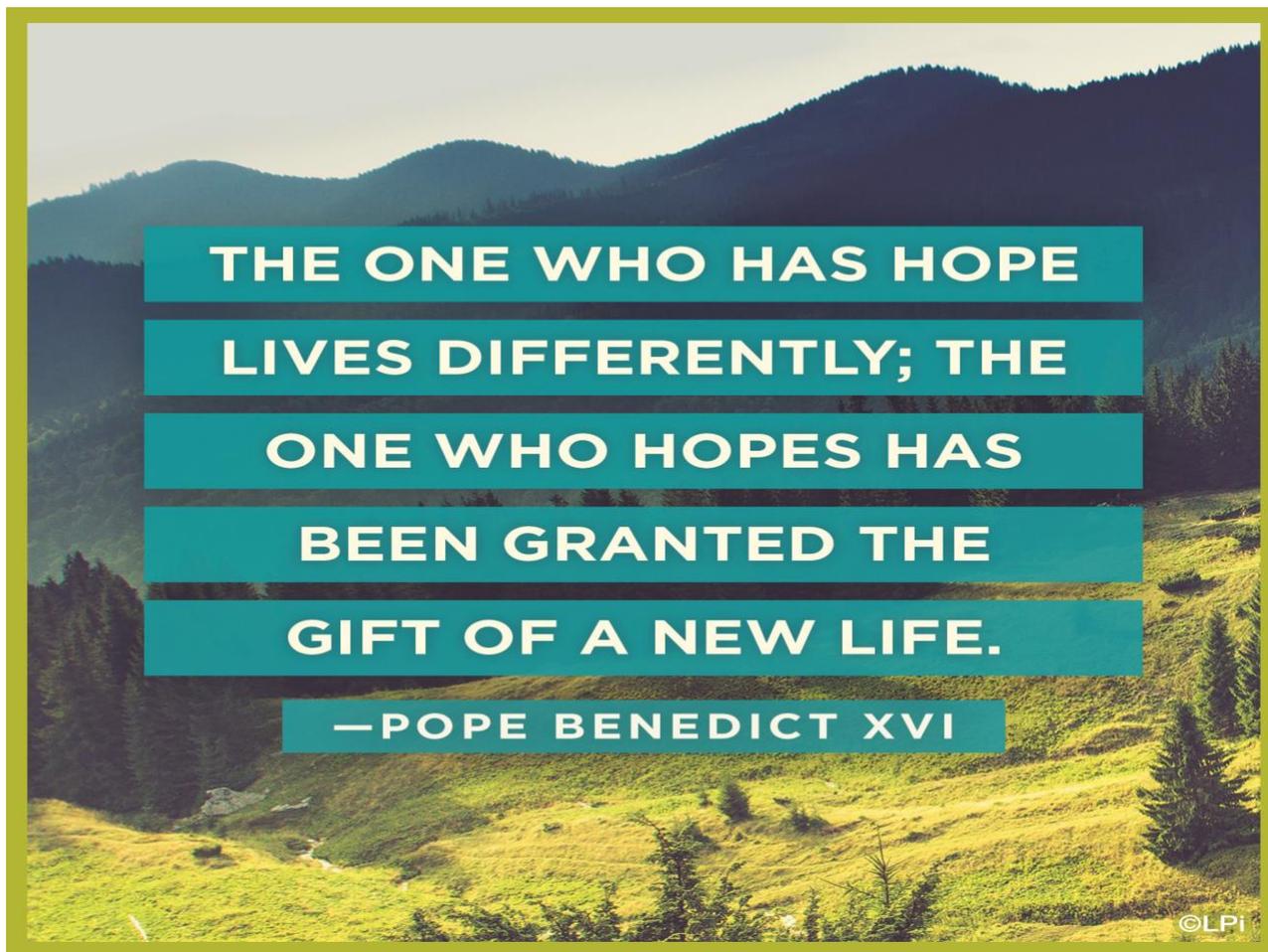


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Eucharistic Liturgies
Vigil: Saturday – 7 p.m.
Sunday – 9 a.m.

Pray for Peace!

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Aug. 1

7 p.m. – Deceased members of the Waschuck
Family + (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Aug. 2

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
Noon – Poor Souls Living (Sacred Heart)

Monday, Aug. 3 – Catherine + & John Sabo+

Tuesday, Aug. 4 – In thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy

Wednesday, Aug. 5 – Charity Manspeaker+ (7 p.m. at
Holy Rosary) Silent Adoration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6 – For the health of our nation

Friday, Aug. 7 – Sally Davis+ **FIRST FRIDAY**
Mass at 7 p.m. (Holy Hour 6-6:55 p.m.)

Saturday, Aug. 8 - Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Aug. 9

9 a.m. – Brandi Merrett (Holy Rosary)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Feeding the Hungry, Body and Soul

Feeding the hungry is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy of which our Holy Mother Church reminds us on this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time and advises us to practice it daily. In fact, practicing the Corporal Work of Mercy of Feeding the Hungry is a great spiritual exercise to practice during this COVID-19 pandemic. Our Parish is known for its generosity and kindness to the Parish House and Crosslines, to the Prison ministry, to Food for Poor, among others. I appreciate your love and generosity in honoring the Church's Social Teaching to feed the hungry, a Corporal Work of Mercy.

It is estimated that 821 million people in the world suffered from hunger in 2018. According to the USDA, latest Household Food Insecurity in the United State report, more than 37 million people in US struggled with hunger in 2018. Just imagine globally, the number of people without sufficient food in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. Lord, have mercy!

