

July 31-August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-15

Ephesians 4:17-24

John 6:24-35

Having had their bellies filled with the ‘miraculous’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes (last week’s Gospel), this weekend, Jesus challenges those who have begun following him with whether they are just waiting to see ANOTHER miracle or are they orienting toward him because of what they are SENSING about Jesus? Deftly switching words, Jesus presents **HIMSELF as the BREAD of life...as the CURE for disease** – even if the disease claims our mortal existence...as the **HOPE when faced with unimaginable loss**. It is not about what Jesus can DO...it is all about **whom JESUS IS**. He is our food, our hope, our cure, our life. Even if we physically must die, we continue to live with and through Jesus. Jesus does not guarantee a perfect earthly life (in human terms) but he offers us the promise of an eternal existence if we persevere in our relationships with him. How many of us, throughout our lifetimes...remember people who were at one time or another, important to us...perhaps they were our EVERYTHING. How many of those people still are present and active within our lives? Why did some of them fade away? **ALL RELATIONSHIPS...both human and divine...require commitment and continual effort**. As we grow ever older, how has our relationship with Jesus grown, deepened...or diminished? Have we abandoned false/childish hopes or wishes? Have we embraced a deeper awareness of what God offers us? Are we content with JESUS being our source of food, nourishment and life? Are we willing to let go of how WE THINK the world should be and embrace it as Jesus embraced the world?

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 Lord gave them bread from heaven.’

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.

Thank you for your generosity over the last two weeks to help the children of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Santa Ana have the school supplies they need to head back to classes later this month (of August). **Next weekend, Sister Eymard Flood** will be presenting our annual **MISSION APPEAL** on behalf of the newly widowed women of India, please come with your ears AND hearts open to her words. No sooner did our Summers seem to begin than many of our families are already preparing for **EARLY RETURNS** to the classroom in the upcoming weeks. Please be extra mindful of students crossing the streets and of law enforcement with their radar guns tracking our speeds. Despite the expressed worries of another potential phase of Covid, our **OUTDOOR LA CENA** event remains scheduled as an ideal way of closing out the Summer. To be celebrated on Saturday, September 18th following the 5pm Mass, pre-registration is required and the forms are available both on our website (SCDAYL.org) or in paper format on the posters at the Hall entrances. Enjoy these early days of the **LAST** full-month of Summer and, regardless of how hot the weather may get, please remember, **YOU ARE LOVED! FKB**