

Pope Francis Angelus 21 July. 2024

The Gospel of today's liturgy (Mk 6:30-34) tells us that the apostles gather around Jesus after returning from their mission. They tell Him what they have accomplished. He then says to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." (v. 31). However, the people understand where they are headed and, when they get off the boat, Jesus finds the crowd waiting for Him. He feels compassion for them, and He begins to teach (cf. v. 34). So, on the one hand, there is an invitation to rest, and on the other, Jesus' compassion for the crowd. It is very beautiful to stop in order to meditate on Jesus' compassion. These may seem like two incompatible things, while they actually go together: resting and being compassionate. Let us look more closely.

Jesus is concerned about the disciples' tiredness. Perhaps He is aware of a danger that can also concern our lives and our apostolate. This danger can threaten us when, for instance, our enthusiasm in carrying out our mission or our work, as well as the roles and tasks entrusted to us, make us fall victims to a kind of activism which is overly concerned with things to do and with results, and this is a bad thing. We become overly preoccupied with the things to be done, overly preoccupied with results. It then happens that we become agitated and lose sight of what is essential. We risk exhausting our energies and falling into bodily and spiritual fatigue. This is an important warning for our life and for our society which is often held prisoner by haste, but also for the Church and pastoral service: brothers and sisters, let us beware of the *dictatorship of doing!* And this can also happen out of necessity, within our families, for example when the father has to be away for work to earn a living, thus having to sacrifice the time he could have spent with the family. Often, parents leave early in the morning when the children are still sleeping and return late in the evening when they are already in bed. And this is a social injustice. In families, fathers and mothers should have time to share with their children, to let love grow within their family and in order not to fall into the dictatorship of doing. Let us think about what we can do to help people who are forced to live in this way.

At the same time, the rest proposed by Jesus is not an escape from the world, a retreat into a merely personal well-being. On the contrary, when He is confronted with the bewildered people, He feels compassion. And so, from the Gospel, we learn that these two realities—*resting and being compassionate*—are linked: *only if we learn how to rest can we have compassion*. Indeed, it is only possible to have a compassionate gaze, which knows how to respond to the needs of others, if our heart is not consumed by the anxiety of doing, if we know how to stop and how to receive the Grace of God, in the silence of adoration.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, we can ask ourselves: am I able to stop during my days? Am I capable of taking a moment to be with myself and with the Lord, or am I always in a hurry, in a constant hurry for the things to do? Can we find some kind of an "inner desert" amidst the noise and activities of each day?

May the Holy Virgin help us to "rest in the Spirit" even in the midst of all daily activities, and to be available to and compassionate towards others.

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XVII SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in person.

Confirmations: TBC(20 October, 2024).

Marriage: Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

Confessions: Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Today's Gospel is the 'Loaves and the Fishes' according to St. John's Gospel. Jesus does a miracle in multiplying the food so that the crowd can be fed. As in last Sunday's Gospel Jesus shows His concern for the people. He does not want them to collapse from hunger and so He does the miracle. The gospel passage is from John 6 and it is called the "Bread of Life" discourse. Jesus is going to say that He is the bread of life and He is also going to talk about eating His body and drinking His blood. So there is an obvious connection with the miracle and the Eucharist. Before He multiplies the loaves he offers thanks. This is the literal translation of the Greek word 'Eucharisto'. Every mass then is a thanksgiving and also a miracle. In it the bread and wine become Christ's body and blood., and this comes about by giving thanks. Do you thank the Lord for your life and what He has done in it? Everyday the Lord is acting in the concrete events that make up your day. If you are attuned to it you can see the hand of the Lord each day and then you can give thanks. Strangely enough the more you begin to see your weaknesses and sins the more you can be grateful because these make you humble and you can see clearly the undeserved love that the Lord has for you. This can make you very grateful and this makes you joyful. If you are sad , usually, it comes from not seeing the love of the Lord for you.

May the Lord grant us all the grace to experience Him through the Eucharist and give us all a greater appreciation of it and thus to become grateful and joyful. People

Fr. Paul

HOLY DOOR

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In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.

DAILY MASS

Daily Mass in the summer will be in **St. Joseph's Room**, known also as the **Red Room**, next to the parish office.

Parish Events July 28-August 4

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am and 12:30pm

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
 05:30pm Daily Mass, St. Joseph, Red Room

Tuesday St. Peter Chrysologus

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
 05:30 pm Daily Mass, St. Joseph-Red Room.

Wednesday St. Ignatius of Loyola

05:00pm Confession near Holy Door
 05:30 pm Mass in Red Room.
 07:00pm All communities Word celebration in SMG

Thursday St. Alphonsus Liguori

05:00pm Confessions near Holy Door
 05:30pm Daily Mass in Red Room

Friday St. Peter Julian Eymard

04:00pm Adoration, Red Room
 05:30pm Daily Mass ,in Red Room

Saturday

05:30pm Mass in Church
 07:00pm Eucharist NCW



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