

Sunday, August 2nd, 2020



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

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Sat. Aug 1	5:00 †	Frank Biro (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sun. Aug 2	9:30	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00 †	John Rutyna (Stan & Gloria Rutyna)
Mon. Aug 3		Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa Walters)
Tues. Aug 4	†	Ray & Mary Whalen (Teresa Walters)
Wed. Aug 5		Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Aug 6		Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Teresa Walters)
Fri. Aug 7		Intentions of Michael & Tina (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Aug 8	5:00 †	Ralph Biancaniello (Ida Biancaniello)
Sun. Aug 9	9:30	Missa Pro Populo
	11:00 †	David Grennan (Michael Wilson)

(Weekday Masses 9:30am. Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.)
Holy Hour & Confessions Mondays 7-8pm
Summer Mass Schedule (July & August):
Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9:30 & 11am.

Offertory July 18/19, 2020

Offertory	\$ 2, 540
Maintenance	\$ 30
Special Collections	\$ 40

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized.

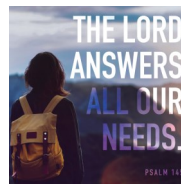
There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love. It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done.



With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness. Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Power of a Simple Action



I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.