



## Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

### Reflect

*How does God feed you with what you need?  
Is it enough?*



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

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### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

#### From Fr. Pampara:

Our God is a personal God who is concerned about each and every one and takes care of his people. He is like a benevolent Father caring for the needs of his children and planning a future for each one. The Bible presents us the story of a benevolent God who took care of his chosen people in the Old Testament leading them through the desert and being with them when they were attacked by their enemies. He gave people the bread sufficient to satisfy their hunger and made them comfortable. In the New Testament we have the love of God manifested in Jesus. He leads them to faith and gives them his own body and blood as proper spiritual nourishment. He promises them that he who eats his flesh and drinks his blood will never die. The Gospel of today begins with the narrative that Jesus is being followed by a very large crowd as he came to the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The people had heard his teaching, had seen his miracles and had experienced his personality. He realized that they were all hungry and took upon himself the responsibility to take care of them and fed five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. We have the message and teaching of Jesus in and through the miracle: Jesus' sensitivity: The crowd never complained about food rather Jesus understands the needs of others. Jesus' generosity: Jesus did not multiply 5 bread exactly for 5000 instead He multiplied the bread in surplus so much so that 12 baskets were left over after feeding the crowd. When God gives, He gives in abundance. Jesus' gratefulness: Though it was little [5 loaves and 2 fish] Jesus thanked God for them. This is something we need to learn from Jesus. To be always grateful to God even for the little that we have. Jesus' attitude of non-wasting: Jesus by asking his disciples to gather what was left over and not waste. Jesus' greatness: Jesus by His miraculous power could have produced bread out of nothing but He preferred to use the little given by the boy. Jesus uses our littleness to manifest His greatness.

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of July 29, 2024

Mon.	July	29	7:00 AM	SJ	Jenny Johnston
Tues.	July	30	7:00 AM	SJ	Travis Portz†
Wed.	July	31	5:30 PM	SA	Cathy Weaver†
Thurs.	Aug	01	5:30 PM	SB	Francis Pandorf†
Fri.	Aug	02	7:00 AM	SJ	Kaye Venhaus†
Sun.	Aug	04	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Aug	04	9:30 AM	SA	Kathy Daly†
Sun.	Aug	04	11:00 AM	SB	Julie Ross†

Thank you to all who helped or participated in the awesome week of Totus Tuus! Love The Totus Tuus Team

Tara Boeser July 29th  
Molly Pandorf July 30th  
Lisa Kinderknecht July 30th  
Gary Mills July 31st  
Steve Berger July 31st  
Cindy Frey Aug 1st  
Dylan Pandorf Aug 4th

## Ministry Schedule

Date: Aug 4	<b>St. Agnes</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
<b>Time</b>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Conrad & Aleta P.	Chancy & Roni B.	Luke & Tara B.
<b>Lector</b>	John B.	Traci K.	Jon W.
<b>Server</b>		Dylan P. & Quinton B.	Kelsey A. & Leo W.
<b>EMHC</b>	Evan B. & Gary M.	John R. & Rod B.	Jim & Kristy O.
<b>Communion to shut ins or Music</b>		Steve B.	Music: Toby K.

<p><b>St. Agnes</b></p> <p><b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b> <b>July 21, 2024</b></p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$208.93</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p><b>Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$3075</b> Donor Goal: 9 out of 16</p> <p>Thrift Store Open Aug. 2 from <b>9AM to 4PM</b></p> <p>-Parish Council Aug. 7 at 6:00 PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>St. Boniface</b></p> <p><b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b> <b>July 21, 2024</b></p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$501.50</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p><b>Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330</b> Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 <b>The dollar goal is REACHED</b></p> <p>-Parish Council Aug. 15 at 7:30 PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>St. John's</b></p> <p><b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b> <b>July 21, 2024</b></p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$87.50</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p><b>Dollar Goal=\$5001/so far \$5020</b> Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 <b>The dollar goal is REACHED!</b></p> <p>-Parish Council July 28 at 5:00 PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Wed. Aug 14 at 7:00 PM</p>
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### MARY



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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 sign up 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,

## Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31-32, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin."

Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22-32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 29 <i>Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i> Jer 13:1-11 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	July 30 <i>Weekday</i> Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43	July 31 <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46	August 1 <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53	August 2 <i>Weekday</i> Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58	August 3 <i>Weekday</i> Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12	August 4 <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us...  
"Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply."*

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