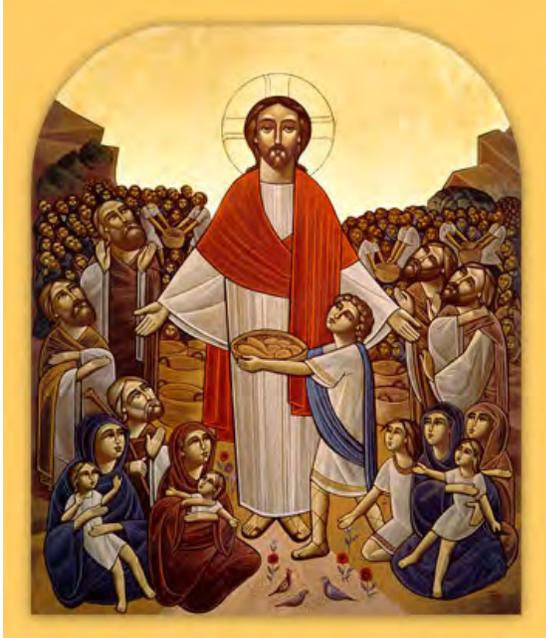


Parish Newsletter
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THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

From Father Robert – Reflection On The Gospel

What we celebrate today is God's hospitality in the gift of Jesus, shared with the world in His personal fullness, in His "body and blood." Luke's account of the feeding of the five thousand is situated in the part of his gospel that focuses on mission and it can be seen as symbolic of the outreach of the church. There is no special invitation to this Bethsaida meal, no house or dining hall in which to eat. Even though Jesus had planned a kind of ministry "debriefing" session with His apostles, everyone who had found out where they were and followed them is welcomed at Bethsaida, and Jesus teaches and heals them until late in the day. The Twelve tell Jesus to send the crowd away to find shelter and food, neither of which is available in the lonely place, but Jesus responds with the challenge: "Give

them some food yourselves." Having just completed their first missionary field work of preaching, healing, and exorcising, the apostles are now called to partnership with Jesus in another apostolic mission: feeding the hungry crowds.

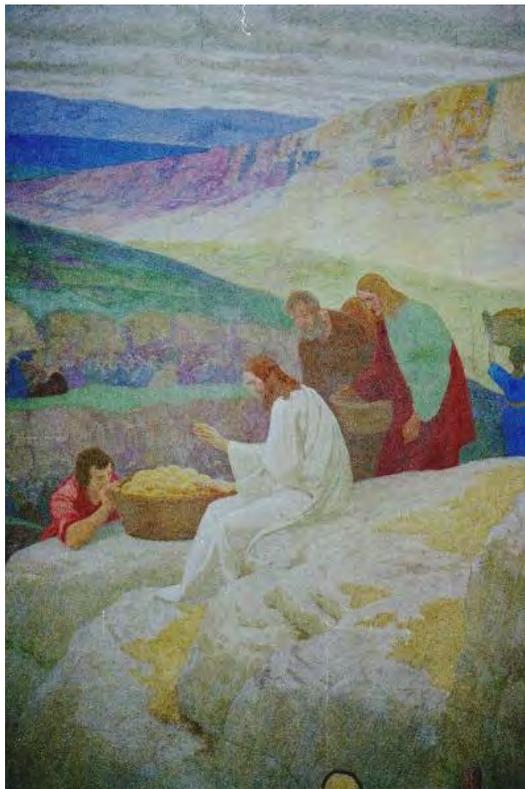
Jesus' command that the Twelve seat the crowd in a hundred groups of fifty each is an image of the local churches gathered as the church universal. Just as Jesus has taught the crowd throughout the day, so He will now teach His disciples something more about the kingdom in action when He takes, blesses, breaks, and places the five loaves and two fishes into the hands of the disciples to give to the crowd.

Luke obviously wants his community, and all hearers of the gospel, to connect this meal with the feeding traditions of his ancestors, the miraculous manna in the wilderness and the story of Elisha who fed a smaller crowd with loaves of bread, some of which were left over. Into this past, the present of the Gospel Bethsaida, and all our eucharistic "Bethsaidas" are gathered.

