



Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

***How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?***



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th of January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Tentative Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. or by appointment

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

FILIPINO MASS – Saturday, 17th August - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, 14th September – 11:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Resumes 29th September.

Children's Mass – Resumes in October.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – Resumes in

September

Monthly Coffee Social – 28th July

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Today's Hymns

Entrance: Gather Us In P
Offertory: In Every Age #696
Communion: Table of Plenty #761
Recessional: Sing A New Song #598

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones



The St. Joseph's Parish family takes this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May the loving Lord always be with you, and with your families.



Sunday – 4th August 2024

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing of the Church
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Servers
Music

Stefano Ausenda
Kathie Ausenda
Elizabeth Card
Annette Barclay
Seamus Stones
Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Eleanor Correia, Bernie & Eileen Davies, Jenny Woods; Jose Garcia, Evelyn Pinlac, Petra Caesar, and for Mary Maybury who is still in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 28th July

*Jose Miguel Arruda

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Saturday, 20 th July 11:00 a.m. Filipino Mass	13	122.00
Saturday 20 th July 4:00 p.m. (Reg)	6	55.00
(Main)		30.00
Sunday 21 st July 8:45 a.m. (Reg)	25	272.00
(Main)		178.00
TOTAL:	44	\$657.00

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Please join us in the Parish Centre after Mass this morning for our monthly COFFEE SOCIAL. All are welcome.

Fr Vivien Nuera, the pastor of St. Patrick's, will be celebrating the **Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Mass** at St. Joseph's on the following dates: 27th July, 3rd, 10th & 17th August.

Looking Ahead:

On the weekend of 17th/18th August the Diocese will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary that falls on Thursday the 15th August.

In September the Filipino Mass will be held on Saturday, 14th September (the 2nd Saturday) as there will also be a baptism that morning.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks, in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-18.

If you are unable to attend Mass on the weekend, please take a little time out to pray during the time of the Mass.

PASTOR'S POINT:

The theme of today's text is apparent in the refrain from the responsorial psalm, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs."

In the reading from the Second Book of Kings, the prophet Elisha uses twenty barley loaves to feed a hundred people, despite the doubts of his servant. The prophet knows that it will be more than enough: "For thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" Against this background, we read from John's Gospel of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish. This is one of the few miracles all four evangelists record in their respective Gospels.

The disciples Philip and Andrew, like Elisha's servant, are doubtful that the meagre amount will be enough. Elisha had twenty loaves; they only had five. Still, after everyone eats and is satisfied, twelve baskets are filled with the leftovers. The number 12 signifies the fullness of Israel: God has enough-more than enough-to satisfy the desires of all his people. The miraculous loaves also point beyond themselves to the true bread: Jesus, the bread from heaven, who feeds his people with His body. Think of the trillions upon trillions of hosts that has been distributed across planet earth from the Last Supper to today and beyond, trillions more hosts will be distributed until the coming of Jesus again.

Several numbers are prominent in the accounts of the miraculous meals (twenty, five, five thousand, twelve), but only the number one is noted in the Letter to the Ephesians. We read of: one body of Christ, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. The oneness of the saints points to the Bread of Life: the Body of Christ is Jesus' flesh and blood, the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and the unity Christians who partake of the bread. The Ephesians have been called to "the riches of [God's] glory in his inheritance among the holy ones" (1:18), and the apostle Paul urges them to be worthy of that calling through bearing patiently with one another in love.

God bless, keep cool and well hydrated,
Fr. Joe (acting) Pastor



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewardship

Sharing:

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important **Stewardship** messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

When I read this news, I thought that it perfectly fits the coming week in Bermuda.

The Vatican cricket team went to London for its tour to take on the England over 60s, St. Mary's University, and, in a highly anticipated match at Windsor Castle, the King Charles' squad. This was the tenth 'Light of Faith' tour of the Vatican cricket team since its formation in 2014. Previous destinations have included Portugal, Italy, Argentina, Kenya, Malta, Spain, and the UK. The aim of this year's trip was, as always, to promote dialogue and friendship between the Catholic Church and the host country. A post on the team's social media page spoke of "spreading the message of friendship, unity, and gospel hope."

The emphasis was also on the fact that the players, who are all seminarians and priests based in Rome, (this time all from India) were 'ambassadors' for Catholic priesthood. As the team's director, Fr. Eamonn O'Higgins, reminded the team at a meeting in Rome prior to departure, they may well be the only Catholic priests that many of those they interact with will ever meet.

The Vatican squad, officially St. Peter's Cricket Team, is part of *Athletica Vaticana*, an umbrella organisation bringing together all the Vatican's athletes. Earlier this year, Pope Francis thanked *Athletica Vaticana* for its commitment to "promoting fraternity, inclusion and solidarity", and for "bearing witness to the Christian faith among sportswomen and men". The Pope said, "In the particularly dark historical moment we are living, sport can build bridges, break down barriers, and foster peaceful relations."

