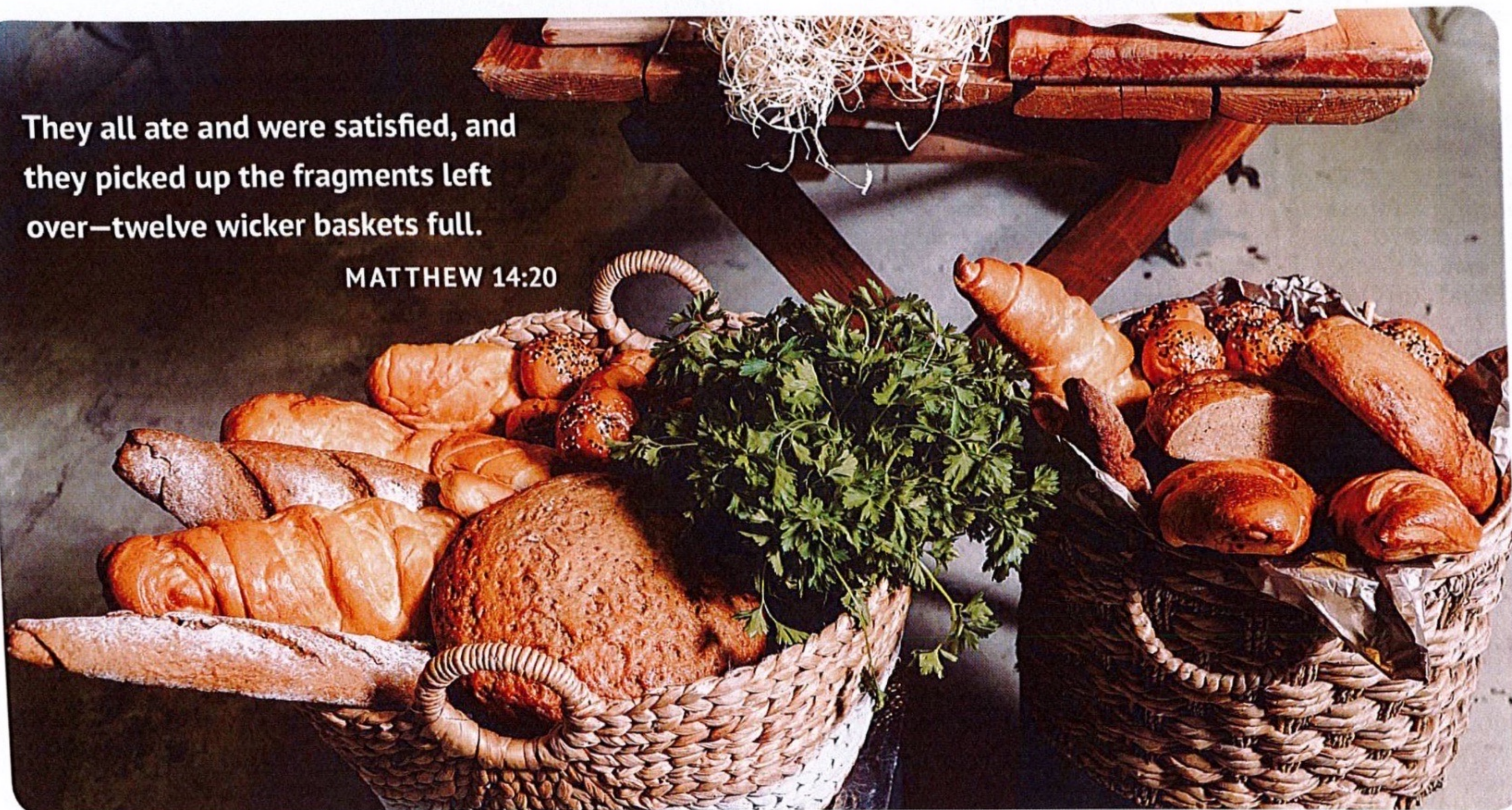




They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20



Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●



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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let

us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and

service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



Mass Intentions

Saturday / August 1st – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop/Dr.

