

August 1, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Psalm 78

Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

John 6: 24-35

The Bread of Life Discourse

Today's psalm (78) states, "what we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, we will declare to the generation to come...." What good God has done spans the generations. Our mission as Church is to tell others of God's goodness and continue His works.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul points out the responsibility believers have to take a new and moral direction. Seeing the Lord's good deeds inspires us to move forward in life, not to continue to live as though we are still ignorant.

From the beginning God created us in and through Love. God has a true outpouring affection for humankind. He does not let His creatures die. This is true even when we complain to Him.

The Israelite community grumbles because they incur the labor that comes with liberty. They no longer were slaves to the Egyptians. Likewise, their simple living was no longer given to them. Now they may be free to become a great people. In their liberty they now have the capacity to do as they ought to do. Having such Liberty can be unsettling if a people have never had to govern themselves. Yet, God gives them all they need to achieve the greatness He calls them to.

The call is the same today. We are drawn by God to move beyond the point He first found us and the point we first discerned His call.

In the Gospel of John we encounter the Bread of Life Discourse, chapter six. It is a deep and extensive reflection on the Eucharist. The Johannine community of the early Church understood Jesus left His Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine. His love and grace are celebrated by Him in the context of a meal. Thus, the people of the early Church already participated each "Lord's Day" in what we now call the Holy Mass.

When God gave the Israelites Bread from Heaven, seen in Exodus, the act was a sign and type of Christ's Body and Blood that was to come. At the last supper Jesus Christ gave His Body and Blood in the bread and wine. He did so with common elements known to all humanity. This would remain a sign and symbol of His continuing presence to us as life proceeds. The act is ongoing.

God continues to call us, you and me, today. The love and affection of God never ends. The challenge to live as we ought to live, a liberated life, is still a challenge. Yet, God also remains present. We can touch Him and He touch us at every Mass. Jesus expressly meant for this to be a continuing celebration in the Church. It is to be ongoing. By this ongoing Last Supper we always receive Bread of Life that inspires us to move forward in life. We are one with Jesus Christ and are sustained by Him.

Next Week's Readings
1Kgs19:4-8;Eph4:30-5:2;Jn6:41-51
Join us for Scripture Sharing Thursdays at 7:00pm in the chapel.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	240
Tithes Collected:	\$4,629.00
Online Giving:	\$295.00
Total:	\$4,924.00

Thank you!

Today's 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 AUGUST 1, 2021
18th Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

- **HYMN #1: I WILL LIFT UP YOUR NAME**
(Angrisano.Tomaszek)
 1. **I will lift up Your name: Praise to my King and God, for You are holy, Oh, I will lift up Your name: Praise to my King and my God on high!**
 2. I will give You glory, Lord; I will bless Your name forever. I will praise You day after day.
 3. Always faithful, kind and gentle, slow to anger, filled with love. Oh, how great is the Lord of all!
 4. Eve'ry creature, great and small, tells the glory of Your name, and proclaims to all Your mighty ways.
- **PSALM 78:** The Lord gave them bread, bread from heaven.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mathew 4:4b)** One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

• **HYMN #2: RAIN DOWN (BB-600) (Cortez)**

1. **Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.**

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust. God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of your hope lies in you.

• **HYMN #3: BREAD FROM HEAVEN (D. PEREZ)**

1. Lord we seek you here today.
On our knees we pray.
When this bread becomes your flesh
and this wine your blood,
with joy we celebrate,
this eucharistic feast. We live!
2. Ever-present sacrifice, we remember you.
In this bread that is transformed
you give unending love.
Amazing love, your gift to us. Come Lord!
3. **Bread from heaven giving life to all the world.
Bread from heaven the living gift from God our Lord.**
4. *I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and who ever believes in me will never thirst and have eternal life.*
5. Holy Spirit help me see what I cannot see. Like a candle in the night, come and light my path. Show me the way and in your grace keep me.

• **HYMN #4: AS I AM (Lacy/Stone)**

1. When people throw sticks and stones, and they say I don't belong; You love me as I am.
2. When courage is hard to find, and I don't have the strength to try; You love me as I am.
3. **As I am in all my weakness. As I am with all my faults. You came running like a champion, just to love me as I am.**
4. When envy invades my heart, and it tears it all apart; You love me as I am. When forgiving is hard to do, when I lose sight of you, You love me as I am.
5. Somehow you see the best in me, when I just see the worst. Your faith in me is amazing, it's more that I deserve.

HYMN #5: (OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART) (P. Baloche)

//Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You. I want to see You. //

To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

//Holy, holy, holy.... Holy, holy, holy...Holy, holy, holy I
want to see You. //

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MASS INTENTIONS

- 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 Linne Family
- Monday, August 2
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, August 3
8:00 a.m. † William Blaha by Mom & Dad
- Wednesday, August 4
8:00 a.m. Christopher & Casandra by Ed Batcho
- Thursday, August 5
8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Friday, August 6
8:00 a.m. † James Riedy by Friends
- Saturday, August 7
4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary
† Gary Ray Missi by Michele & Chuck
- Sunday, August 8
9:00 a.m. † Cathy Manthey by Tom Jordan
10:45 a.m. † Fernando Armenti by Angiolino Armenti
† Kurt Brommer by Anita