When the fragments of the meal are collected, they fill twelve baskets. Such is the superabundant hospitality of God in Christ, that there will always be more than enough to feed the future church of the Twelve when it gathers for its "Bethsaida" meal. But one thing is needed: hands to give the food to the people. The church, guided by the Spirit (about whom we have heard so much on the last two Sundays), needs a creative conversation with the words of Jesus at Bethsaida about the present shortage of ordained ministers to feed the hungry people of God and the right of the people to have access to the Eucharist.

There are other "Bethsaida" questions this gospel prompts us to raise: how are we to

celebrate Eucharist in a world wounded by so much injustice and violence? Before Jesus fed the people, He taught and healed and exorcised. What are the paralyzing hungers of people who are physically starving, spiritually deprived, or psychologically damaged that we need to feed? What are the “demons” that need to be exorcised from ourselves and our communities so our celebration of the Eucharist is not hypocritical?



How do you break bread with others? Do you plan meals with your family? Take a break together with your team at work? Get a drink with a recreational sports team?

What do you find significant about Jesus' choice to use bread in the Eucharist? Why do you think Jesus is called the Bread of Life?

How do you live aspects of the vocation to be a priest within our community, among others who share the same call?



At each liturgy this weekend, we honor fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, foster fathers, step fathers, godfathers, and the men who nurture and give life in so many ways. They are being remembered in the Universal Prayers as well as receiving a Special Blessing at the conclusion of each liturgy. Happy Father's Day!



Each week I have the blessing of recognizing some of the many volunteers who do so much for the parish throughout each week.

Thank you to those who clean the sanctuary and the bathrooms in preparation for the coming weekend: **Carole Miller, Jean Rogers, Ada Nnaji, Phil Hadsell, Angela Bueno, Rose Salamanca, and Steve Rojek.**

To **Virginia Noack** who vacuums the carpets at the entrance to the church each day, empties the waste receptacles in the restrooms as well as making sure they are clean and ready for use.

To **Lisa Lombardo** who records our liturgies and uploads them to our YouTube

Channel for those who cannot be with us in person.

To our Parish Office Volunteers: **Alicia Perez, Melodye Costanza, Lorraine Lohmeier, and Bev Iacona.**

To our Parish Security Team: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek, Tony Gumina, Dave Simpson, Brian McCoy, Tom and Stevie Catchings, Jose Perez, Bill Barbanica, and Rick Carraher.**

To those who help and assist Estrella Rusk, Financial Secretary, with accounting, data entry, recording, and banking.

To our Liturgical Ministers: **Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cantors, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Altar Guild, Adult Acolytes, Art & Environment Committee Members, Liturgy Committee Members, Funeral Coordinators, and Alexandra Hernandez and Lori Curiel** who launder and iron the Sacred Linens.



Registration for Faith Formation, OCIA, OCIC (formerly RCIA and RCIC), and Confirmation continues Monday through Friday in the Parish Office, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. *Faith Formation Registration for 2022-2023 ends on September 5th, 2022.*



Our Children Need You!

Faith Formation Catechists are the heart of our faith. You do not need to be a certified catechist to teach. Please consider sharing your faith with a group of children this year. In-Person classes begin September 21, 2022. All grades are taught one time per week from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., from September 21, 2022 through May 17, 2023.

The prayer of St. Francis says.... "It is in giving that we receive." Ask any catechist and they will assure you that you will get more than you give. St Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church Faith Formation will provide catechists with resources and training that help people become successful. The main goal of a catechist is the growth of faith for the children they work with.

If you would like additional information about being a catechist for grades 1-8 or for our confirmation program for grades 9-12, please contact **Shelli Daviess, Faith Formation Coordinator** at 925-778-0768, ext. 305 or email me at: daviesszoo@sbcglobal.net

Proverbs 22:6, *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

and understanding that life's tragedies are connected to the One who has gone before. Through Jesus' suffering and death, all of our tragedies are sanctified. Fr. Reese says the boredom and arrogant priests keep people from coming back to church. By boredom, he means that nothing is going on there, no music, no attention to the environment, no good homilies. By arrogant priests he means non-listening priests who have a fixed definition of what it means to be church and then foist it on all of us. What draws people is Jesus' Spirit of welcoming and compassion. Life has many problems. The church should be a place where people can express their struggles and learn to live life fully through them, where their pains are connected to the One who sanctifies them, where they are loved and respected and challenged as adults and not scolded as children.

