

## **SUNDAY HOMILY IDEAS 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to the celebration of the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time – the first Sunday in August. Happy new month to you all.

Please allow me to convey my heartfelt condolences to the following for the loss in the family: Carol Barbarossa lost her mother Cecy. Raul Oviedo lost his son Carlos in Mexico.

Jean Borelli lost her daughter Laura. Dieter and Irene Haase for the loss of their son Andreus. May Jesus the source of consolation and peace be with you at this time of grief and loss. May the merciful God welcome the souls of Cecy, Laura, Carlos and Andreus in eternal joy Amen.

Last Sunday, Jesus taught us the value of the kingdom of God likened to a hidden treasure and pearl of great value. One who finds it goes and sells everything he owns in order to raise the money to purchase and own it. In selling everything Jesus implies a total detachment from material possessions or even people for the sake of the kingdom and eternal life.

The gospel Reading from Mt.14: 13-21 speak of Jesus feeding thousands of people miraculously with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. Jesus shares his divine power and wisdom after teaching the people about the kingdom of God- Jesus in their midst.

Jesus had listened to the needs of the people and felt deep sympathy for their pathetic situation. We are told that his heart was moved with pity and cured all sorts of sickness to the people brought before him. His generosity made him popular that the crowds followed him wherever he went.

We are told that Jesus performed this miracle in a remote area where people had to move to the village and market places for the food provisions. It is for this reason that his disciples asked Jesus to dismiss the people in order to attend to their material needs- food.

Jesus responds by asking the disciples themselves to give them food. Their answer to this challenge revealed their own helplessness. They pointed out the 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread available.

The two fish and five loaves of bread were brought before Jesus, blessed them and gave them to the disciples for distribution. All ate to their fill and left overs filled 12 baskets signifying the 12 tribes of Israel.

The feeding of the 5,000 with bread is presently continued in the Eucharist which Jesus himself instituted and continues to feed us in the Eucharist at our Church Communities.

The Eucharist grows out of his desire to share with us his divine life. Sharing is a sign of love. This living bread is a sign of God's love shared among us. We are supposed to be emissaries of God's love as we endeavor to build the kingdom of love, peace and justice.

Jesus still challenges us in the work of evangelization to be generous in helping out to our present day challenges; no matter whether social economic or spiritual needs. My contribution however little it may be be able to make a significant transformation and impact on the lives of many- like contributions given to charity organizations and our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Let us therefore endeavor to be generous to relive the pain, hunger and anger in our society as we live generosity – a sign of a Dynamic Catholic.

Have a great month of August.