

July 25th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 24

9:00am *Poor Souls in Purgatory*
4:30pm

Sunday, July 25

8:00am † *Estela Ubaldo Anchors*
10:00am *Paige Tomas (bday)*
12:00pm *Alma Valerio (hlng)*

Monday, July 26

9:00am *St. Anne & Joachim*

Tuesday, July 27

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

Wednesday, July 28

9:00am *Knights of Columbus*

Thursday, July 29

9:00am *St. John Parish*

Friday, July 30

9:00am *YMI Brothers*

Saturday, July 31

9:00am
4:30pm

From the Desk of the Pastor

We have heard the story of the multiplication and the distribution of the loaves and fish many times. It can be difficult to hear such a familiar story in a fresh and challenging way. However, we must attempt to look at this story in a new awe filled way, because the barley loaves and fish were certainly fresh!

This event serves as a teaching moment with multiple Eucharistic applications. In receiving the Eucharist, we receive Christ who comes to make a dwelling in us, transform us and make us other Christs to go out into the world and transform it.

Imagine that the hungry crowd represents all of us today at Mass. Barley loaves are the food for the poor. The reference to the five barley loaves grows with an added allegoric dimension inviting us to consider ourselves as each of the five barley loaves and fish.

The barley loaves stand for the risk and vulnerability involved in reaching out to others. The broken loaves represent that which is most broken, and most vulnerable within us. Let the barley loaves stand for the risk and vulnerability involved in reaching out to others.

Imagine also that we are the fish that are multiplied and distributed. Fish provide vital protein, a necessary ingredient in human life.

The miracle story continues to tell us that the disciples collected twelve wicker basket fragments of bread. These leftovers, a surplus, perhaps represent what we will never completely know where our efforts and influence has touched, but God who has worked with the few loaves and a couple of fish has done the rest.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

The Church is open for weekend masses

Saturday mass at 4:30pm and Sunday masses at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en español

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 7:30am to 1:00pm.

We pray the rosary at 9:30am in English and at 11:30am in Spanish. Come and join us in praying the rosary.

The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church

The Parish Office has moved



Effective Monday, **June 21, 2021**, our Parish Office has been relocated to the Rectory Building, at 19 St. Marys Avenue. Our telephone number (415) 334-4646 and hours of operation remain the same, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fish... Five barley loaves of bread – barley loaves were the food of the poorest of the poor during the time of Jesus. It was also the cheapest and coarsest of all the breads. Two fish, about the size of sardines, possibly a salt-fish, which was plenty and very common at that time in the Sea of Galilee. A boy, five barley loaves of bread, and two salt-fish – three very insignificant creatures in the Jewish culture of that time - were instrumental in making this powerful miracle happen. What might have been too little and too insignificant in the minds of the people and the disciples was instrumental, after being transformed by God, in nourishing the crowd. One might feel that one does not have the right qualities needed in the building up of the Kingdom of God but, like those seemingly insignificant creatures in the Gospel, our simple participation and collaboration to the needs of our family, our parish community, etc. can do wonders and miracles. One might – think that what we can do or contribute is too little but, that "little thing" if combined by all, can have a powerful and meaningful impact to our faith community and to our own unique faith journey. Those simple and seemingly insignificant elements in the Gospel today tell us that there is no such thing as too little or too insignificant to God; what is more important is our willingness to share what we have, regardless if it is too little or too many. God is after the heart of the giver.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fish was a beautiful moment. But the meaning of the miracle goes beyond the moment. And what, you might ask, is the meaning of the moment? In this instance, it involves two things. First, the multiplication of the loaves and the fish symbolize the abundance of God's love. Jesus explodes with love upon the earth. He is the Son of God; He is the Holy One of God; He is the Prince of Peace.

The second sign that marks the multiplication of the loaves and the fish is the Eucharist. Jesus takes bread and says a blessing and the people are fed. This is a sign of the Eucharist. In the Eucharist Jesus is giving Himself to us out of love when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is precisely why the Eucharist is so important. Therefore, we should come to mass on Sunday, to be fed with the body and blood of our Lord. To know that we are one with him now until the end of days.



"Feed them?"



"How can we feed them? There is a little boy over here with five loaves of bread and two small fish. That is all the food we have."

Generous God, your Son Jesus fed the multitude and you continue to meet our needs every day. Hear our prayers of grateful thanks and love.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA July 12th - July 18th, 2021

Weekend Offering.....\$2,174.00
Music Ministry.....\$ 705.86