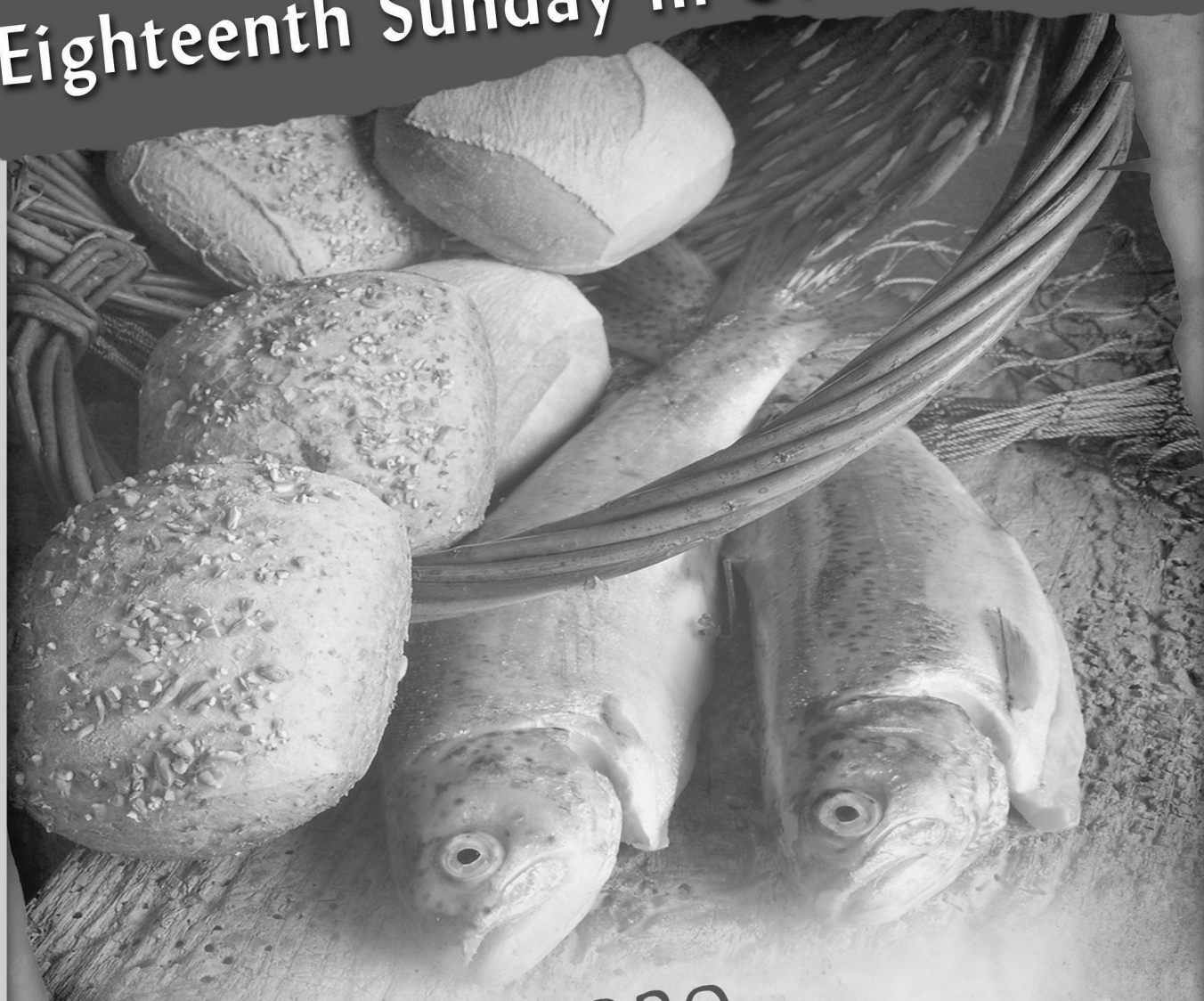




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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 2, 2020

Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:19-20

GOD OFTEN USES OUR TRAGEDIES AND TRIALS TO MAKE US INTO BETTER PEOPLE.

Not long ago a woman reporter interviewed a young man from Argentina. He had been held prisoner by the military government there for six years without trial. During this time the young man was tortured and was subjected to long hours in solitary confinement. The interviewer asked him if he was bitter about his suffering and the loss of six years of his life. He surprised her, by saying, 'I don't regard those six years as lost. I took advantage of them to strengthen my character and to deepen my relationship with God.' The young man's response illustrates beautifully what Paul talks about in today's second reading. He writes; 'What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecutionor peril?' Rom 8:3 Then Paul answers his own question, saying; 'Neither deathnor powers nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ our Lord.' Paul's point is clear. There is no prison in the world so strong that God's love cannot penetrate it. There is no tragedy in life so great that God's love cannot transform it into something good. There is no trial in the world that's so crushing that God's love cannot use it to make us into better persons.