Have a good Sunday and a relaxing Cup Match week!

Bishop Wes



May the best team win!

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Enjoy the holiday

Our Sunday Readings

2 KINGS 4:42-44
 PSALM 145:10-11, 15-18
 EPHESIANS 4:1-6
 JOHN 6:1-15

More Than Enough

2 KINGS 4:42-44

Reading closely

1. Why might the man bring Elisha these gifts?
2. Why do you think Elisha shares the food?
3. What might Elisha's servant think about all of this?
4. Why do you think Elisha is confident that there will be enough food for everyone?
5. How would you contrast the servant and Elisha?
6. Do you think the people know what has happened?

Living the word

7. How are you like the man from Baal-shalishah?
8. How are you like the servant?
9. How are you like Elisha?
10. How readily do you share what you have received?

THE FIRST READING

Elisha, man of God

Elisha became a prophet after Elijah was taken up to heaven (2 Kings 2:9-13). He worked wonders similar to his predecessor. For example, during a famine Elijah miraculously provided

bread for a widow, her son, and himself for a year when her food had almost run out (1 Kings 17:7f). In a similar way, Elisha uses a small amount of bread to feed a large group.

Thanking the true God

Elisha receives the food for reasons we aren't told and from a man who isn't named. We are told, however, that the man is from a town named after the Canaanite god, Baal. Baal was, among other things, the god of agriculture.

The man in this story, however, doesn't bring the first of his harvest to a temple dedicated to Baal. Instead, the man brings the first of his crops to a prophet of the LORD. The man seems to know that the god who should be thanked is the God of Israel.

Elijah, Elisha, and Jesus

In our Gospels Elijah is compared to John the Baptist and appears with Moses alongside Jesus. Although his successor is only mentioned once in the entire New Testament (Luke 4:27), Elisha was well-known to Jesus' fellow Jews. When they heard the Gospel passage we hear this Sunday, they would have immediately thought of Elisha.

JOHN 6:1-15

Reading closely

1. Why do you think Jesus leaves the area?
2. Why do you think Jesus goes up a mountain?
3. How does Jesus respond to the people?
4. Why do you think Jesus tests Philip?
5. What all might Philip be thinking?
6. How confident does Andrew sound when he mentions the food the boy has?
7. What might the boy say or do?
8. How do you think people react when they receive food?
9. What might the disciples think about all this?
10. What all do the people want from Jesus?
11. Why does Jesus leave?
12. What are similarities and differences between this story and the First Reading?

Living the word

13. For what do you hunger?
14. How do you fill yourself?
15. What are some differences between what you want from God and what God provides?

THE GOSPEL READING

Changing Gospels

Today we'll begin hearing from John 6. The context is the same as where we left off in Mark's Gospel, but John continues with a presentation of Jesus as the bread of life. The people who planned our cycle of readings chose these passages so that we could reflect on the Eucharist.

Pointing back

At the end of John 5 Jesus declares that Moses spoke about him. Moses received God's laws on Mount Sinai, instructed the people to gather the manna that God provided, and promised that God would send a prophet like him (Deuteronomy 18:15).

What God once revealed through Moses he now reveals in his own Son. The manna God sent from heaven now arrives in the flesh to feed people physically and spiritually. Moreover, Moses led God's people out of their enslavement in Egypt, but Jesus will liberate people from sin and death.

Giving thanks

In the customary Jewish fashion, Jesus gives thanks before distributing the food. His thanksgiving (in Greek, *eucharistia*) is the basis of our Eucharistic Prayer. While Jews continue to thank God for events like Passover, Christians thank God for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Losing nothing

Jesus tells his disciples to collect the food that's left. This food represents all that his Father has entrusted to him: Jesus won't waste even a fragment of what God has given him. The twelve baskets also represent the Twelve, the only disciples who remain with Jesus at the end of the chapter.

Not that kind of king

The people want a king who will ensure stability in their homeland. They want to grow their own food and live in safety. Jesus initially meets and even exceeds what they want from a leader. However, as Jesus explains in the rest of the chapter, he offers much more than physical sustenance.

PRAYER

from Jewish prayers for the sabbath meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, eternal King, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for you create the fruit of the earth.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, by whose word all things came to be.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, eternal king. You feed the whole world with your goodness,

with grace,

with loving kindness and with tender mercy.

Through your great goodness food has never failed us.

For all this, O Lord our God, we thank you and bless you.

Blessed be your name by the mouth of all the living, continually and forever.

Blessed be God!

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



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Monday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 13:1–11
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 4
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us... “Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.”

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