



## Welcome to the Marion Catholic Community on this

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

Worship Aid for St. John the Baptist, Precious Blood, St. Sebastian, St. Rose & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Gathering Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is his new creation

By water and the word:

From heav'n he came and sought her

To be his holy bride;

With his own blood he bought her,

And for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,

Yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation,

"One Lord, one faith, one birth!"

One holy Name she blesses,

Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses

With ev'ry grace endued.

#### Reading 1 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us

along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

#### Reading 2 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother

and be joined to his wife,

and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia Jn 6:63c, 68c

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel Jn 6:60-69**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**Offertory Hymn: Love One Another**

**REFRAIN**  
*All*  
 I give you a new com - mand - ment, that you  
 love one an - oth - er as I have loved you,  
 that you love one an - oth - er, says the Lord.

**VERSES**  
*Cantor* *All*  
 1. As he does so you must do;  
 2. Through your sor - row, joy, and pain;  
 3. Let your gen - tle - ness be known; Love one an -  
 4. Leave be - hind what holds you bound;  
 5. Go and live the Gos - pel call:  
 oth - er.  
 1. Just as he has first loved you:  
 2. Through your laugh - ter, tears, and shame;  
 3. Rec - on - cile the hurts you've known;  
 4. In its place let peace be found;  
 5. Wash the feet of one and all:  
 Love one an - oth - er.  
 1. Let your love be  
 2. Through your fear, let  
 3. Show the love our  
 4. Let the love of  
 5. Build - ing bridg - es,  
 strong and true:  
 love re - main:  
 God has shown:  
 Christ a - bound:  
 break - ing walls:  
 Love one an - oth - er.

*All* *To Refrain*

**Communion Hymn: Jesus, Bread of Life**

**REFRAIN**  
 Je - sus, Je - sus: Bread of Life. Je - sus,  
 Je - sus: Sav - ing Cup. Je - sus, Je - sus, live in  
 us. We be - lieve, O God, we be - lieve.

**VERSES**  
 1. "I am the bread which comes from heav - en.  
 2. "Come now to me, all who are thirst - y.  
 3. "If you would serve, then you must fol - low.  
 4. "Be not a - fraid; do not be trou - bled.  
 5. "I am the Vine, you are the branch - es.  
 6. "A - bide in me; keep my com - mand - ments.  
 To Refrain  
 1. Those who eat will nev - er die."  
 2. Come and drink with faith in me."  
 3. Where I am, my serv - ant will be."  
 4. Trust in God and trust in me."  
 5. Live in me and bear much fruit."  
 6. Learn to love as I have loved you."

**Sending Forth God's Blessing Sends Us Forth**

- God's blessing sends us forth,  
 Strengthened for our task on earth,  
 Refreshed in soul and renewed in mind.  
 May God with us remain,  
 Through us the Spirit reign,  
 That Christ be known to humankind.
- God's news in spoken word  
 Joyfully our hearts have heard;  
 O may the seed of God's love now grow.  
 May we in fruitful deeds  
 Gladly serve others' needs,  
 That faith in action we may show.