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## WEEKLY READINGS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

#### SUNDAY 8/8

##### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

#### MONDAY 8/9

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

#### TUESDAY 8/10

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

#### WEDNESDAY 8/11

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

#### THURSDAY 8/12

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

#### FRIDAY 8/13

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

#### SATURDAY 8/14

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

#### NEXT SUNDAY 8/15

##### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

### 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” As Elijah is commanded by the angel of the Lord to continue on with his God-given task, so too are we commanded to eat of the Eucharistic meal the Lord has provided for us. It is strength for the journey. It is refreshment on the journey. It is walking hand and hand with God himself on the journey.

The Eucharistic meal provides each of us with more than we could ever imagine. It is the remembrance of the saving acts of God in Jesus Christ. It is the table on which we place our hearts and souls. It is from the table that God gives us himself as food for the journey. All of us do profit from the Eucharistic meal and as Pope Francis says so well: The Eucharist is “bread of sinners, not reward of saints.” He goes on to say that the Eucharist is a meal that is “meant to nourish those who are tired and hungry on the journey.”

Our Holy Father is exactly on target with his comments on the Holy Eucharist. He knows the hurts and needs of the people of God and prays that the celebration of the Eucharist moves each one to recognize the humble, hiddenness of God in our world that we miss when we are not silent and still in the presence of God. In many ways the Holy Father’s comments help

us to remember that we are hungry for many things – food, of course, but there are many more hungers which reside in our hearts and the Eucharist feeds them all.

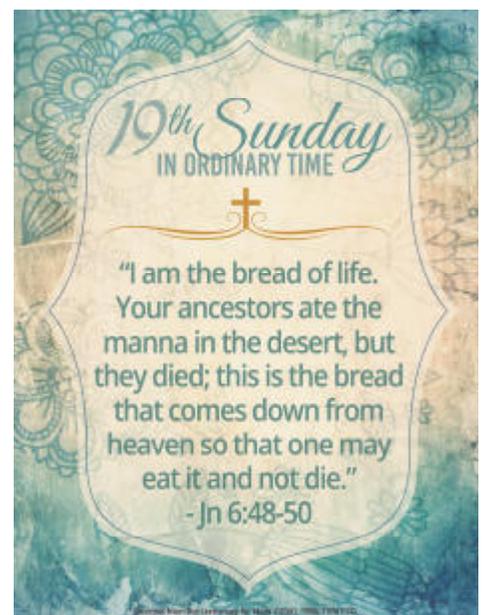
Our hearts hunger for love and, more importantly, for mercy. For we all stray, we all sin and we do not always open our hearts to the needs of others, especially the wounded, the wayward and those who have done wrong. With mercy, there is always room to welcome back one to the table of the Lord and the Lord will lead them, guide them and love them. Our hearts hunger for justice and the need to find a way to solve the injustices and inequalities of life. It is not enough that we think we are just but that we need to work for the good of others. The Eucharist helps us see that all types of people are given a chance to become more holy, more loving, more like our merciful God.

Without a doubt, the Eucharist reminds us that despite our many “no’s” to the Way of the Lord, Jesus’ response to us is always “yes” – and God will win out and win us over to the goodness of the Gospel. No matter what evil we make present in the world, the Presence on the Table will always do good and be good for us. Jesus knows that evil is only conquered when we respond with goodness not like-minded evil. And Jesus is always giving us

his “yes” – take and eat, have food for the journey that will change your life into mine.

It cannot be said enough, the Holy Father is exactly right – “the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners.” Come and eat at the table of the Lord and his “yes” to each of us will open our hearts and souls to not just his tender mercy but to the opening of our lives to the working of the Spirit. Once we live with God’s “yes” to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will use our talents and abilities wisely for the good of others and the good of the world. The Eucharist will give us strength for the journey, to do good and avoid evil.

