



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



The bread of God

*is that which comes
down from heaven and
gives life to the world.*

John 6:33

August 1, 2021

**EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



Reflection for the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Jn. 6:35

Last week Brain Flagg joined the Carmelite friars for lunch. Brian operates Casa Maria, Tucson's largest soup kitchen, located only a few blocks from the church at 401 East 26th Street. It is the place where the miracle of the fishes and loaves occurs daily. People are fed. Brian was telling us about the federal eviction moratorium that ended Saturday, July 31. "People will be struggling to figure out how to pay their rent or mortgage." He wants to have a gathering, a meeting of sorts, to see how the folks in our barrios are being affected. I will tell you more about that in a future bulletin.

Now I want to share something about the Bread of Life, the subject of the Gospel Proclamation this Sunday and the next three Sundays. What I share is a result of Brain's visit. You see, he loaned me a book of the edited diaries of Dorothy Day titled: *The Duty of Delight*, edited by Robert Ellsberg. Casa Maria is part of the lay Catholic Worker movement founded by Dorothy Day in 1934 in New York City. The Church has given Dorothy Day the title "Servant of God," the first step in formally recognizing her as a saint. At their 2012 annual meeting, the Catholic bishops of the United States unanimously recommended her for canonization. In 2015, Pope Francis praised Dorothy before a joint session of the US Congress. Dorothy Day was a great lover of the Bread of Life, the Holy Eucharist. She wrote in her diary in 1969:

*"I was saddened last week when a former nun told me she was tired of going to Mass daily. She had been doing that for fourteen years and no longer felt it necessary. So much routine. One could only point out that breathing was routine, and eating was routine, and many a time we had no appetite, food even seemed disgusting to us. We go to eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to. "Do this in remembrance of me." When we take to heart literally the humanity of Jesus as well as his divinity, and remember how he died for us, laid down his life for us, took upon himself our sins, then we should simply obey his commands. He took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. **I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother's breast.**"*

Elsewhere, Dorothy writes: *"If it were not for Scripture on the one hand and Communion on the other, I could not bear life, but it daily brings me joy in this sorrow which is part of our human condition."*

In the true spirit of the Catholic Worker Movement of Dorothy Day, great lover of the Eucharist, Casa Maria's Catholic Workers are devoted to acts of mercy (feeding and clothing those in need, visiting the ill, etc.), voluntary poverty, pacifism, and the search of justice for the poor. In each action, they use their faith and try to revive the faith in those who have lost it, making them understand that Christ has never left their lives. At Casa Maria it is easy to encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life. May our good works always bring others closer to the Bread of Life which is the Eucharist and may the Eucharist always lead us to good works.

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. Jn. 6:27

Let us journey together in faith.

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

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

We are planning a Parish Social *Tardeada* to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day of Santa Cruz Church. The date will be Sunday, September 12th, 2 to 6pm. The place will be Casino Ball Room. Details to come.

HOLY HOUR

Please join us for a Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Joseph with Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the church.



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

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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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31st

8:00am In Honor of the Divine Mercy

5:30pm Ignacio & Hilda Vega & Walter Vega/R.I.P.

Sunday, August 1st

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe/
Prayers Answered

10:00am Angie Amaro/R.I.P.

12:00pm Evelyn Zamora/R.I.P.

6:00pm Richard & Rebecca Chagnon/
50th Wedding Anniversary

Simon Carranza/R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to our Virgin Mary/Int. Khoi Tran

John Lopez/R.I.P.

In Honor of the Holy Spirit/Prayers Answered

Ernie Felix/R.I.P.

In Honor of Saint Joseph

Alfred Padilla/R.I.P.

In Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/
Prayers Answered

Special Int./Rev. Deacon Bill Buhs

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*Thanking You for Your
Service to Our Parish*

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Please note COVID protocols: masks required; distancing in pews

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

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

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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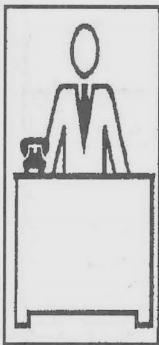
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