

July 24-25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

Did the loaves and fishes in today's Gospel 'miraculously' multiply as all the media presentations of Jesus' life portray...or did everybody start to SHARE whatever they had with them, insuring that everyone had more than enough to eat? **Ultimately, everyone had something to eat...**and the people were impressed enough that they figured they would do VERY WELL for themselves with having Jesus as their king. The Gospels were ALL originally ORAL traditions, spoken stories by which people would share their experiences. Nothing was recorded, filmed or dictated. Nothing was written down as it was occurring. In today's story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, we hear the RECOLLECTION of what happened. 5000 men is a HUGE CROWD...and having loaves and fishes suddenly begin to multiply would have been a highly noticeable feat...as opposed to people quietly sharing amongst themselves what they each had available. Personally, it could have been EITHER WAY...**ultimately, Jesus fed his people with sufficient food to satisfy them...**and that is what is most important, that is the miracle. The miracle stories catch our attention but they ought not be the cause of our relationship for Jesus...otherwise, we end up saying the equivalent of ... 'I am in relationship with you because of what I think you can do for me!' How many of us would stay in a relationship where the other person said that to us? Knowing that Jesus could change people's hearts, that people could care for each other sufficiently that everyone would have enough to eat and be satisfied...that is powerful stuff and certainly worthy of our attention. If Jesus could do that with food, what could he do with EVERYTHING ELSE we individually have, that would benefit our larger community? On that note, how comfortable are YOU in sharing yourself with OTHERS? What if what/who **YOU ARE** is precisely what the world needs...are you willing to give yourself so that the world might be fed (be a better place?)

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

'The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all of our needs.'

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Communion Instructions

Reception of Eucharist (absent receiving the Precious Blood) occurs as we ALWAYS used to do it...following the exchanging of Peace with one another, please receive Communion and THEN RETURN TO YOUR SEATS...for the closing prayer, announcements, final blessing and closing hymn. THEN YOU GET TO DEPART!!

Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE TRASH RECEPTACLES at the back of the Hall as you depart. Thank you.

THIS WEEKEND we once again have the SECOND SPECIAL COLLECTION to assist our St. Vincent de Paul Society collect monies by which to offset their purchase of 270 backpacks and school supplies that will be given to the students of our Sister Parish – Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Ana. Purchasing and filling 270 backpacks with school supplies is a pricey venture...but it lovingly conveys our outreach to our Sister-Parish families! Thank you for your generosity to help the children of IHM have what they need when they return to classes next month. Back in 1862 a COMET, which came to be known as Swift-Tuttle (after the two men who identified it), was discovered. The meteors are called the Perseids because the point from which they appear to 'shoot' lies in the constellation Perseus. The comet was last within our Solar System in 1992 and is not due to return until 2125...but the DEBRIS from the comet is what causes the abundance of meteor showers, pieces of rock burning up in our atmosphere as we pass through its trail of debris. You may wish to enjoy some of these late-July/early-August evenings with your eyes turned skyward. Whether you scan the skies for 'shooting stars' or just enjoy our tepid evenings in other ways, please remember, **YOU ARE LOVED! FKB**