



Eighteenth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospel of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is a continuation of the Gospel from last week in which Jesus performed a miracle that fed five thousand people. With that miracle people followed Jesus, but they followed Him for the wrong reason, because they were filled, not because they recognized the "signs."



How about you? When you come to celebrate the Eucharist, do you recognize the "signs" from this celebration? The valid bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, many Catholics do not believe in this "mystery of faith" anymore, or do not show their respect to this mystery. It might be because they are influenced too much by their "Protestant" friends, or because they are ignorant about the teaching of the Church (actually the teaching of Christ Himself), or because they want to "get along" or "please" others, or to promote the WRONG "ecumenism" and so forth.

Today, let us re-affirm our Catholic faith - believing in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist - a miracle that happens at every Holy Mass celebrated by a validly ordained priest with valid materials: bread and wine. At Mass, we join the saints and the angels in holy hymns praising the Lamb of God as in the Book of Revelation.

In Holy Mass, Jesus gives Himself to each of us through the Eucharist. However, those who come to receive Jesus will be totally responsible for their own actions which means if someone carries mortal sin on their soul and receives the Eucharist, the damnation is on one's own self, not on God. Should you be reminded about what makes a sin mortal?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "For a sin to be mortal, *three conditions must together be met*: 'Mortal sin is sin whose *object is grave matter* and which is also *committed with full knowledge* and *deliberate consent*."

Those who miss Mass on Sundays or Days of Obligation without serious reason(s), those who are divorced and remarried without an annulment from the Church, or those who have committed other sins of the flesh in actions: fornication, masturbation, pornography, adultery, artificial conception, homosexuality, and so on. Those who promote or support the practices that oppose the teachings of the Church on matters of faith and morals *must not* receive the Eucharist without receiving absolution in the sacrament of Penance.

Jesus is the Bread of Life who came to give us life -- an abundant life in Him. He does not want us to receive Him, the Bread of Life, as the bread of damnation. So, my dear friends in Christ, examine your conscience carefully before receiving Him into your soul. Jesus reluctantly comes to the "house" with the smell of mortal sins, and His presence in that house is the evidence of condemnation.



May Jesus, the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven, give us eternal life. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien



Fr. Tien will be away this week. There will be no daily Masses during the week. Deacon Ramsey will have a Communion service on Friday, August 9th, at 9:00 a.m. followed by Divine Mercy and Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

Please welcome Father Nee who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to the Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



The Knights of Columbus will meet this Tuesday, August 6th. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration forms for the upcoming Faith Formation program, including sacramental preparation, are in the church office. Pre/K - 6th grade and First Communion classes will be held on Sunday following Mass beginning August 25. Middle School, High School and Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 28. Only students who have been attending Faith Formation classes for two years prior can participate in the sacramental preparation classes. With the change to our program, we need to get students registered as soon as possible to place students in classes and make plans for the upcoming year.



Good Stuff Sale



We are so excited about our upcoming good stuff sale!!! You can bring your donations for the Good Stuff Sale beginning Monday, August 5th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deliver to the back of the Church and follow the signs. There will be people down there to help you unload your items. If you have any questions, call Lori at 337-517-7593 or Sue at 239-940-2027. Thank you again for your generosity.



Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriguez, Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 3

5:00 P.M. † Chuck Perreault by Rosalie Perreault
† Beverly Cutter

Sunday, August 4

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9:00 A.M. Kristin, Josette, Wanda, and Robert, Amairany Diaz
11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz-Ordaz and † Holy Souls
† Raquel Ortiz-Merlin, † Francisco Ortiz
† Serafina, Misericordia Group

Monday, August 5

**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday, August 6

**The Transfiguration of the Lord
NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesday, August 7

**Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
Saint Cajetan, Priest
NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday, August 8

**Saint Dominic, Priest
NO DAILY MASS**

Friday, August 9

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 A.M. Communion Service
11:45 A.M. Divine Mercy then Benediction

Saturday, August 10

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

5:00 P.M. † Joseph P. Hoefeyzers by Rosalie Perreault
† Carolyn Zenoniani by Joe & Edwina Raffa

Sunday, August 11

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Diaz family
† Damaso Daniel Acevedo by Acevedo Family
11:30 A.M. † David Ruiz-Ordaz, † Raquel Ortiz-Merlin,
† Francisco Ortiz, † Serafina, † Holy Souls