



August 2, 2020

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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UPCOMING DATES

August 19, Finance Committee meeting 4pm
August 23, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm

READINGS

Is 55: 1-3
Ps 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Rom 8: 35, 37-39
Mt 14: 13-21

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Rose Rodenberger, Francine Korn, Paul Aguilar, Jim Jennaro, Sonja Falero, Carolyn Falero Young, Bill Hatch, Cathy Olsen, Kim Warburton, Bill Harmon, Mike Hogan, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Dorothy Maceira, Jack Burger, Charlotte & Neil Berry, Jim Rossi, Raul & Iris Bisbal, Frank Falero, Guillermina Hernandez, Gabe & Renee Snodgrass, Thomas Gregory, Nini Johnston, Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, Virginia Loosli, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Robert D. Goudy, Bart Strady, Frank Danzart, Nettie Herbert, Don La Plante, Lee Torr IV, Helen Mik, Len Heinz, Emilio Porta, Allan Barich, Despo Pullaro, Claudette West, Susan Manick Dodge, Dana Couey-Harmon, Allo Castano, Cecilia Heinz, Lawrence Peterson, Evelyn Shuster, John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Janine Bekker Carrig, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Diana Pallari⁺ req by Michele McDonell
Sun 9 am: Intentions of all parishioners
Sun 11 am: Michael Fahey⁺ req by Mike Nichols
Tues 9 am: Giving thanks to God
Wed 9 am: Joselito Penalzoza⁺ req by Fr. Luis
Thurs 9 am: Holy Spirit mass
Fri 9 am: Healing mass for all

PASTOR'S DESK

"Contact Community Helplines" is an organization founded on the belief that ordinary people can be trained to care and to heal. It has built a vast network of telephone workers in cities all over the world. Twenty-four hours a day the telephones are staffed by trained volunteers who receive calls from people reaching out for help, reaching out for another human being who will really listen to them, reaching out for another human being who will really identify with their problem -- reaching out for another human being who will relate to them on the level of genuine concern.

As Christians, we recognize the model for this ministry is Jesus Christ. Therefore, the volunteer training (which is extensive) emphasizes that this ministry is **person-centered**; that it is the relationship that counts. It is within this context that preaching and lecturing and passing judgment are forbidden. The volunteers are trained to overcome the temptation to "preach to" by developing the willingness to "listen to," thus giving the hurting person all the space they need to talk. And this, we might say is the true "Art of Listening."

A wealthy young woman asked her pastor for advice on how she might help minister to the poor. The pastor suggested a particularly needy family in the parish. He encouraged her to visit that family every

week. He made her promise not to patronize them, but to work on building a genuine and sincere relationship. "Just visit them," he said, "and let them minister to you." He was trying to tell her that in her present stage of development, she needed the poor more than the poor needed her. She took his advice. She visited that family once a week, and she listened to them. She began to know them no longer as the abstract "poor." And as she began to know them in this way, she was able to identify with their situation and their problems. As a result, the young woman "changed dramatically," as the pastor put it later. Having taken that wise pastor's advice, she was now better prepared and better equipped for an active ministry of caring and healing.

May our Christian ministry be modeled after Jesus, for the caring and healing of the nations! May our lives be changed, and changed dramatically, as the consequence of a person-centered ministry of loving service. If loneliness is the most common problem in the world, we in the creative, caring fellowship of the Church, must be part of the solution. Let us go forward, saying with wonder in our voice, "To God be the glory; great things He is doing!"

Peace and blessings!
Fr. Luis

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

1. Isaiah was writing for a poor community. What images and ideas in this reading would be of particular interest to them? What does God tell us to do here to share in the abundant banquet of rich fare? What are some other ways besides food that Jesus nourishes us?

2. How does "Come, without paying; ... you shall eat well" in this reading, relate to "they all ate and were satisfied" in the Gospel? What is the food that satisfies your soul's deepest hunger?

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

1. The reading asks us, "What will separate us from the love of Christ." Does anything separate you completely from the ones you love? What does communication or the lack of it do for a relationship? Do you communicate with God to keep that relationship close?

2. Whose strength is it that allows nothing to separate you from the love of God?

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

1. Feeding 5,000 would be a large task for most of us. Are some problems too big to handle? How do you look at "insurmountable" tasks in your own life? Do you think there are any problems that can't be resolved with Christ's presence in our midst? Environmental? Racial? Viral?

2. Discuss Pope Francis remarks in his homily at Mass on Corpus Christi at St. John Lateran on May 30, 2013:

And it is the disciples, bewildered by the inability of their means, by the poverty of what they have at their disposal, who invite the people to sit down, and —trusting the Word of Jesus—distribute the loaves and fishes that feed the crowd. This ... knowing how to place what we have at God's disposal: our humble abilities, because [it is] only in the sharing, in the giving of them, that our lives will be fecund, will bear fruit. ... because the power of God, which is that of love, descends into our poverty to transform it.

*Homily On Corpus Christi
30 May 2013*

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St. Colman	\$87.00	\$150.00
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2nd Collection: parish restoration & repair. Approximately once a month, this is a special diocese collection. On 5th Sunday of the month, this benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 st Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall	Canceled until further notice
Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall	August 19 th
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman	August 23 rd

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