So feed the crowd with our understanding of Jesus' Way. Let us awaken ourselves to the Mystery of suffering and death. Let us say joyfully that we are "on the Way" when suffering comes. Our joy is that we are connected to Jesus in the suffering. Our joy is we have a church that is not boring. Yes, this is a day of thanksgiving because we are taught through the Body and Blood of Christ how to live a life of joy. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in Him," says the Lord.

"Grant, O God, that when I draw near to the altar to communicate, I may henceforth discern the infinite perspectives hidden beneath the smallness and nearness of the Host in which you are concealed. I have already accustomed myself to seeing, beneath the stillness of that piece of bread, a devouring power which, in the words of the greatest doctors of the Church, far from being consumed by me, consumes me...I shall...react to the Eucharistic contact with

the entire effort of my life." (Teilhard deChardin, *Divine Milieu*, p. 126)



St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Team says Thank You to our Spring Tea event participants

What a wonderful day it turned out to be on Sunday, May 22, 2022. The temperature reached into the 90's but our wonderful guests were comfortable sitting under large canopies and trees for shade.

The tables were set with absolutely lovely fine china from the personal collection of **Alicia Perez and Maryann Peddicord**. **Jeannine Ford's** beautiful silver tea service set also graced one of our tables. There were six tables in all and each table represented a color of cancer awareness ribbons, from the table runners to the china. Pancreatic cancer was represented with purple pansy china, and teapots, Children's cancer with gold roses china, and teapots, Green delicate leaf china and teapot for liver cancer, pink roses china and teapot for breast cancer, blue roses china and teapot for colon cancer, pink roses and light blue table setting for prostate cancer.

The guests were served three variety of scones; lemon, plain and blueberry. The tables were set with small honey jars for the tea, and lemon curd and black currant jam for the scones. Each table contained two teapots filled with black currant tea. The guests were then served three types of petite sandwiches, which included chicken salad

sandwiches, egg salad sandwiches and cucumber sandwiches, so delicious!! Dessert consisted of thumbprint cookies, chocolate mini cupcakes, and snickerdoodle miniatures.

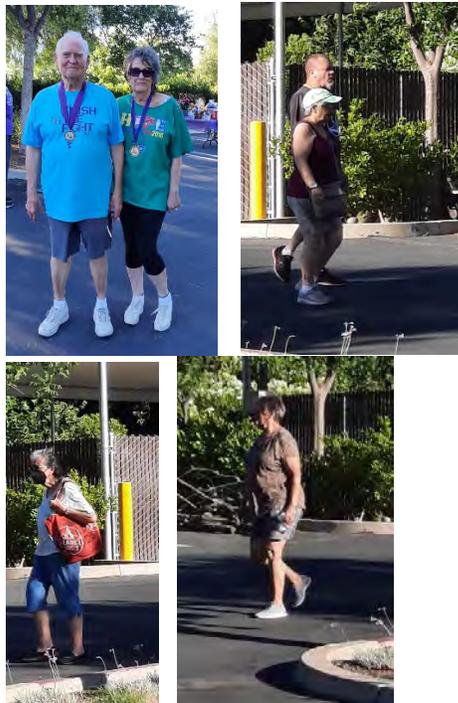
Fun was had by all during the hat contest. We had three winners: **Gloria Olvera** for most original hat, **Roberta Tellez** for funniest hat and most elegant hat prize went to **Arabella Curiel**.

Our thanks and gratitude to our raffle prize donors; **Carole Miller, Maryann Peddicord, Alicia Perez, Pattie Zupo, Fina Villalpando, Marla Plurkowski, Melodye Costanza, Tina Costanza, June Stuhlreyer.**

Our wonderful hosts and hostesses did a fabulous job serving the lunch and keeping the teapots full of hot tea. Those hosting our tables were **Caitlin Pineda, Maryann Peddicord, Jameson Perez, Jackson Perez, Alicia and Rachel Carrasco, and Bela Villalpando.** To our kitchen staff headed by **Sarah Sinisi** which included **Grace Villalpando, Dominic Sinisi, and Luz Carrasco.** To our dessert donors, **Sachi Perez and Leighann Bustamante,** to our set up and takedown crew; **Jose Perez, Anthony Villalpando, Luz Perez, Bela Villalpando, JoJo Perez, Jackson Perez, Jameson Perez.**

The afternoon ended with a sincere thank you to all of our guests in gratitude for their support of the American Cancer Society.

