

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

August 4, 2024



THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface: Thanksgiving

The preface of the Mass has been called "a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth" (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God's gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. "By his birth we are reborn," we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. "By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life." Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

Medjugorje 25th of the month message

"My dear children, with joy I have chosen you and am leading you, because in you, little children, I see people of faith, hope and prayer. May you, little children, be led by the pride that you are mine, and I am leading you to Him, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And I am with you so that peace may win in you and around you, because it is with this intention God sent me to you. Thank you for having responded to my call." 07/25/2024

Remember In Prayer

Fr Robert Ponticello , Martha Jo ,
Kaylee Bowling , Michaele Box ,
Pam Thing , Abel Cortez ,
Diana Schachle,
Brian Jones .Michael Cox
Timothy Zaunbrecher,

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling

(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven

(Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

Lectors for Wednesday August

7th Cheri

14th Beverly

21st Peggy

28th Cheri

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.

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 F

P.R.E.

Registration will begin next week August 4th through August 11th

Volunteers will be needed to work at the yard sale .Sign up sheet is at the front .

Wednesday Aug 7 th
Adoration at 4:00 pm

SUNDAY COLLECTION

7-28-2024

\$863.00