

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 30 (3557) July 28th, 2024

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today, in John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Your hand, O Lord, feeds us; you answer all our needs.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Richard Jaseliunas (2nd anniv.) (family)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
†Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris)
†Elena Simaitis (Stanevicius family)
†Genute and Balys Cizikas (GK)
†Algis (20th anniv.) and Janina (15th anniv.) Empakeris (son and family)
†Liudmila Sukauskas (1st anniv.) (family)
†Liudas Racickas (4 week) (family)
†Anele and Vytautas Kundrotas (daughter)

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Congregational singing

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses July 29 - August 4

MONDAY (July 29): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (July 30): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; special intention (NN);

WEDNESDAY (July 31): 7 p.m. †Sigitas Parnavas ("Kretinga");

THURSDAY (August 1): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ);

FRIDAY (August 2): 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius (family);

SATURDAY (August 3): 9 a.m. †Virgilijus Pranevicius (1st anniv.)(V.Zaleckaite); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (August 4): 9 a.m. †Stasys Cerniauskas (50th anniv.) (S.Brough & D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; in thanksgiving (I.Matus); †Brone and Jurgis Galinis (V.V.Baliunas); †Stasys Prakapas (3rd anniv.)(family); †Marija and Kazimieras Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis).

The week's Holy Masses August 5 - 11

MONDAY (August 5): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (August 6): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Zita and Jonas Didzbalis (family);

WEDNESDAY (August 7): 7 p.m.;

THURSDAY (August 8): 7 p.m.;

FRIDAY (August 9): 7 p.m.;

SATURDAY (August 10): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (August 11): 9 a.m. †Brone and Apolinaras Beresnevicius (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Sofija Oleka (O.Oleka); for Baranauskas' deceased family members (R.J.Kuliesius); †Bob White (5th anniv.) (V.White); †Rita Radziunas (Ruta G.).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,245

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive". Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (07.14) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

35 envelopes - \$ 1,050

No envelopes - \$ 108.30

Direct deposit - \$ 915

Sunday (07.21) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

36 envelopes - \$ 910

No envelopes - \$ 101.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,115

Sports club "Aušra" - \$ 6,825

Prakapas family donated \$ 500 for parish renovation fund

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Our wonderful gourmet chefs and kitchen assistants prepared yummy mouth watering meals. They are: Ina Gutauskas, Edita Cerniauskas, Gailius Skriniskas, Andrius Paranavas, Indre Patkaciunas, Sonata Bancevicius, Lisa Utz, Laura Zownir, Raminta Kairiene, Danielle Cepas.

Our maintenance men, a.k.a. "Team Danger", Wally Dauginis, Arnas Jankauskas, Arturas Goloburda.

Our night guard Lukas Ashley made sure that we slept safely and peacefully.

Our amazing videographer, Andy Kaknevičius, is creating our wonderful camp video again this year.

THANK YOU!

Pope: 'May 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris promote esteem and harmony'



Games which promote peace and not war - The Games, the Pope suggested, promote peace and not war, acknowledging that it is in this spirit, "that antiquity wisely established a truce during the Games," a tradition that the modern era continues to revive.

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Enlightening rulers' consciences

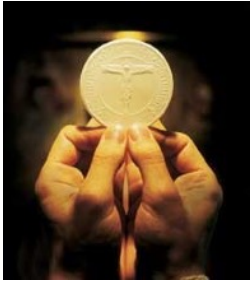
"May God enlighten the consciences of rulers about the grave responsibilities incumbent upon them," the Pope prayed, imploring Him to "grant success to the peacemakers in their endeavors," and bless them.

"Entrusting to Saint Genevieve and Saint Denis, Patrons of Paris, and to Our Lady of the Assumption, Patroness of France, the successful conduct of these Games," the Holy Father concluded, "I wholeheartedly grant you, Excellency, as well as all those who will participate, my Blessing."

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Nr. 31 (3558) August 4th, 2024

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself.

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The Lord gave them bread, bread from heaven.

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