In the most industrialized countries, one of the major problems they are trying to contain is not hunger, but rather overweight and obesity. Hence, food hunger might not appeal to you, if you are blessed to live in developed countries. In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah addresses his fellow Israelites in Babylonian exile. He gives them hope and consolation by referring to the eschatological banquet, meaning the banquet of the end-time, when God's kingdom on earth will be established with the ideal Messiah to rule over them in the name of God.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus fed over 5,000 people with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, and there were 12 full baskets left over. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle of Jesus that is recounted in all the four Gospels. Most Scriptural scholars and theologians are of the view that the main reason for that may be that it is anticipating of the Eucharist and final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven. We see in the Old Testament, through Moses' intercession, God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna. In the Four Gospels, Jesus fed over 5,000 people. Jesus, unlike Moses and other prophets, did not only nourish their bodies' hunger,

but Jesus also fed their spiritual souls and healed them both spiritually and physically. Yes, it is true that only in Jesus can one satisfy his/her deepest hunger and longing.

In the feeding of the 5,000 people, Jesus reveals his heavenly Father's remarkable generosity and kindness towards us. He was able to do so through God's grace. It was God's grace that led his disciples to tell him there was a boy here with 5 loaves and 2 fish. It was God's grace that led to the generosity of the boy and Jesus's unwavering faith in God that God will do whatever he asks him.

One of the great lessons we can learn from this miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 people is this:

each and every one of us is blessed with a talent and gift. If we truly believe in God's love and kindness and we use our talents and gifts to glorify

and praise his name, God will certainly bless us abundantly.

Many people today are hungry not only for food. Some people are hungry for love, acceptance, affirmation, attention, healing, to mention a few. Jesus continues to ask us, just as he asked the boy with the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish in today's Gospel reading, to bring our talents and gifts to him, and he will perform miracles again. Are you willing and ready to give him an affirmative answer? Sharing your food with those in need, your phone call, text message, email, will bring love, peace, and comfort to someone. What about doing grocery shopping for an elderly person or someone with health problems in your community who is scared to go out for groceries?

Remember the love of God St. Paul talks about in the Second Reading (Romans 8:35,37-39). St. Paul says, "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" I, personally, love this one: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39)

What beautiful and great words of comfort for us to know, especially during this Coronavirus pandemic, that at times, when things seem to be gloomy, that nothing can separate us from God's love.

If God gives us his tremendous unconditional love, we must also give this same love to one



another, irrespective of one's religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, or political ideology.

As the Psalmist reminds us: "Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on the day of Massah in the desert." (Psalm 95: 7b-8)

May Christ help us to continue feeding the hungry in our community with love and respect.
Amen Father Ed

Feast of the Assumption

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have *only* a vigil mass for this feast on Friday, August 14 at 7 p.m. in the church. The weekend liturgies will remain the same. Please join us for a celebration of this special feast.

Crosslines Update

Crosslines has been operating in a definitely safe way during the pandemic. We may be able to open our doors to neighbors starting in August. Any lunches we serve will be brown bag only until this virus is under control. In the meantime, we are in need of the following items:

Deodorant

Any canned veggies except corn

Size 5 diapers

Our own Holy Rosary Diaper Bank should resume operations in September.

The annual Backpack School supplies program will be in the last week in August on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week. The hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. We are still in need of the following items:

Loose leaf notebook paper

3 ring binders

Magic markers

Pocket folders

Backpacks

If it is easier for you, you can put \$10 in an envelope and mark it "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" and drop it in the regular collection basket at church. We will make sure it is taken to crosslines to be used for this program. A box will be placed by the front door of the church for all other donated supplies.

One more note: It will be a shame if our Holy Rosary Wednesday Meals at Crosslines would fold because Brother Roy is gone. This has been such a worthwhile project and so many of you have enjoyed being a part of it. Won't someone or a group of people please volunteer to make this happen again? Let Jalna know ASAP if you can take this on for our parish and our neighbors. Thank you!

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,732.00

Loose: \$171.00

Thank you very much for supporting our parish!

August Celebrations!

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for August? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Ed.

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrate their birthdays in August:

Sal Carmona – Aug. 8

David Jack – Aug. 15

Rachael Lofton – Aug. 18

Mary Hendricks – Aug. 20

Jim Walker – Aug. 20

Jennifer Nanners – Aug. 21

Scotty McCartney – Aug. 22

Joann Huffman – Aug. 26

Maddie Nanners – Aug. 29

Michael Ellis – Aug. 31



Congratulations, Sister!

Congratulations to Sister Francesca Lewis who celebrates 60 years as a Pallottine Missionary Sister! She took her vows on August 15th!

Congratulations, Sister, and may God continue to bless you in your service to the church.

SoulCore Resumes

SoulCore will be held outside on the side lawn of Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bring a mat and light hand weights! If it is raining, class will not be held.

Lector's Schedule

8/1: Rachel Weber

8/2: Virginia Carmona

8/8: Maria Gjolberg

8/9: Linda Hicks

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 8/1 – Nancy Smarr and

Tony Duncan

Sun. 8/2 – Charlie Malcolm

Sat. 8/8 – Cheryl and Jerry Moore

Sun. 8/9 – Frank Gerard

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Lorene Hardman, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa, P.T. Garton, John Egress, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz.

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

Please pray for our homebound

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Lorene Hardman, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 2, 2020

18th 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.

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