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All parishioners who are sick (1st Saturday)

4 p.m. Vigil Mass: Lynn and Terry Phelps

by: The Phelps family

*Food Pantry collection

Sunday/ August 2nd – Eighteenth Sunday

Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : John Patton †

by: Terry Phelps and family

*Food pantry collection / Sunday Bingo

Monday/August 3rd – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : For the SSPX

by: Gail Demarest

Tuesday/ August 4th – John Vianney, Priest

No Holy Mass

Wednesday/August 5th – The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

6 p.m. Holy Mass : For the SSPX

by : Gail Demarest

Thursday /August 6th – Transfiguration of the Lord

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Nicholas Kocz

by: Mary Kocz

*St. Monica's prayer meeting after 9 am Holy Mass

*Bingo doors open at 4:30 pm games at 6 pm

*** Drawing for Raffle prizes ***

Friday/ August 7th – St. Sixtus ii, Pope and

Companions, Martyrs, St. Cajetan ,Priest* (First Friday)

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mike Bystry †

by: Rhonda Bystry

Saturday / August 8th – St. Dominic, Priest

4 p.m. Vigil Mass: Elijah Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

Sunday/ August 9th – Nineteenth Sunday

Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bernie Brandenburg

by: Terry Phelps and family

*KC's Big Breakfast after Holy Mass

* Kids Fun Day after Big Breakfast

*Blessing of kids backpacks during Holy Mass



18th Sunday- A

**"One does not live on Bread Alone,
But On Every WORD that Comes Forth
From the Mouth of God"**
Mt. 4:4

- In the Liturgy of the Word, Christ feeds us through the Scriptures.
- In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Christ feeds us with His Body and Blood.

**There are Two things
that the Devil Fears:**



Wishing you a Blessed Week



Collection Report

July 25th and July 26th 2026

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Altar Society \$686.25

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Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



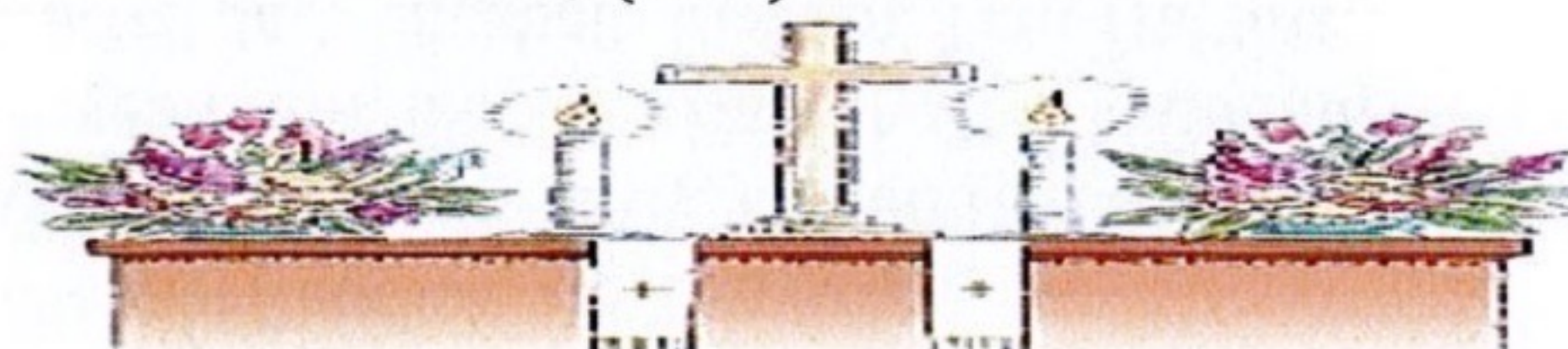
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Kids Play Day !!!

Sunday August 9th we will have a "Last Summer Day Fling" for the kids before school starts. We will provide the water slide again. The kids will need to bring their swimsuits and a towel. It will be on the same day as the Knight's Big Breakfast so they can eat, change and then go play on the waterslide. Later in the day we will have hot dogs, chips and snacks for them. All kids come out and join us for a fun day before school starts !

Religious Education Registration

Mark your calendars for registration for religious education registration for adults and children. It will be on Saturday and Sunday August 15-16 and Saturday and Sunday August 22-23 before and after Holy Mass. Please sign up your children or any adult at one of these dates so the material can be ordered and be here in time for the classes when they start. Classes will begin in middle of September. For more information contact Lori Templet

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St. Monica's Group

They meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of each month after 9 am Holy Mass in the church library. Please join them to pray for our children and grandchildren for their spiritual protection and strength in their Catholic faith.

B-I-N-G-O

Come support our Bingo committee, they work hard to keep the bingo games going and the Knights do the concessions. Games are every 1st Sunday of each month, doors open at noon, games start at 1:30 pm and every Thursday night of the week doors open at 4:30 pm and games start at 6 pm. It's a great way to enjoy the hot summer nights in the cool with some good food from the Knight's and it benefits our church !

Food Pantry Needs

Toilet paper, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats (any protein food) that is canned and dry milk. This is an example you can use for what is needed for the next collection on the 1st full weekend in August.

B-I-N-G-O RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE !

Bingo will be having a raffle Saturday and Sunday August 1st and 2nd we will be selling the tickets before and after Holy Mass. We have a microwave, Igloo cooler, man's watch and a variety of other goodies !