As a matter of fact, the reverse is more often true. God uses tragedies and trials in our lives to prepare us to do things that we would never otherwise be able to do. Our heavenly Father never takes something away from us unless he intends to give us something better in return. He never erases something in our lives unless he intends to write something more beautiful in its place.

This brings us back to our opening story about the young man in the Argentina prison. He was able to grow in his relationship to God and as a person, in spite of an awful situation. He could do this because he chose to open his heart to God and to accept whatever God gave him. And he did this without growing bitter, without feeling sorry for himself, or without complaining. If God is to use the trials and the tragedies of our lives to help us grow in our relationship with him and as persons, we must do what the young man did. We must open our hearts totally to God.

We must do what the apostle did in today's Gospel. We must give Jesus our five loaves and two fish and let him do with them whatever he will. And if we do this we can be sure of one thing. He will multiply them beyond anything we ever imagined possible.

The important thing is the open heart. The important thing is the trusting heart. The important thing is the believing heart. The important thing is the loving heart.

Let us close with an old poem by an unknown author. It is called 'The Folded Page,' As I remember it ,it goes something like this;

'Up in a quaint old attic, as the raindrops pattered down, I sat paging through an old schoolbook -dusty, tattered, and brown. I came to a page that was folded over. And across it was written in childish hand; The teacher says to leave this now, 'tis hard to understand, "There are lots of pages in the book of life that are hard to understand. All we can do is fold them down and write, "The teacher says to leave this now, 'tis hard to understand."

The someday -perhaps is only in heaven -we will unfold the pages again, read them, and say, *"The teacher was right -now I understand."*

~Fr. Godfrey Leega Chandya of the Cross, O.C.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There has been a substantial spike in Covid-19 cases. Please remember that the Sunday Mass obligation is temporarily suspended for everyone. While I am permitting our parishes to have Masses I nevertheless encourage everyone to consider remaining at home and joining with the Church in prayer through technology. For those who wish to attend a Mass in person, face masks are mandatory. I especially urge those who are classified in the CDC Guidelines as vulnerable to remain at home and let the Church come to you. Hopefully our fast from full Church participation will soon come to a close. The Church loves you and only wants you to be safe and well.

Also, if your personal financial situation has not been harmed then please keep up your generous support of your parish. Keeping utilities paid and providing for our employees and ministers is crucial.

Your devotion to Christ and His Church moves me deeply. Know that the people of the Diocese are daily in my prayers.

+Edward J. Weisenburger Bishop of Tucson

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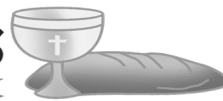
Saturday, 6pm (English) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

Sunday, 9 am (English) outdoor Mass in school courtyard. Must wear a mask. Bring your own lawn chair, umbrella and hand-sanitizer.

Sunday, 11 am (English) Mass live streamed on Facebook. It can be viewed later on the Santa Cruz Parish Tucson channel on YouTube. No attendance is permitted at this Mass.

Sunday, 6 pm (Español) Rosary followed by Mass in school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Antonio B. Espino/R.I.P.

Ignacio 'Kito' Carbajal &
Marisa Luz Carbajal/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Delfina Elias/R.I.P.

Angie Amaro/R.I.P.

Oscar & Frank Leon/R.I.P.

Special Int./Shirley Johnson

Julian German/R.I.P.

Mary Calderon Tellez/R.I.P.

Fr. David Guzman, O.C.D./Happy Birthday
In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

Bertha Renteria Gonzalez/R.I.P.

Annie & Jimmy Vidal/R.I.P.

Teodora Garcia/R.I.P.

Allan Cruz-Martinez/R.I.P.

George Galaz/R.I.P.

Parish Collection July 26th, 2020

Collections: \$ 3,029.09

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

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

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

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

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

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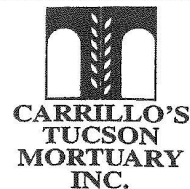
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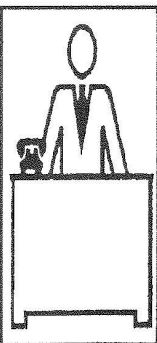
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