

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 25, 2021**

*The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.*

— **Psalm 145:15**



ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John, we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this.

The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — *Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).*

PSALM — *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).*

SECOND READING — *Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).*

TODAY'S GOSPEL

—Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-4

Friday: Lv 23:1,4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Monday: Ss. Joachim and Ann
Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS:

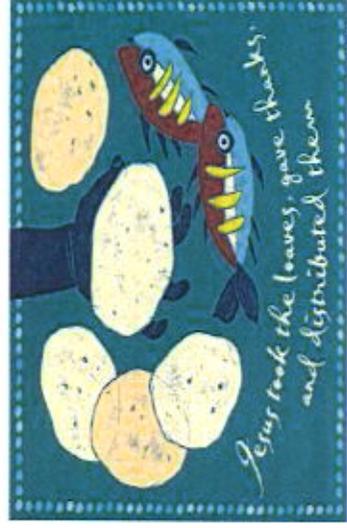
8:00 A.M. (Live)

10:00 A.M. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY:

COMMUNION SERVICE 9:00 A.M. (Live)

PRAYER MEETING 6:00 P.M.



OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder, Home Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Kevin Brown, Home, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vaucille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald & Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Herman Lovett, Home, Mr. & Mrs. Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Home, Mr. & Mrs. Ovell Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Allison McDonald, Home, Earnestine Nard, Home, Barbara Parks, O. P., Rehab

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's Mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why?

Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As we continue to struggle with the backlash of the pandemic, many families throughout our diocese will not have the means to provide for their children's back to school supplies. Yet having the right items in the backpack can impact a child's academic performance. Catholic Charities' KCSJ assists many of these families each year with school supplies. We are collecting backpacks and other essential supplies to offer to schools in the lowest income areas of the KCSJ Diocese. **This year's tax-free school supply shopping in Missouri runs from August 6-8.** For more information or to give a gift of a backpack filled with supplies, please contact Susan Walker, Executive Director of Outreach, 816-659-8218 or swalker@ccharities.com

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses. Bishop Johnston will preside at each mass honoring the golden Wedding couples. The event is for the couples and their immediate family. The celebration included those whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

All parishes are encouraged to participate in this event, by sending the names and home addresses of the jubilee couples to the Office of Devine Worship – to be received no later than **September 1, 2021.**

St. Monica Parishioners, please call the Church Office, to register: 816-471-3696.

A light reception will be held following each mass time at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. No shuttles will be provided.

If a couple is physically unable to attend, but would like to be honored, please submit their names and home address, indicate their inability to attend, and they will receive a congratulatory letter, and gift in the mail.

FORWARD IN FAITH



Thanks to each of you. We had a profitable, wonderful, fun-filled fundraising event. Our "Treasure Hunt Garage Sale" was a total hit. Great music...yes, some of you even danced!! Good food from the "grill masters", Fantastically designed (our own Chinerdu) t-shirts, wonderful vendors. And, most of all, the numerous items provided by you for our sale. We made money. We chatted.

We shopped. We ate. We saw folks we haven't seen in a year. We welcomed new parishioners. The fellowship was wonderful!

A special "THANK YOU" to the sellers, donors: in-kind and monetary, office staff, volunteers (especially those who moved tables & chairs), all our ministries who provided wonderful support and our committee members who worked tirelessly donating funds, time and extraordinary effort, to make this fundraising activity a success.

We will continue to seek new ways in which we honor our pledge of stewardship by utilizing the gifts that God has provided each of us. Know that your support is priceless.

Again, **thank you** for all you do,

The Stewardship Committee