Homily by Deacon Luis P. Villanueva for 8AM Mass on Friday, April 16, 2021 at St. Joseph Church, Devine, TX.-Fr. Antonio Hernandez, Pastor. Gospel: John 6:1-15

In the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, amen.

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish and feeding the multitude of people that Jesus performed as we heard in the gospel reading, was the foreshadowing of the institution of his Blessed Sacrament at his Last Supper.

In his love and desire to share all his Divine Life with us, Jesus, the Bread of Life, came down from heaven, shared himself with us that we may have communion with him.

Through the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus the Bread of Life, continues to feed us, the multitude of people who seek the Lord.

Psalm 27 of today's readings says, "One thing I ask ofthe Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house ofthe Lord all the days ofmy life, that I may gaze on the loveliness ofthe LORD, and contemplate his temple".

We are created by God to seek him whether we realize it or not. And God made it possible for us to have communion with him every day through Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament.

Living our lives with the spiritual nourishment of Jesus as our Bread of Life, will make living through the daily challenges and storms of life more tolerable that living without his spiritual nourishment.

When we find ourselves with all kind of challenges every day. We may experience problems in the areas of health, financial, family, career and others but through Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament we can overcome them all.

Or as we begin a married life, or/and a consecrated life to Jesus and Mary, we pray in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life for "one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comesforthfrom the mouth of God".

Jesus wants to assure us that our lives will be better off both physically and spiritually if we first look to learn about him, his Kingdom, and his will for us, to nourish our souls with the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus' precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. God bless you.

El milagro de la multiplicaciån de los panes y los peces y de la alimentaci6n de la multitud que Jesüs realiz6, como escuchamos en la lectura del evangelio, fue el Antevision de la instituciön de su Santisimo Sacramento en la Ultima Cena.

En su amor y deseo de compartir toda su Vida Divina con nosotros, Jests, el Pan de Vida, baj6 del cielo, y se comparti6 con nosotros para que pudiéramos tener comuni6n con él.

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A través del Santísimo Sacramento, Jesús Pan de Vida, continúa alimentándonos, la multitud de personas que buscan al Señor.

El Salmo 27 de las lecturas de hoy dice: "Una cosa le pido al Señor; esto busco: Habitar en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida, para poder contemplar la hermosura del Señor y contemplar su templo "

Somos creados por Dios para buscarlo, ya sea que nos demos cuenta o no. Y Dios hizo posible que tuviéramos comunión con él todos los días a través de Jesús, el Santísimo Sacramento.

Viviendo nuestras vidas con el alimento espiritual de Jesús como nuestro Pan de Vida, hará que vivir los desafíos diarios y las tormentas de la vida más tolerable que vivir sin su alimento espiritual.

Cuando nos encontramos con todo tipo de desafíos todos los días experimentando problemas en las áreas de salud, finanzas, familia, carrera y otras, tenemos a Jesús, el Santísimo Sacramento, para superarlas todas.

O cuando comenzamos una vida matrimonial, y / o una vida consagrada a Jesús y María, nos encomendamos en el nombre de Jesús, el Santisimo Sacramento, porque dice la Palabra de Dios, "no se vive solo de pan, sino de cada palabra que sale del boca de Dios .

Jesús quiere asegurarnos que nuestras vidas estarán mejor tanto fisica como espiritualmente si primero buscamos aprender sobre él, su Reino y su voluntad y alimentar nuestras almas con la Sagrada Eucaristía, el Santísimo Sacramento, el precioso tesoro de Jesús. Dios los bendiga.