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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 4, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, August 10 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, August 10 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Joanne Pellerine*

Sunday, August 11 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Gary Keefe*

Sunday, August 11 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*George (Wobbie)
Wilfred O'Hearn*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 8 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - If you know of anyone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *Jesus, the great provider*

On this eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we recount how the Israelites revolted against Moses, despised God due to hunger for physical food, and so on. They quickly forgot all the great things that God had done for them. God, however, proved to be a great provider by feeding them with manna from heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of bread and fish out of necessity. However, these followers have become carried away only by the material things and the signs they will get from Christ. So, rather than

first accepting Christ and the word of God that He preached, they allowed physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger. When we pay too much attention to material things, we tend to forget the goodness of God in the past. So, rather than counting our blessings, we might end up counting our woes and blaming God for our misfortunes.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (17)	335.00
Winter Fuel	80.00
Loose	122.00
St. Agnes (16)	280.00
Loose	10.00
St. Joseph (13)	145.00
Loose	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	75.00
Loose	5.00

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, September 3 at 6:15 p.m.

Ministries Schedule, August 11

Lector -Martha Rhynold

Cleaners - August 4 - 10 - Theresa & Eileen

Regatta Prize Bingo - Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Donations are needed.

Chowder Luncheon - Saturday, August 17 after the parade, Shamrock Club.

Sign up sheet in entrance of the church

Cake Booth - August 17, Midway Grounds

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Food from Heaven

This Week's Readings at Mass

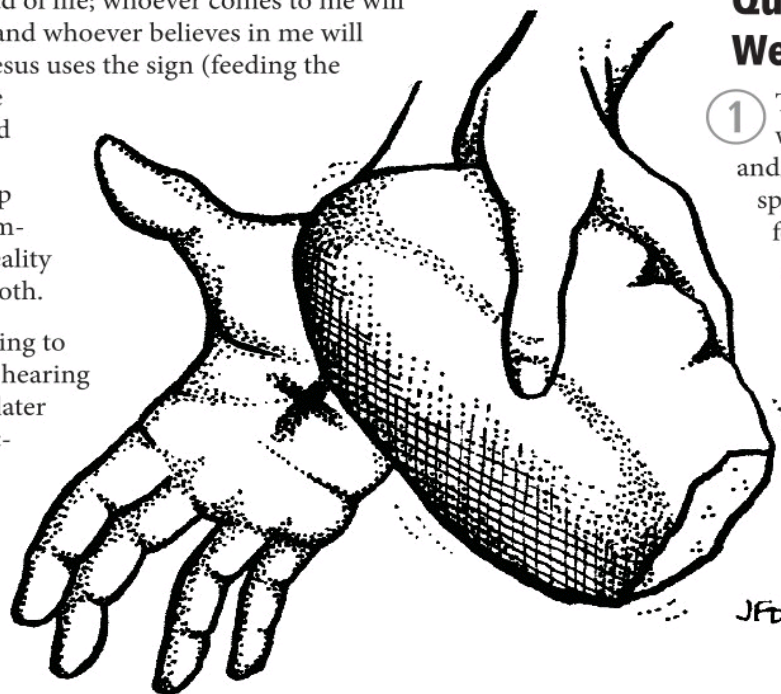
- ▶ Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 - Manna in the desert
- ▶ Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 - Renewal in Christ
- ▶ John 6:24-35 - Jesus as the bread of life

John's Gospel is full of symbolism and metaphors and great "signs" that Jesus works to demonstrate the truth behind the metaphors. The sixth chapter, which we are in the midst of reading for four weeks now, is a perfect example of this.

First, today, we are reminded how Jesus fed the vast crowd beginning with just two loaves and five fish. This piques the curiosity of the crowd who follows Jesus to learn more about who he is, where he comes from, and what else he might do. His sign of feeding the crowd in the desert had reminded them of how God supplied their ancestors with manna in the desert when they were in danger of starving after they escaped from Egypt. Jesus points out that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but his Father in heaven. In the same way, Jesus tells them, *he* has come down from heaven to give life to the world.

At this point, he makes the incredulous claim that "I AM the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Jesus uses the sign (feeding the crowd) and the metaphor (food gives life) and takes it one step further by claiming to be the reality behind them both.

The Jews listening to Jesus then and hearing this story told later would have recognized with a shock the play on words when Jesus said:



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"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?"

Sheepish Question:
What does God's constant, overabundant giving mean to me?

"I AM the bread of life." The phrase "I AM" is the great phrase God ("Yahweh") used to name himself in the Old Testament when Moses met God at the burning bush. (Exodus 3). Jesus is clearly equating himself here with God!

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think of a time in your life when you need food (literally) and/or mental, emotional, or spiritual nourishment. In what form did the manna come to you?
- 2 What does it mean to you when Jesus says "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger"?

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