

FAITH FOR SUNDAY

July 28, 2024 Year B

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OPENING PRAYER

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

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.

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. His multiplication of the loaves and fishes is presented as a sign of His authority and divinity. The significance of this is a sharing of His Body and Blood, a teaching of the Eucharist. As we celebrate the Eucharist, was is this a foretaste of? How are we transformed by the Eucharist? What does God reveal about Himself?

Reading I : 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.

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves. Elisha may not be divine, but God works powerfully through him. In what ways has God used you to bless others? What is necessary for us to be allow God to work through us?

Notes

RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reading II: 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.

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their baptism. All ethical activity is encouraged in the context of baptism. Why do you believe this is necessary? A life 'worthy of the call you have received' is expressed through the fruits of the Holy Spirit (examples: humility, forbearance, gentleness and patience). How do we foster the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our community? in our families?

Feast days this week

SUNDAY 28 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY 29 STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, MEMORIAL

TUESDAY 30 WEEKDAY

WEDNESDAY 31 SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST, MEMORIAL

THURSDAY AUGUST 1 SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

FRIDAY 2 WEEKDAY

SATURDAY 3 WEEKDAY

reflect

Is my life worthy of the calling of Christ?

pray

Father God, as you give and transform me, help me to give to transform others, Through Christ our Lord, Amen

live

Strive to preserve the unity of the Spirit.