**REV. RON JOZWIAK**  
Pastor



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

4:00 pm Martha Shaw

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 am Tom Zann

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00 am Helen Hennessy

10:00 am Josephine Ptak

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Ekhilas Awro

Genevieve Davey

Gerald Lewis

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## FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Several weeks ago, letters and registration forms for the upcoming 2021-2022 catechetical year were mailed to all current and potential Faith Formation families. Postage paid return envelopes that are to be returned by August 15<sup>th</sup> with completed registrations and tuition paid in full were also included in the mailing. If your family did not receive the mailing contact me at [DRE@princeofpeacecatholic.church](mailto:DRE@princeofpeacecatholic.church)

With vaccinations for the youngest of our children not yet available as well as different variants of the COVID virus seeking out the unvaccinated, at home learning will continue to take place for all grades 1-8, as well as sacrament preparation. We and the publishers of online programs have learned much from last years at home program and have made necessary changes.

Sadlier, the publisher, now has over 300 videos that accompany the e-books.

Each chapter has 3 built in videos presented by master catechists.

I will be in touch by phone as we begin new units to check in how things are going.

3 Family Days bringing families together in church will be taking place.

All sacramental fees are included in the tuition.

Families are expected to regularly attend Sunday Mass.

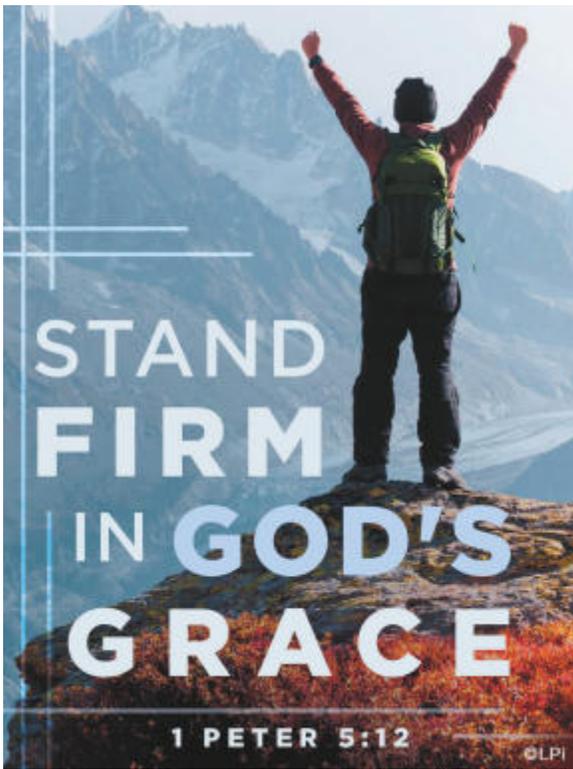
**Important note: Now that we are a Family with Our Lady of Refuge and St. Benedict our Faith Formation program will be changing for the 2022-2023 Catechetical year. New structure and personnel will be in place. As the plans come together, we will share the information.**

August 15<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching. The time to register is now!

Jeanne Martin

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**  
**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.  
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Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP WHAT'S YOUR HEARTH CAKE?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

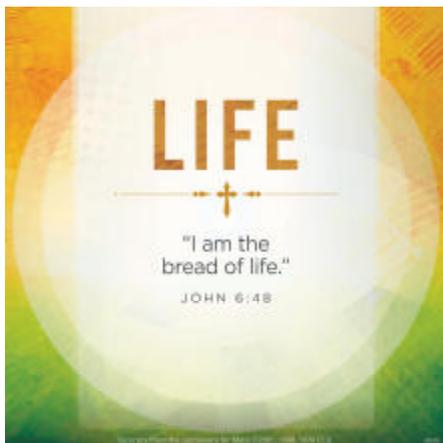
I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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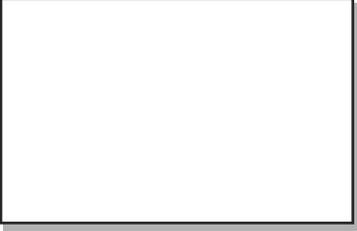
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