



# *Ordinary Time*

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Mary's  
Catholic Church**  
August 2, 2020

Thousands of people, many of them sick and all of them hungry, walked for miles from towns throughout Galilee just to see and hear Jesus. How fortunate we are that Jesus is with us here whenever we gather in his name. He nourishes us at this table, strengthening our weaknesses and fortifying us for our own journeys. Let us pray today that we may all eat and be satisfied at this Eucharist.



**Theme: Little in the hands of Jesus is always much**

A villager, along with his wife, came to the city and entered a hotel. He stood in the lobby of the hotel and watched people moving up and down in the elevator. He has never seen an elevator in his life. He watched an old lady entering the elevator and after closing the door, she went up. The villager stood and watched the elevator wondering what the old lady was doing inside that small room.

After some time, when the elevator opened, he was surprised to notice a beautiful young lady coming out of the elevator. Oh! He wondered what a wonderful machine this is – an old lady gets in and within minutes she is transformed into a beautiful young lady. He wished that his wife should also become as young as this lady. Therefore, he held his wife by her hand and started pushing her towards the elevator.

I do not know if the elevator was a wonderful machine, but certainly the hands of Jesus are wonderful. He may receive a little from our hands, but when he returns it to us, it is always abundance.

In today's Gospel, we heard about the multiplication of the loaves. When Jesus saw the crowd, he took pity on them and said to the disciples, "You yourselves give them something to eat." To this command of Jesus, there are three reactors: Philip, Andrew and *the boy* (Jn. 6:1-13).

### *The boy*

There was a boy who supplied Jesus with the raw materials for the miracle. He gave the little he had-five loaves and two fish. We don't know the name of the boy. Was he a peddler who came there to sell some bread and fish in order to make money? Or was he a boy on some picnic? We know nothing for sure. Although a boy, he was a generous soul.

When the disciples asked him to part with his bread and fish, he willingly parted with them. He agreed to lose something of his own, so that the others could gain. He was a great soul, who sacrificed his meal for the benefit of others. His name we may not know, but his magnanimity we shall never forget.

This young boy stands for the providence of God. He was the right person, with the right things at the right moment. God ordains myriad things in His own ways for our benefit.

Little in the hands of Jesus is always much. May we give the little we have in our hands into the hands of Jesus, so that He might multiply and satisfy our needs. Genuine disciples do not isolate themselves from the needs and concerns of others. To reach our God is to reach our sisters and brothers. Humans are not obstacles to union with the divine but rather the condition for that union. People are the barometers of our relationship with God: Your problem is my problem; no one is an island. How have we imitated Jesus in providing the poor a place at our table?

Shalom!

## **The road of life**

Life is much like taking a trip or long journey driving. There are so many roads to take. These roads of life go a long way with wonderful things to see and experience. The important thing is to stay centered and focused on where you are going.

Even if you are sidetracked, detained or totally lost without a map and are discouraged or depressed, remember there are always other roads out. If you are unsure of where you are going always refer to your higher source, to guide you.

Soon you will be on your way again. Know that there will always be curves in road with obstacles and problems. So, expect them, and look for them as temporary delays. Go around or through them. Sometimes the vehicle you're traveling in may break down, but it can usually be fixed so you can continue.

Try not to overload or carry too much baggage. While it's alright to look back, you cannot go backwards you must go forward. Only you can do the steering. Whenever possible take the high road.

Learn from what you experienced and where you came. Beware of your surroundings and look for positive and interesting things on the road up ahead. Watch for other people that may need your help along the way. And most of importantly, try to enjoy your journey. (by Sue Dorn: The Catholic Reader pg. 14))



THIS GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WERE CONFIRMED IN CHRIST LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT ST. MARY'S SHENANDOAH. FR. RAPHAEL ASSAMAH OFFICIATED. WE WISH THEM GOD'S BLESSINGS IN THE YEARS AHEAD. PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO KEEP GOD IN THEIR LIVES.



### **RCIA – Adult Faith Formation**

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church should kindly call the secretary.

**UPCOMING ZOOM PARTICIPATION SERIES** —There will be series of discussion, teaching and interview via zoom sometime in August under the caption “Thank God is Friday.” The purpose is to bring us together as one family in sharing our stories through this pandemic. It is going to be fun and informative. Watch out for the date!

*Coming soon.....*

*August 5—Weekday mass @ 6 pm*

*August 9—Sunday Mass @ 8:30 am*

*celebrated in the church and on Zoom.*

*August 12—Weekday mass @ 6pm*

### Repair update

As we had to have BluSky return for a repair to the kitchen counter, there are two buckets of joint compound that have never been opened. They brought them to use as weight while the glue dried! If anyone has any use (or know anyone who would) for them, they are theirs for the taking:) Help yourself!!!



### Readings for the week of 8-2-20

**Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



8-5---Robbie Travis

8-6—-Audrey Goodman

8-10—Luke Sheldon

8-11—Alisha Ettleman

8-14—Scott Mayberry

8-14—Joe Hirner

8-16—Harold Hendrickson

8-16—Jolene McGinley

8-20—Jim Folkes



8-5—Pat & Angie Sheldon

8-16—Vince & Susan Hilton

8-30—Mike & Kathy Moody



Greg Andersen  
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp  
James Dowling  
LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe  
Mary Lou Miller  
Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr  
Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick  
Verona Mitchell  
Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell  
Bill Long

Henry Johnsen  
Lawrence DuBois

Pat Sheldon  
Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny  
Esther McCowan  
Shawn Collins

Drake Travis  
Martha Gude  
Bill & Gloria Green

Larry Dalton  
Vickie Graham  
Glen Whitehead

Ronda Shirley  
Zayne Osborn  
Cathy Mason

Anna Weber  
Alan Briggs

Chuck Mitchell  
Dee Ann Crews

## *Your Contributions*

*July 26, 2020*

**Tithes—\$1584.10**

**Plate—\$27.00**

**Coffee \$7.00**

*Thank You!!*



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