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August 4, 2024



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

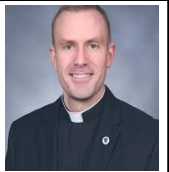
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From Fr. Brendan Foley

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

We remember each week now for a stretch of the summer, we will be nourished by a section of chapter six from John's Gospel paired with the first reading, a different type of Old Testament prefigurement of the Eucharist. Last week we had the connection of Elisha's and Jesus' multiplication of loaves to feed in abundance from simple, meager offerings. Today, we look back to the book of Exodus, and the Israelites journeying and grumbling through the desert.



In this story, the Israelites have already gone through the experience of the Ten Plagues, the Passover, the Crossing of the Red Sea, and are now making their way to Mt. Sinai. We might wish to think that after having profoundly experienced the power of God that they would have been willing to trust a bit more that they were being led, but clearly human nature and its weakness is evident. Rather than keep their course, they complain to Moses and express their wish to have died in slavery in Egypt where they at least had better food. Their disposition reflects a hint of what St. Paul is getting at in the second reading. He instructs us that we have been called to a higher way of life, that we must set aside our former ways of life, "corrupted through deceitful desires," and rather put on the "new self" renewed by God's ways of righteousness and holiness of truth. This means allowing ourselves to be clothed with Christ, taking on his mind, his heart, his way of life. St. Paul writes to the Philippians saying that those unable to be conformed to the image of Christ are stuck living "as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their stomach...with minds set on earthly things" (cf. Phil 3:18-21).

Living solely on earthly things, earthly pleasures, earthly measures of successes, we are going to remain hungry and unsatisfied. If we only view our lives in terms of gaining the goal of maximizing these pleasures and minimizing pain, we are following after temptations to live a lesser, reduced way of life here and now. You and I were certainly made for more. This is why the Lord rained down bread from heaven, and this is why the Lord sent himself and became, himself, our food. The Israelites were concerned with filling themselves for the present moment in time, but when we realize that the Lord has power over the physical and temporal realities, we remember that we are called to live on the life that he offers to us as gift, his life that alone sustains.

Jesus offers us the gift of his life, as the only lasting source that can truly satisfy. Like the Lord's response to the Israelites, Jesus says to the crowds before him in the Gospel to aspire for something higher than physical satisfaction. "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." This 'work' we are called to is to believe wholeheartedly in the One whom God has sent. To love Jesus, to receive from him the fullness of love and life, and to strive in our lives for all that does Him honor. He is the true bread from heaven, and he has given himself to be our food that will lead us in joy here and now through this life, to the unimaginable joys in eternal life.

Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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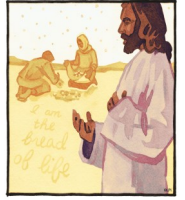
International Food Festival

Yes, we are having the International Food Festival on Saturday, **October 12, 2024** in the Parish Center. At this time we are asking if you would like to participate with a food table to contact the rectory asap. By September 1st we hope to have all food vendors in place. Our bakers, we will have a baked good table, so your baked good donations will be graciously accepted. More information will follow. Please keep this date free on your calendars.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
Food That Perishes



It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.' — John 6:35 ©LPi

A Family Perspective Family Life Education

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect, which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These true treasures are worth working and dying for.

Pray For Vocations

The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven." Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



Weekly Readings And Observances Readings for the week of Aug. 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Observances for the week of Aug. 4, 2024

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Thursday: St. Dominic, Priest
Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

Reflect: Readings and Gospel 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: God heard the plea of the Israelites who feared they would die of starvation in the desert and in response, God sent them quail and bread to eat. What will you pray for this week?

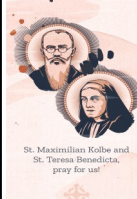
Second Reading: Paul taught the Gentiles of the Ephesian church to give up their former way of life and live with renewed minds in the truth of Jesus. What have you gained by being a believer in Jesus?

Gospel: Jesus teaches the crowds in Capernaum that he is "the bread of life" who feeds all who believe in him. Is there someone you know hungry for Jesus? ©LPi



Did you know that: two Saints who have feast days in August died in World War II in Auschwitz? St. **Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)**'s feast day is August 9th. She was sent to Auschwitz as a Catholic nun of Jewish descent and dies in the gas chamber. She worked her whole life in education and service to others.

St. Maximilian Kolbe's feast day is August 14th. He died by lethal injection after ministering to fellow prisoners in Auschwitz and offering his life to save another.



TRANSFIGURATION



Call the Rectory to arrange for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.

Lector Schedule - Sunday August 11
9:00 am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski

Reminder: The office is closed on Monday August 5th.

9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

Sunday August 4, 2024
9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
 Florence Haller - Pat & Norm Jaquin
 Rose Mary Lane & Family - The Estate
 Francis Galimi - Theresa & Daryl Hegarty
 Angeline Viggiano - The Viggiano Family
 Giulia Cesario Palucci - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pallucci & Family

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International Food Festival Sign Up Form
Saturday, October 12 Noon-7:00pm
 Show off your cooking skills; Italian, German, Polish, Mexican, etc. As in years past, if you would like to volunteer as an International Chef, you will be responsible to bring your choice of food, pre cooked, any special supplies you need, such as crock pot or electric griddle, and any decorations, if you desire, for your table. We will supply the paper products you need & plastic wear. We will offer sample size servings or full plate. Price TBA. We are very grateful for your generosity in donating your food, time and talent. We also ask that you be present or assign someone responsible for your table throughout the event.

I would like to participate as a Chef. Name:

This is my donation of food:

_____ **I would like to donate to the Baked Goods Table.**

_____ **I would like to volunteer my time at the event setting up on Friday Oct. 11 TBA. Name** _____

_____ **In the kitchen event day.**

Name _____

You can put this form in the collection basket, if you wish drop in the mail or call the rectory. Thank you so very much.

Mass Schedule OLP/SP 315-422-7163
 Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Vietnamese Mass 6:00pm
 Sunday - 7:30am, 11:30am
 9:30am Vietnamese
 Monday - Thursday 9:00am in the Chapel
 Reconciliation Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm

Special COLLECTIONS Retirement Fund For Religious Collection
Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The collection date is Sunday August 18th. **Envelopes can be found scattered among the pews and on the tables in the vestibule of the church. Or you may put your donation cash or check, payable to SJB/HT, in a white envelope with your name on the front and also include "Retirement Fund" on the envelope and or check please.**

Sacrificial Giving
 Week July 28th
 SJB/HT Collection: \$2,105.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,245.00

Parishioner, please look through the prayer list and let me know if anyone should be removed as well as added. Thank you very much,,,,, Nancy



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Jean Brooker, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Jon English, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Cherie S., Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Maureen White.
We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers.
Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital, a nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.

Tuesday, August 6th



After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.