Blessings,
St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay Team



St. Ignatius of Antioch Mini -Relay Event – June 11, 2022

The temperature reached nearly one hundred on this day, but we were determined to walk in honor and in memory of our loved ones, friends, family and relatives that have been touched by cancer.

The St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life team worked to create our second annual St. Ignatius of Antioch mini relay for our parishioners on this lovely Saturday, June 11th. The event began at 6 PM at our back parking lot with a warm welcome from **Alicia Perez**, team co-Captain. Tables for eating were set up under canopies as well as three raffle prize tables, a luminaria table and a serving table (set up and run by our fantastic Knights of Columbus).

At 6 PM our honorary survivors **Ron and Jackie Yarolimek** led our walkers on our first walk around the designated area. The area was marked with rows of luminaria bags that were set in place in honor or in memory of those touched by cancer. The

Knights of Columbus headed by **Steven Rojek and Blake Rojek** supplied the delicious sausage sandwiches, with a pasta salad donated by **Ron Yarolimek** and cookies donated by the **YLI**. Delicious food for our hungry walkers was ready to be served at 6:30PM.

The Black Diamond Mine Rhythm Band lead by **Ralph Ruiz**, presented their wonderful oldies but goodies music at 6:30 and played until 8:30PM. Our walkers decided to dance it up and it was enjoyable to see everyone having a great time. A video was posted on Facebook by **Rachelle Martin** and shared by several of our parishioners which is available for viewing.

At 8:30PM raffle prizes were called and we had many winners. Our sincere thanks go out to **YLI, Jeannine Ford, Shelli Daviess, Teresa Glenn, Melodye Costanza, Reggia Desmond, Ronda DeMay, Estrella Rusk, Marla Plurkowski, Pam Confetti, Mary Rehm, Ron and Jackie Yarolimek, Alicia Solano, Fina Villalpando, Alicia Perez, and Maryann Peddicord** for their donation of raffle prizes. Our Luminaria table was set up for guests to compose bags for their loved ones. Thank you to **Lorraine Lohmeier, Sharon Simpson and Pam Confetti** for helping our guests in creating their bags.

At 8:45PM, **Maryann Peddicord**, team co-Captain, (my hat is off to Maryann for not only cantoring at the 4PM mass but putting on her raffle apron and selling our raffle tickets, walking around greeting everyone, making sure all was going smoothly at the luminaria table and helping with calling the raffle prizes...she was everywhere!!) read a beautiful poem to begin our luminaria ceremony as each guest was given glow sticks that were then lit and placed in our luminaria bags. It was a beautiful and

touching ceremony and tears of joy, love and hope flowed among our guests. We remember those who fought valiantly against this dreaded disease but left this world to live in eternal happiness in heaven. We hope, pray and embrace our survivors who's fought and some still fighting to survive. They inspire us all to be so brave and full of faith.

We closed our mini event at 9PM, exhausted but thankful for the turn out of parishioners who came to celebrate with us. WE want to give a great big thank you to those who carried our memory and honor book during the walks, **Lorraine Lohmeier, Mark and Tina Costanza, and Jose Perez**.

A great big thank you goes out to the **Knights of Columbus** for the delicious food they cooked up for the event and the set up and breakdown of our canopies, tables, and chairs and especially to our Relay team members **Don Benson and Rich Confetti and Steve Rojek** who brought everything out for the event. We also thank the following donors for donations of water and cans: **Lorraine Lohmeier, YLI, Lori Curiel, Dave Simpson, Vicki McCoy, Pam and Rich Confetti, Bruce Costa, Monika Kauer, Kathleen Maasberg, Mark and Tina Costanza, Jeanne Reilly and Vince and Kathy Augusta**.

We want to invite you to join us on Saturday, June 25th at Heritage High School for the larger Relay for Life Event. Our team will have a canopy there for any parishioners that might want to stop by and visit. The event will start at 6PM and finish at midnight the same evening. If you cannot make it to the event, perhaps you may consider a small donation to help our team with fundraising. Simply go online to www.relayforlife.org/thedelta, press the donate button and write in St. Ignatius of

Antioch, or write a check to the American Cancer Society and bring it to the office. To our parishioners who have donated countless times, we hug you, we thank you, we are filled with gratitude for your continued support.

Alicia Perez and Maryann Peddicord
Co- team Captains for Relay for life

