

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

July 28, 2024

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic!

Father Anthony is having a short meeting with all of the Eucharistic ministers before Mass on Wednesday please plan to attend July 31st at 4 pm



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TODAY'S READINGS

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).

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

PRESSURE

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.

Get ready to charge your energy! CPR classes are coming to St Andrew. More information coming next Sunday!

Parish Picnic will be September 7th, starting at 4:00, Mass at 4:30 and meal following. More info later.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

7-21-2024

\$1484.00

August 4TH

LECTOR Janet & Marina

SERVERS Jesus

Eucharistic Minister Ann C, Anita, Jim M

COUNTER Tom & Beverly

August 11TH

LECTOR Mary

SERVER Carlos & Max

Eucharistic Minister Peggy, Ann F, Beverly

COUNTER Mary & Ann F

August 18th

LECTOR Peggy

SERVERS Jesus

Eucharistic Minister Janet, Florencia , Tom

COUNTER Tom & Beverly

August 25th

LECTOR Beverly

SERVER Carlos & Max

Eucharistic Minister Jim, Peggy, Ann F

COUNTER Mary & Ann

Volunteers will be needed to work at the yard sale as well as having the sale items sorted and priced for the sale. Sign up sheet is at the front .