Drawing for prizes will be on August 6th, 2026

Tickets are \$1.00 each/6 for \$5.00/ 12 for \$10.00



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We wish you many blessings on your Birthday !

August 4th - Ruth Blanco



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary !

♡ No Anniversaries this week ♡

BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday August 9th Fr. Amal will bless the children's backpacks after 9 am Holy Mass. See Lori on Sunday morning to get your child backpack to the Altar.

KNIGHT's Big Breakfast

Sunday August 9th after 9 am Holy Mass, tickets are on sale at the door in the parish hall. ***Please, support the Knights they volunteer many hours to our church and help with many things including maintenance on the church and church grounds.

!!!!!!! Thank a KNIGHT !!!!!!!

To Learn More About Temporal Punishment and Indulgences

Part 7

1. What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the remission granted by the Church of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. After sin has been healed by the medicine of the sacrament of Penance, the wounds left by sin must be healed by the further medicine of temporal punishment. An indulgence remits punishment. In other words it removes the need for the bitter medicine of suffering and substitutes an easier but more effective one to assist and even complete the healing process.. As a medicine to heal the soul, indulgences are better than our own acts of self-denial and the acceptance of suffering. But as fuel to make the fires of love grow--- which is much more important than mere healing---suffering is much better.

2. How many kinds of indulgences are there?

There are two kinds of indulgences, **plenary** and **partial**

3. What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is the remission of all the temporal punishment due to our sins. A plenary indulgence heals completely the damage to the soul done by sin so that there is no longer any need of temporal punishment.

4. What is a partial indulgence?

A partial indulgence is the remission of part of the temporal punishment due to our sins. A partial indulgence hastens the healing process. A 300 days indulgence, for example, has the healing power of 300 days in-bodily penance, such as was customary in the early church.

5. How does the Church by means of indulgences remit the temporal punishment due to sin?

The Church by means of indulgences remits the temporal punishment due to sin by applying to us from her spiritual treasury part of the infinite satisfaction of Jesus Christ and of the superabundant satisfaction of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints. The satisfaction of Jesus Christ means the power of His Precious Blood to make up for our sins and to heal all the wounds left by sin. This is the spiritual treasury of the Church. Two times a year the Church remits our sins: 1) Divine Mercy Sunday and 2) On November 2nd by visiting a cemetery and fulfilling all obligations.

6. What is the superabundant satisfaction of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints?

The superabundant satisfaction of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the saints is that which they gained during their lifetime but did not need, and which the Church applies to their fellow members of the communion of saints. Mingled with the Precious Blood of Christ in the treasury of the Church are the sorrows of Mary and the sufferings of the saints as they bore their crosses after Christ. These were the healthy members of the Mystical Body of Christ who were able to help sinners, the sick members. We can draw on this treasury and we can also contribute to it. The sufferings we bear through love can help others.

7. What must we do to gain an indulgence for ourselves?

To gain an indulgence for ourselves we must be in the state of grace, have at least a general intention of gaining the indulgence, and perform the works required by the Church. To gain a plenary indulgence we must be free from all sin, since an indulgence applies only to the healing of wounds left by sin, not to the healing of sin itself. We must also be free from any intention to commit sin or to stay in an occasion of sin.

8. Can we gain indulgences for others?

We cannot gain indulgences for other living persons, but we can gain them for the souls in purgatory, since the Church makes most indulgences applicable to them. Living persons are in a position to help themselves, but the souls in purgatory are not.

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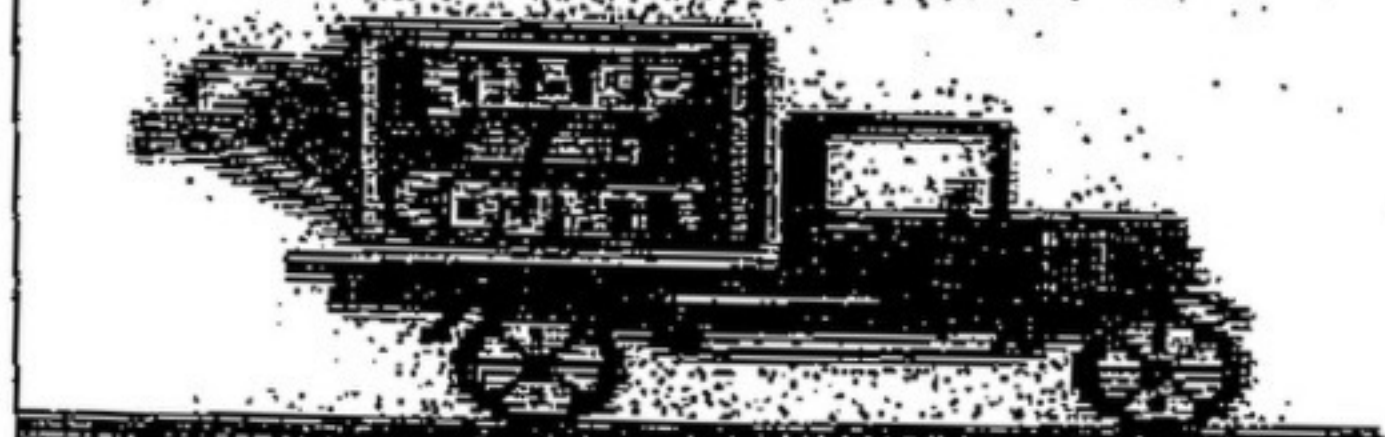
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Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, "Do this in memory of me." But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

