



“I’m Hungry!”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

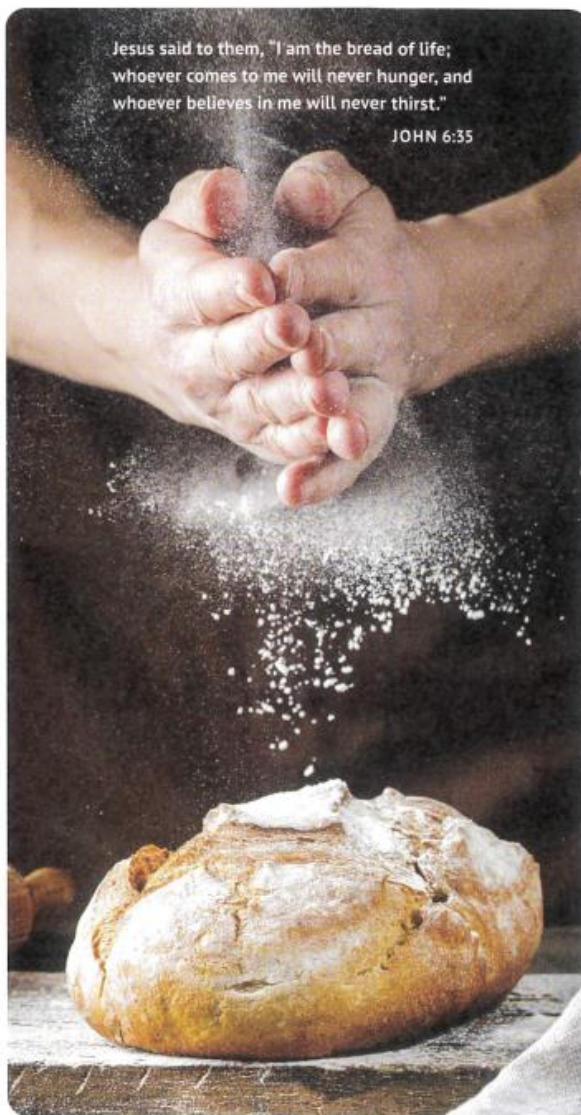
Besides the meals we eat, we also feed various other hungers throughout the day.

Try “fasting” from your smartphone or computer for a day—no texting, no emails, no surfing the internet. If you are a news junkie, try going a day without your fix of the latest word from Washington or a sports update. At a creativity workshop, I was once given an assignment of not reading for an entire week, not even a cereal box at breakfast or the day’s TV schedule. The goal was to discover what I would do with all my extra time. Think about what feeds our daily hungers and interests.

What, then, does it mean to say that Jesus is our bread, that he is the one who feeds us and quenches our thirst? To come to him, to have faith in him, to follow him, is to live as he lived. When we do so, we find that our lives take on new meaning. Living as people who forgive feeds our hunger for peace with one another. Generosity breeds generosity; as we meet the needs of others, we find that others also meet our needs, and slowly the world begins to care and heal. Surrendering to God’s ways opens us to a wellspring of strength previously unknown. With Jesus as our bread, we find ourselves fed beyond our trivial hungers. ●

Reflect

Are you finding healthy ways to feed your hungers?



Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

JOHN 6:35

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

From Fr. Pampara:

Do you hunger for the bread of life? The Jews had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the bread of God. There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come. Jesus makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. Jesus' question to the crowd, and to each one of us as well, echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy"? There are two fundamental types of hunger - physical and spiritual. Only the Lord Jesus can satisfy the deepest hunger in our heart - the hunger for everlasting truth, life, and love. Jesus alone can satisfy our hunger for truth - because in him alone is the Truth which is found in God. Jesus alone can satisfy our hunger for life - because he alone can give us abundant life - the supernatural life of God which transforms us now and lasts forever. Jesus alone can satisfy our deepest hunger for love - the love of God that knows no end, that never fails nor forsakes us, that outlasts sin and death. Jesus alone can satisfy the eternal hunger of our heart, mind, and spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life?

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of August 5, 2024

Mon.	Aug	05	7:00	AM	SJ	Margaret Opela †
Tues.	Aug	06	7:00	AM	SJ	Amy Thompson
Wed.	Aug	07	5:30	PM	SA	Leonard Mackley †
Thurs.	Aug	08	5:30	PM	SB	Mark Pandorf †
Fri.	Aug	09	7:00	AM	SJ	Leo Walz †
Sun.	Aug	11	8:00	AM	SJ	Charlene Walz †
Sun.	Aug	11	9:30	AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	Aug	11	11:00	AM	SB	Mary Jane Pandorf †

Vincent Walz Aug. 11th

Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pandorf
Aug 11th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Aug 11	<i>St. Agnes</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>	<i>St. John's</i>
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Sue D. & Pam L.	Jerry & Sherri P.	Cody S. Family
Lector	Pam L.	Carla K.	Tara B.
Server		Olivia D. & Katie P.	Leo W. & Wyatt D.
EMHC	Sue D. & Pam L.	John R. & Rod B.	Jon & Molly W.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		Mike P.	Music: Robin G.

<p><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church July 28, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$176.00</p> <p><u>Necessaries Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$3075 Donor Goal: 9 out of 16</p> <p>Thrift Store Open Aug. 2 from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p>-Parish Council Aug. 7 at 6:00 PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 5:00 PM</p>	<p><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church July 28, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$734.00</p> <p><u>Necessaries Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 The dollar goal is REACHED</p> <p>-Parish Council Aug. 15 at 7:30 PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 6:30 PM</p>	<p><u>St. John's</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church July 28, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$1852.50</p> <p><u>Necessaries Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 The dollar goal is REACHED!</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Wed. Aug 14 at 7:00 PM</p>
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TOTUS TUUS

If you love Mary our Blessed Mother and want to support your youth consider purchasing a Totus Tuus t-shirt. They are army green with MARY in black on the front and the Totus Tuus logo on the back. We will be taking orders until August 15th. The cost is \$15. If you are interested there is a signup sheet at the back of each church. If you have questions call or text Jon Walz at 308-636-6211 .

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic? If your interest in RCIA please contact Fr. Michael at 308-660-5730 or Emily Pandorf at 308-660-0984 for more information .

Dear Padre,

Are Catholic statues the same as “graven images”?

God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4–5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7–9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7–9).

Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love. In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.

Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God's grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Transfiguration</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Dominic,</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Lawrence,</i>	<i>Nineteenth</i>
Jer 28:1-17	<i>of the Lord</i>	Jer 31:1-7	<i>Priest</i>	Na 2:1, 3;	<i>Deacon and</i>	<i>Sunday in</i>
Mt 14:13-21	Dn 7:9-10,	Mt 15:21-28	Jer 31:31-34	3:1-3, 6-7	<i>Martyr</i>	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
	13-14		Mt 16:13-23	Mt 16:24-28	2 Cor 9:6-10	1 Kgs 19:4-8
	2 Pt 1:16-19				In 12:24-26	Eph 4:30-5:2
	Mk 9:2-10					In 6:41-51



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When we seek first and foremost the satisfaction of our needs, we risk using people and exploiting situations for our own ends.... Let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and... learn to love each other.... Love given freely and without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.

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