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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday 11:15am to 12:15pm

Sunday Masses

English: 8:15am - 10:00am

Spanish: 12:30PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

Confessions Sundays

9:15am - 9:45am

11:45am - 12:15pm

or by appointment

August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD PROVIDES

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding a large crowd with five barley loaves and a few fish. Here, Jesus is challenging the crowd to see in the bread they have eaten a sign of God's generosity in providing for all the blessings in their lives, as well as the blessing of life itself. The first reading, from Exodus, recounts how the escaped Hebrew slaves were fed in the wilderness, first with quail, then with manna. The psalm is a later reflection on the manna as the bread from heaven and a blessing from God. The selection from the letter to the Ephesians sketches the image of putting away the "old self" and putting on the new, emphasizing that a person's life in Christ needs to differ from their previous life, just as the life of a free person differs from that of a slave.

SIGNS AND WONDERS?

Today's Gospel continues into a second day the narrative that had begun the day before when, after crossing the lake to look for Jesus, a large crowd are fed with five barley loaves and two fish. The following day (today's reading), after more lake crossings, the people who had been miraculously fed are again searching for Jesus. However, they do so (as Jesus puts it) "not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (John 6:6).

In John's Gospel, the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. At the wedding at Cana, after telling how Jesus turned water into wine, the Evangelist notes "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs" that "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus.

OR MAYBE THE SIGN IS THE WONDER

When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that he had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Can Jesus top that? Can he give them more bread that will relieve them of their daily worries about going hungry?

Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but his Father. Further, the Father can give them the true bread from heaven that comes down and gives life to the world. There is a parallel in the Greek between working for food that perishes and doing the works of God, which is believing in Jesus as the one God has sent. This is the sign that the people missed the day before, the sign that Jesus is pointing out to them.

Like the Evangelist, the Church uses the word "sign" for its sacraments. Like the crowd, we are called to see similar "signs" of God's generosity in all the blessings of our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalms 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6: 24-35

*The bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world. John 6:33*

The Preface: Thanksgiving

The preface of the Mass has been called “a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth” (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God’s gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. “By his birth we are reborn,” we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. “By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life.” Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

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Let us pray for the health of:

Ray O’ Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Tony Christiano, Nestor Beroch, Brittany Felts, Monica Moore, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Juan Barahona, Patricia & Shawn Costello, Michael Kunai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Anna Marie Gould, Nina Waters, Phylli Fletcher, Eugene & Elsie Lamie, John Folsom, Beatriz Agudelo, Toni Leigl, Daniel Riddle, Lisa Salomon, Yina Green, Josefina Di Domenico, Debbie Hernandez, Valerie Vargas, Raymond Moore, Angela Hood, Jeronimo Vivero, Jamie Felts, Julisa Aguilar, Andrew Morrison, Barry White, Miriam Santacruz, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Ruby Green, Pat Murphy, Linnet Crump.

For the Eternal rest of:

Saul Muñoz, Consuelo Borrero, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Carroll Waters, Tom Turner, Lois Adkins, Frank Hunter, Guillermina Sanchez, Rene Lopez, Kelle Jackson, Misty Lasseter, Stephanie Nelson, Kevin Ward, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Eugene Favorito, Maria Gallegos, Judy Plantier, David Dennis, Shawn Murphy, Fran LaRock, Bill Raczkowski, Giovanni Foschi, Jim Murphy, Dennis David, Melisa Green, Estela de Santacruz, Rufina Fernandez, Louis Adkins, Baby Robert Wesley Maughon, All faithful Departed

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday
7:00PM to 10:00PM
Wednesday 10AM - 12PM



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Knights of Columbus
 Round table meeting
 Parish Hall
 Second Sunday of the month



Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am.
 For more information please contact Kathryn Giddens at



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
SANCTUARY LIGHT



In reverence and petition
 Pray this week for
 this Special Intention:

Thanksgiving to God for His Love and Divine Mercy.
 David and Patty Stidham.



July 25, 2021
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\$2,752

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