

July 25, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145

Ephesians 4: 1-6

John 6: 1-15

We Need to Be Fed

The stories in 2 Kings and John's Gospel both speak to feeding the hungry people. In the first reading the people were nearly poisoned prior to the moment written about in today's passage. In both 2 Kings and John it is barley loaves that satisfies the crowds. Barley loaves are meant for the poor. The wealthy would not eat them. Furthermore, the loaves were given from the "first fruits" of the harvest. That is the best of the harvest. The best of the harvest is always given to the Lord's service. It is shared for the good of all.

The miracle story in today's gospel passage is one found in each gospel. Again, barley loaves are involved. Moreover, only a small number of them were available to feed many people. The feeding takes place near the Passover time. There is a plentitude of leftovers after all are fed. Care is taken to collect and preserve the leftovers. Nothing goes to waste.

God makes sure His people are fed. His people are those who follow His leaders. They followed because they sincerely look for salvation. God gives the people knowledge of His existence and love. As well, God gives example of how to live in response to His loving presence.

Yes, God does exist. God loves you and me, all of us. He loves people who do not love Him. He cannot force love on us however. Sharing in His love happens as each of us is open to the Lord and joins in His community of faith, the Church, and follow its disciplines. Doing so makes it possible to benefit from His love.

The reality is this. Each of us longs for wholeness of life. We want to know we have value and dignity and we have a need to be needed and accepted. In other words, we need to be fed.

Do you feel empty in some way? Or, perhaps do you wish to be more full? It is not selfish to desire fullness of life. Fulness of life is what God calls us to have. In humility we come to accept God's blessings. In return we praise, thank, and bless the Lord. We offer ourselves back to the Lord in the form of service. We give our first fruits to Him. All of this is expressed in the Eucharistic Liturgy each Sunday.

As we are fed we feed others too. Feeding others by the abundance of God's Grace is what is expressed in

the sign of the leftovers. It is natural to be this way when we are in unison with God.

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Next Week's Readings
Ex16:2-4, 12-15; Eph4:17, 20-24; Jn6:24-35
Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm in the chapel.

Stewardship	
Attendance last week:	264
Tithes Collected:	\$3,926.00
Online Giving:	\$650.00
Total:	\$4,576.00

Thank you!

Next weeks' second collection is for the Parish Burse Seminary Appeal.

If you are returning from vacation and have been away PLEASE catch up with your tithes

LITURGY FOR JULY 25, 2021
17th Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

- **HYMN #1: ALL ARE WELCOME HERE (D.PEREZ)**
 1. As we gather as one people, all are welcome in God's Holy place. Love is flowing, God is calling and we glorify His name:
 2. **All are welcome here, all are welcome here**
We are, welcome here. We are, welcome here!
All are welcome here, all are welcome here.
We are welcome here. We are all as one!
 3. We are brothers, we are sisters, and together we seek harmony. Joyful voices, all around us, let our praises rise to You!
 4. Fill our hearts Lord with your fire. Bless your people with your love and grace. In your promise, we have faith Lord; we receive. We give you thanks!
 5. All are welcome at His table. Sharing his bread, that's blessed and broken. Living water, source of all life; you give us unending love!
- **PSALM 23:** The Lord is My Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** My Sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

• **HYMN #2: THROUGH IT ALL (R.Morgan)**

1. You are forever in my life, You see me through the seasons. Cover me with Your hand, and lead me in Your righteousness. And I see look to You, and I wait on You.
2. **I'll sing to You, Lord a hymn of love for Your faithfulness to me. I'm carried in everlasting arms, You'll never let me go, through it all.**
3. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

• **HYMN #3: ALL WE LIKE SHEEP (D.Moen)**

1. All we, like sheep have gone astray, each of us turning our own separate way, we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory; But your glory is what we desire to see and in Your presence is where we long to be.
2. **O Lord, show us Your mercy and grace, take us to Your holy place; Forgive our sin and heal our land, we long to live in Your presence once again.**
3. Taking our sickness, taking our pain, Jesus, the sacrifice Lamb, has been slain. He was despised, rejected by men, He took our sin; Draw us near to You, Father, through Jesus Your Son, let us worship before You, cleansed by Your blood

• **HYMN #4: WITH ALL I AM (R. Morgan)**

1. Into Your hands I commit again all I am for You, Lord. You hold my world in the palm of Your hand. And I am Yours forever.
2. **Jesus, I believe in You. Jesus, I belong to You. You're the reason that I live, the reason that I sing, with all I am.**
3. I'll walk with You wherever You go. Through tears and joy, I'll trust in You. And I will live in all of Your ways, and Your promises forever.
4. I will worship. I will worship You. I will worship. I will worship You.

• **HYMN #5: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (M. Maher)**

1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart,
2. So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God
3. **Your Grace is enough, Your grace is enough. Your Grace is enough for me.**
4. Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong, You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along,
5. So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 24

4:00 p.m. Fr Don Tranel by Daniel Murphy
† Madelyn Fix by Mary Miller

Sunday, July 25

9:00 a.m. † Andres Martorell by Wife
10:45 a.m. Ghislaine Wainwright by Gladys
Johnathan Wilbanks by Wife

Monday, July 26

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 a.m. † Victims of Surfside by Wilbanks Family

Thursday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Barbara Clowe by Blessed Sacrament Parish

Friday, July 30

8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Saturday, July 31

4:00 p.m. Patsy Jones & Maureen Moore by St. Vincent de Paul Society
† Edna Davis by Joanie

Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. Fromhercz Family by Anita Brommer
† Ray Missi by Michele & Chuck