

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”  
- Jn 6:48-50

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### From Fr. Brendan Foley

We've arrived at some pivotal moments of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Today we hear Jesus move from talking in general about himself as the "Bread of Life" to making more specific applications to the gift of himself in the Eucharist. Jesus becomes increasingly more concrete and specific, and he introduces the idea of drinking his blood—which would have been devastatingly difficult to receive. You and I have become accustomed to the Eucharistic language, but certainly this is a hard saying if you're in front of Jesus hearing this challenging, even grotesque thought.



If we follow, even as we have been, the old testament prefigurements of the Eucharist (from the recent first readings at Mass): the hunger of Israelites wandering in the desert, the multiplication of food, strength for the long journey of life, we would notice that prior to now there has been no precedence for 'drinking blood.' Blood was certainly sacred, very much revered as a lifesource, but to consume it, let alone touch it was an extremely delicate matter. Yet Jesus is preparing us for the gift of himself in the Eucharist, and in his Bread of Life Discourse here in John's Gospel, he clearly was not interested in saying these things trying to win people over, but rather inviting a deeper level of trust and to prepare for what he, as God, desires to give. Jesus says that his blood is true drink and that if we drink his blood he remains in us (Jn 6:54-56). They could not have truly grasped the meaning of this saying. Even though his words are profound and attention-grabbing, many are unable to accept them.

In connection to our other readings today, there's an interesting correlation with Jesus' blood, and the image of wine. Wine, today, just like in biblical times, was shared together at meals, part of celebrations, and was indeed something special. Old testament texts use wine to describe the lavish distribution of God's blessings and wisdom—coming to us like the pouring out of endless fine wine. It points us to the truth that God chooses to operate in abundances. Though, it's also good to remember St. Paul's letter today cautions us that unless the wine that we allow to saturate our lives is the very life of God (that we can also drink from the pouring out of the Spirit), we won't truly understand or receive the abundance of life that he desires for us. With his life in us we receive the fruits of the Spirit, the wisdom of God that transcends earthly wisdom. Only when we drink from the life of God—the blood of Christ, our receiving of Him in the Eucharist—will our entire being be animated with the fullness of 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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**St. Elizabeth Mission Society**  
**Sunday September 1st.**



We will have a visiting missionary from St. Elizabeth Mission Society with us on Sunday September 1st to introduce us to this mission. The Mission Society's founder, Rev. Mother Jean Marie Greeley, sought to bring their mission work of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany closer to the American people and provide permanent financial support to the ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. In partnership with its members and benefactors, the Mission Society is committed to supporting a life of service making Christ present in the World, and responding to human needs. Each year, the Mission Society provides over \$150,000 in grant funding and ongoing support to programs where the Franciscan Sisters are actively ministering to those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia, Mozambique and the United States. Visit [www.FranciscanHope.org](http://www.FranciscanHope.org) for more information.

**(Practicing) Catholic -**  
**Recognize God In Your**  
**Ordinary Moments**

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**  
**The Fullness of Life**



Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

*"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."* — John 6:55  
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**Weekly Readings And Observances**  
**Readings for the week of Aug. 18, 2024**  
 Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58  
 Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51  
 Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/  
 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Observances for the week of Aug. 18, 2024**  
 Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. John Eudes, Priest  
 Tuesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
 Wednesday: St. Pius X, Pope  
 Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Friday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
 Saturday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
 Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

**Reflect: Readings and Gospel**  
**20th Sunday In Ordinary Time**



**First Reading:** We hear from Proverbs how Wisdom herself invites us to a deeper understanding of life. Is there someone in your family or among your friends who you consider a "wise" person?

**Second Reading:** Paul taught the Ephesians that a wise person strives to understand the will of the Lord and lives a life of prayer and gratitude. What are some ways we can grow in prayer and gratitude in our daily lives?

**Gospel:** Jesus promises eternal life those who believe in him if we eat his flesh and drink his blood (participate in the Eucharist). How can we show our gratitude to the Lord for such a gift? ©LPi

**Bread of Life** Prayer – For Everyday And Everybody  
 Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,  
 May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.  
 May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.  
 May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You. Amen. ©LPi



**9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT**

**Sunday August 18, 2024**

**9:00am SJB/HT** - David McLaughlin - Mother  
Angie Banac - Pat & Norm Jaquin  
Karin Airel - Jan & John Heifler, Jr.  
Deceased of the Taddeo Family - The Family

**Lector Schedule - Sunday August 25**

9:00 am SJB/HT: Owen Donovan

**Sacrificial Giving**

Week August 11th  
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,695.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,813.00



**BAKERS!**

Would you like to donate a baked good for the Baked Good Table at the International Festival?

**We accept!!** Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday October 11th during office hours 9:00am-2:30pm or the day of the event, Friday October 12th, doors will be open by 9:00am. As well we would love any volunteers to help and have fun for this event. See the post below for more information.



**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



**Retirement Fund For Religious Collection**

**Support those who have given a lifetime.**

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service - praying, teaching and caring for those in need - usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously. **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.**

**The Story of the Queenship of Mary Observed Thursday August 22nd**

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.



In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

**Parishioners, 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., 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.**