

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

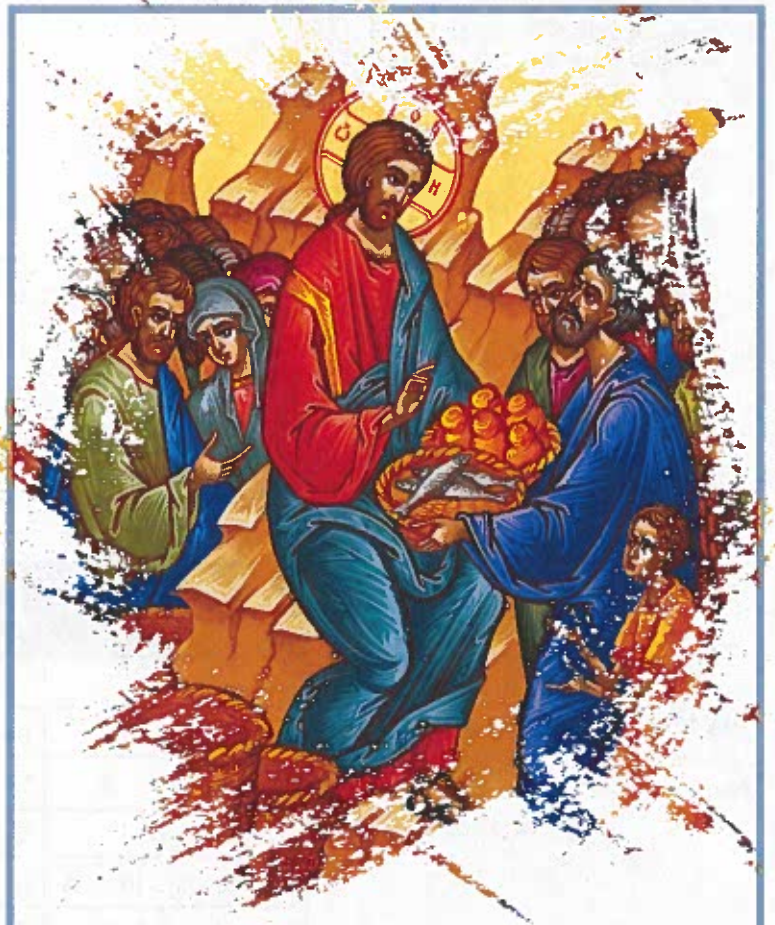
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THEN JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM. - JN 6:11

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS | 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD | LP



From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

7-18-2021.....	\$3,221
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$521
YTD Offertory.....	\$8,612
Budget.....	\$8,100
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$512
7-18-2021 Building Fund.....	\$285

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$71,088** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

The miracle performed by Elisha finds its perfect fulfillment in Jesus' feeding of the five thousand. He opens his hands and satisfies our deepest needs. In him we form one body.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1028

Hi Everyone!

This weekend marks the beginning of our long trudge through Jesus's Bread of Life discourse. For the next several weeks, our Gospels will be about the Eucharist. Personally, I find this the hardest chunk of the three year cycle for preaching! If I can't come up with something earth-shattering, please be patient! Or, even better, take some time during these weeks to learn about the Catholic Church's teaching on what the Eucharist really means!

I also want to extend a warm welcome to all our new UPike students and their families. It was really good to see you all at Mass last weekend. I hope everyone will make an effort to welcome our new students and make them feel at home at St. Francis.

Fr. Rob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 24	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, July 25	10:30 am Mass	+Max Tan
Monday, July 26	No Mass	
Tuesday, July 27	Noon Mass	For Politicians in Washington
Wednesday, July 28	Noon Mass	+Judy Schueneman
Thursday, July 29	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Friday, July 30	Noon Mass @St. George, Jenkins	
Saturday, July 31	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, August 1	10:30 am Mass	+Gertrude Osborne

Parish Calendar & Announcements



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all

that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IT'S ALL IN THE BASKET

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough. Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY - Social Friendship - We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

PRAYER REQUEST



Irma Hardesty

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Bryce Wolfe, friend of Lisa Scalf

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Steve McCoy, stroke, Lisa Scalf's Cousin

