



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

— Psalm 145:15

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

The trip planned for the visit to St. Joseph shrine in St. Louis is scheduled for September 7th. If you are interested in joining the group the sign up is at the front with all the information.

THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US;
HE ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.

BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST
THE WICKEDNESS AND
SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM
WE HUMBLY PRAY;
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE
OF THE HEAVENLY HOST,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
CAST INTO HELL SATAN
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL THROUGH THE
WORLD SEEKING THE
RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.

August 1th
Lector Jeff

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July 18th

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