH STAFF

Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601
 Megan Mackiernan – Vice President 443-4501
 Rebecca Callahan – Member 443-7158
 Patrick Callahan – Member 443-1236
 Angie Gorn – Member 443-3286

Caroline Proulx – 434-6010 Religious Education
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FAMILY CONNECTION TO THE GOSPEL

In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

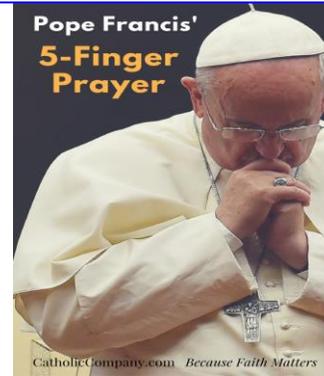
In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



1. "The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a 'sweet obligation.'"
2. "The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers."
3. "The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance."
4. "The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even that it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers."
5. "And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way."