Ron Saros

Dave Such, Mollie Dawahare Such's father in law

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

Peggy Brown, Jennifer Brown Day's grandmother

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50

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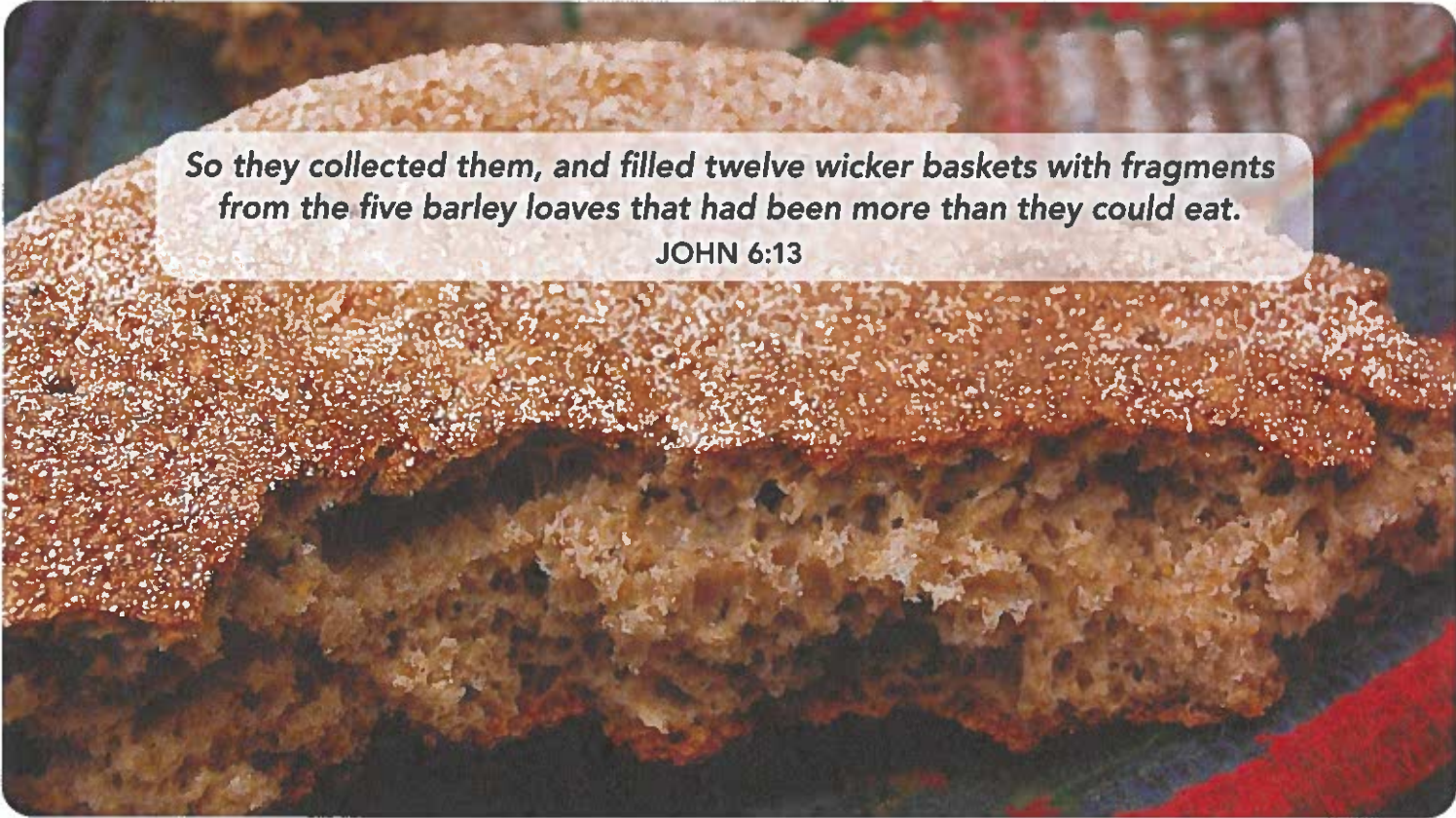
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So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

More than Enough

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Through which people in your life has God cared for you and met your needs?*
- ★ *How does God work through you to meet the needs of others in your life?*

vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Previously, this column said Mass should be offered in several languages so everyone can participate. There's an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of the vernacular. There's one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

Fundamentally, the Mass is meant to be inclusive, by its very nature! The primary purpose for eucharistic celebrations in both the ordinary form (vernacular) and extraordinary form (Latin) is to give glory to God in communion as God's people. This bears mentioning, since the Church's allowance of both forms of one Mass isn't meant to be divisive—although in practice, it can be.

Jesus and his followers likely spoke Aramaic, so the earliest communal gatherings to break bread were celebrated in their native tongue. Likewise, the Mass in its early development was offered in the vernacular—Greek. When Latin became the pervasive language of the people, the Mass switched to Latin. Thus, Mass in the vernacular is not a “barrier.” On the contrary, in allowing the Mass to be celebrated again in the language of the people, Pope Paul VI intended it “as a help in witnessing to and strengthening the unity of all” (Promulgation of the *Missale Romanum*, 1970).

Our unity as believers in one God, one Church, and one Mass is predicated on far more than a uniform language.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The Church] is not a fortress but a tent able to enlarge her space and give access to all. Either the Church “goes forth” or she is not a Church; either she is on a journey always widening her space so that everyone can enter, or she is not a Church.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 23, 2019



Calendar

Monday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

JULY 27

Weekday
Ex 33:7–11;
34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

JULY 28

Weekday
Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

JULY 29

St. Martha
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Friday

JULY 30

Weekday
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,
34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest
Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

AUGUST 1

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