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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Andrew said to Jesus,
"There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"

John 6:8-9

Reflection for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted," Jn. 6:11-12.

This Sunday begins a series of Sunday Gospel Proclamations from the Gospel of John, chapter 6. This happens every third year from the 17th to the 21st Sundays of Ordinary Time when the Gospel of Mark is proclaimed in Year B of the A-B-C Sunday cycles of the Lectionary readings from the Bible. Since the Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels it is possible to include chapter 6 of John's Gospel in Year B. It is a beautiful arrangement because it gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of the Bread of Life, which is what most of John, chapter 6, is about. The Chapter begins by recounting the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This is what we hear this Sunday.

For the next five weeks I propose to write about the Holy Eucharist which is the Bread of Life. As Catholics our lives should center around the Eucharist. It is by no means a casual or random topic for teaching and preaching. When I was studying for the priesthood, my Dominican professor of homiletics said every homily should prepare us for the Eucharist.

At the U.S. bishops' Spring assembly, a debate on whether to draft a document on the Eucharist claimed headlines in mid-June. The bishops voted to allow the committee on doctrine to draft a teaching document on the Eucharist. However, varied opinions mixed with misreporting led to much confusion in both the Catholic and secular world. There was concern whether the document would address the issue of Catholics elected to public offices who receive Holy Communion but promote laws and policies contrary to the teachings of the Church. To clarify what the bishops intended, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the following statement:

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued his own statement:

"Last week, my brother bishops and I voted overwhelmingly to issue a teaching document on the beauty and power of the Eucharist. The doctrine committee of the bishops' conference will now begin drafting this document and, in the months ahead, the bishops will continue our prayer and discernment through a series of regional meetings and consultations. In November, the bishops will gather to discuss the document draft.

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the heart of our lives as Catholics. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ himself draws near to each one of us personally and gathers us together as one family of God and one Body of Christ.

"As bishops, our desire is to deepen our people's awareness of this great mystery of faith, and to awaken their amazement at this divine gift, in which we have communion with the living God. That is our pastoral purpose in writing this document.

"I invite everyone in the Church to pray for the bishops as we continue our dialogues and reflections. I pray that this will be a time for all of us in the Church to reflect on our own faith and readiness to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist."

Let us delve into this mystery and how we live our lives centered on the Eucharist as we journey together in faith.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the **celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** beginning in 2021 on the **fourth Sunday of July**, (which is this Sunday) near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, July 26, the grandparents of Jesus. The announcement of this celebration coincides with the celebration of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021, and will conclude at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24th

8:00am In Honor of the Divine Mercy
5:30pm Christina Rossi Gallego/R.I.P.

Sunday, July 25th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Sam Longo/R.I.P.
10:00am Fr. Godfrey Chandya, O.C.D./
 Ordination Anniversary
12:00pm George M. Corrales/R.I.P.
6:00pm Holy Souls on Purgatory, most in
 need of our Prayers/R.I.P.

A REMINDER ABOUT SUNDAY:

On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body. Canon 1247

Los domingos y otros días santos de obligación, los fieles están obligados a participar en la misa. Además, deben abstenerse de aquellas obras y quehaceres que obstaculizan la adoración que se rendirá a Dios, el gozo propio de los días del Señor, o la relajación adecuada de la mente y el cuerpo. Canon 1247

In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
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Holy Souls in Purgatory, most in need
 of our Prayers/R.I.P.
 Gilbert Shea/R.I.P.

In Honor of Saint Joseph
 Special Int./Jean Dugas & Family

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 of our Prayers/R.I.P.
 Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

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Religious Education

Registration for all Catechism classes will start on **Monday, August 9th**, please call Martin Doe—Director of our religious education office at 520-882-9687 for more information.

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Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
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