

August 5, 2018

18.th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading. Ex. 16:1-4, 12-15

Second Reading. Eph. 4:17, 20-24

Gospel. Jn. 6:24-35

“I am the Bread of Life”

Last week we heard how Jesus had feed a great multitude of people with just five barley loaves and two fish and there was more left over than they started with.

Now, great crowds are coming to him. Why? As Jesus says, “you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” The physical feeding was important but this was more than that.

Jesus wants us know what the true bread from Heaven is. He is.

Is Jesus concerned about our physical hunger? Absolutely, but He is even more concerned about our spiritual hunger. Jesus didn't just give the people food to eat for one meal. He gave us faith to know that God will always provide.

Jesus tells us, “I am the bread of life” and that if we come to Him we will never hunger or thirst.

If we see Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 as only about earthly bread, it would seem impossible that we would never hunger or thirst again.

That should lead us to realize Jesus is speaking about something more here. When we come to Jesus our heart and souls will be filled.

For us, we receive the Bread of Life in the form of the Eucharist we will celebrate here today.

We each will receive one tiny piece of bread.

It's thin and only 1 ¼ inches in diameter but it gives us so much.

We might often think more is better, but when it comes to the Eucharist, we don't need a plate full, just our daily portion. We do need to keep coming back to be renewed in Jesus.

Think of the words we pray in the Lord's Prayer, “give us this day our daily bread.” It doesn't say give us as much as we want. We take what we need for today and trust in God for tomorrow. We need to come each week to receive the Bread of Life to always remain in Jesus.

Saturday: St. Clare of Assisi

St. Clare was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns under Francis' orders. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order.

St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she expressed that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

Clare died at 59-years-old. She is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament.

Masses for the Week

August 4, 2018- August 11, 2018

Saturday, August 4

6:00 p.m. (English)

+Peter Amato by Theresa Kryszek

Sunday, August 5

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

+Ross Bullacavoli

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Socorro Capra by her kids and grandkids

+Bernardo Foschetti

by Nina & Connie Fabio

+Chris Lotito by Janie Costantini

For the deceased members of **St. Anthony**

For the deceased members of **Canneto Colony**

6:00 p.m.(English)

People of the Parish

Monday, August 6

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, August 7

6:00 p.m. +Chris Lotito by Zaccharia Family

Wednesday, August 8

6:00 p.m. +Rodrigo Evangelista by Julie Evangelista

+Margaret Duarte

Thursday, August 9

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, August 10

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, August 11

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,835.00

**Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie

Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

- \$2,950.00-

DID YOU KNOW?

Gender divides in childhood can perpetuate abusive behaviors

Parents of young children have likely heard the phrase "boys will be boys" many times — usually to excuse so-called "typical boy" behaviors. But this rationalization can extend dangerously through adulthood, to excuse sexual assault and harassment. The messages received by young children have lasting effects. Boys hear that they need to hide their emotions, so if they are abused, they're less likely to come forward. Girls hear that boys can be rough or rude, and learn to tolerate rather than push back. Eliminating this gender divide early may help combat sexual abuse and assault. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Training Boys vs. Girls"

Dates to Remember

August 14, Outreach/Malta Hygiene kits

Help package 850 kits for local shelters and our Scalabrinian Casa Migrante in TJ. 3:00p.m. at Casa Italiana.

August 10, Food Pantry is open 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. your help is always welcome.

August 19, Pugliese Anniversary

For reservations contact Mike Foschetti at 323-257-0302

August 20, Polenta Dinner

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Contact Parish office: 323-225-8119 or Maria D'Egidio: 562-947-2819 for reservations.

August 26, Sacred Heart Society meeting

After 11:00 a.m. mass

Mission appeal Sunday

Welcome Fr. Vito Lorenzo Di Marzio

The **Rogationist Fathers**, is an Italian Congregation founded by St. Hannibal Di Francia.

Their Charisma is:

- pray daily to obtain "good workers for the Kingdom of God"
- to propagate everywhere this spirit of prayer and promote Vocations;
- be good workers in the Church, committed above all in the works of charity, in the education and sanctification of children and youth, especially poor and orphans and in the evangelization and human promotion of the poor.

The Rogationists have missions in Mexico, Cameroon, Rwanda, Philippines, South Korea, Brazil, Colombia, Argentina and Uruguay.

Pax Christi Southern California celebrates a Monthly Mass for Justice and Peace. It is held on the **fourth Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.**, at St. Camillus Center for Pastoral Care (across the street from the former U.S.C. Medical Center). The next Mass will be held on Sunday, August 26. All are welcome. **Pax Christi is the official international Catholic peace movement focused on living nonviolence.**

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles is sponsoring **free citizenship application workshops.** The workshops will include: checking eligibility; application preparation; fee waiver preparation (if someone qualifies); and attorney review. Why wait any longer?? Call 213-251-3503

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