"The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed" (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (*GIRM* 281). "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors "should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (*GIRM* 282). ●



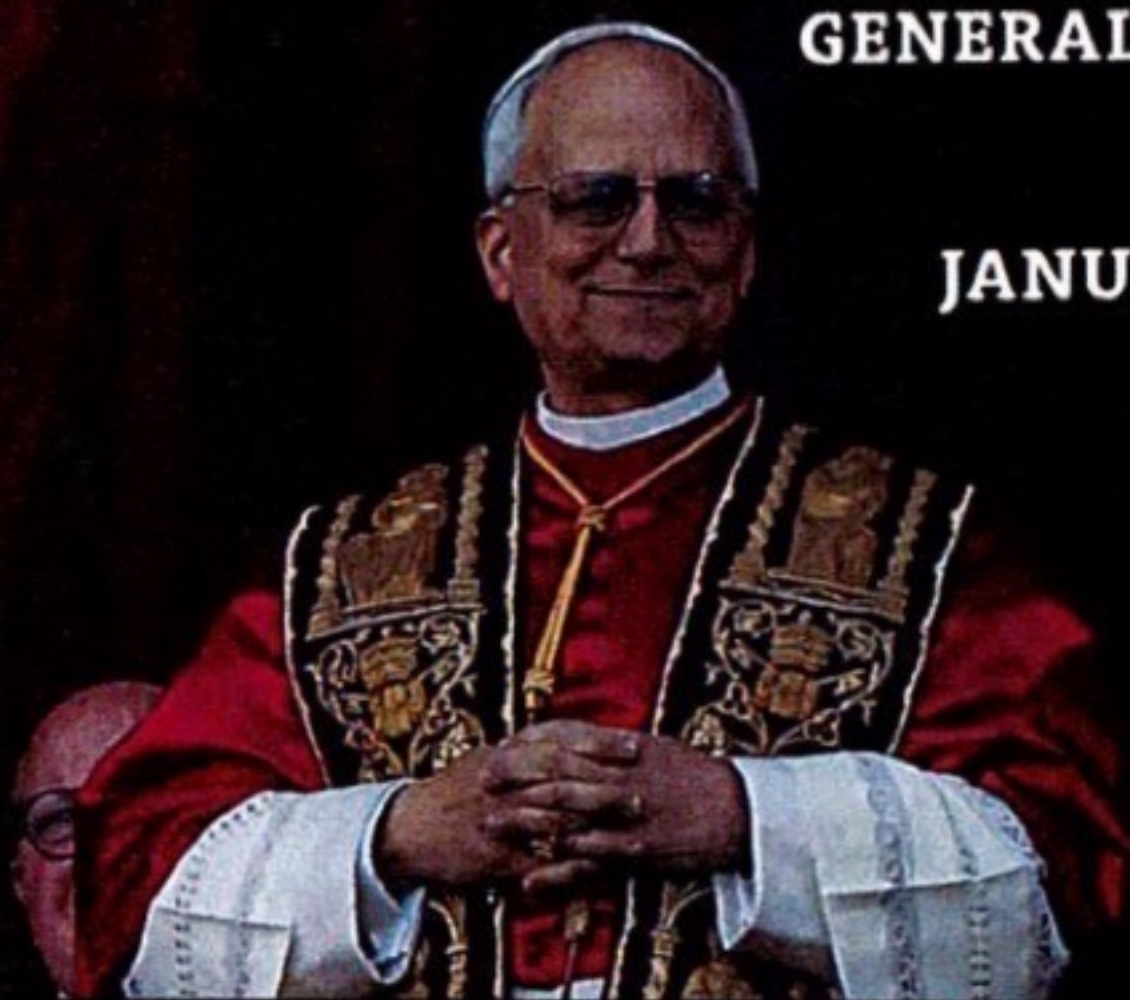
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME,
JANUARY 14, 2026



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August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1-17
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15,
18-22
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1-7
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

August 6
The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

Friday

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12-2:4
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

August 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33