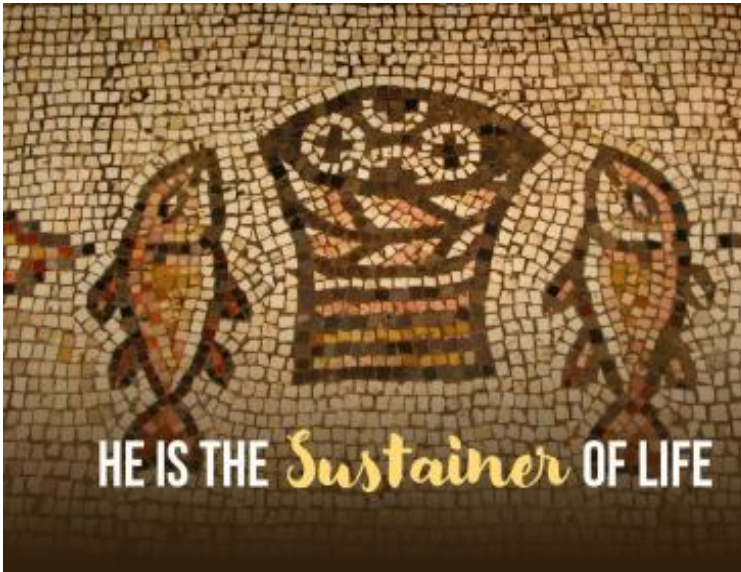

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second: Ephesians 4:1-6

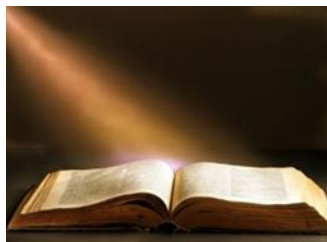
Gospel: John 6:1-15

FOCUS: *God provides for us.*

Today's readings relate two feeding miracles – one performed by Elisha and one by Jesus. Of course, we know that the source of all miracles is God himself. In each story, the Lord goes beyond providing what is needed, multiplying what is offered so abundantly that there is food left over. As he provides for us, so we offer ourselves for him to use, and multiply what we offer, for others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Elisha feeds 100 people from 20 barley loaves and there is some left over. Paul writes to the Ephesians encouraging them to live in a manner worthy of their call, with an emphasis on preserving unity. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds 5,000 from five barley loaves and two fish, and there are 12 baskets left over.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Tricia Locatelli, Catherine Hoban
and Catherine McKenna

10 a.m.: Carlos Sanabria, Jr., Peg Boyle
and Chris & Nic Pierce

CARMELITE MISSIONS APPEAL

The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents.

Each summer, Carmelite friars visit churches near and far to share how these endeavors impact the lives of others and to raise funds so these good works can continue.

Unfortunately, the schedule is such that we are unable to secure a guest speaker this summer. However, we will take up a special collection the weekend of **August 3 and 4** for the Carmelite Missions.

We realize we ask a lot of you – but if you are able to support this worthwhile cause, we would be most appreciative.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday, August 15, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.** It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are expected to worship with their community.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's at 9 a.m. There will be no evening or vigil Mass.

If you are able to serve as a greeter, please let the office know.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the remainder of July will return after Maxine's vacation.

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 72

10 a.m. – 136



SAINTS OF THE DAY FOR JULY 29

Saint Martha is a Patron Saint of cooks, homemakers and restaurant servers
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus are Patron Saints of siblings

In its 2021 decree on combining the veneration of Mary and Lazarus with Martha, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments wrote, "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."

Reflection: "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (John 11:5). This is how John's Gospel describes Jesus' relationship with these siblings whom we honor together today. Of course, Jesus loves all people equally with the perfection of divine charity. So why does John's Gospel single these three out? In the Gospel passage, the word "love" does not only mean the perfect charity in the heart of Christ for all people. It also implies that Jesus had a special relationship with them, giving us a glimpse into the authentic humanity of Jesus. He formed friendships. He enjoyed spending time with those friends. As both God and man, he ate with them, laughed with them, listened to them and loved them. Now Jesus wants to extend that human and divine love to everyone.

THE BOOK HAS ARRIVED

If you would like to remember deceased loved ones with a Mass next year, stop in or call the office because the **2025 Daily Mass Record** is now open. There is also still some availability in 2024.

The suggested donation is \$15 per name

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FORMING

Calling all young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 who would like to meet others while enjoying some engaging activities.

The first Young Adult Ministry event, a game night, is planned for 7:30 p.m. next **Friday, August 2**, in Deacon John Hall. Some games will be supplied, but participants are welcome to bring their family-friendly favorites. An invitation to participate has been sent to nearby churches, and light refreshments will be served.



The plan is to meet at least monthly and for the group to ultimately determine what it wants to do. A picnic perhaps? Or maybe pickleball?

For more information, reach out to adviser Anne Savastano at 845-636-3587 or anya1321@gmail.com. For planning purposes, game night RSVPs are encouraged, but don't hesitate to just show up!

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*"What does love look like?
 It has the hands to help others.
 It has the feet to hasten
 to the poor and needy.
 It has eyes to see
 the misery and want.
 It has the ears to hear the sighs
 and sorrows of men.
 That is what love looks like."
 - St. Augustine*

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(See Matthew 14:14-21) 03-13-2009

**YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE,
 BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A
 BETTER OPTION**

