

Pope Francis Angelus 28 July. 2024

Today the Gospel of the Liturgy tells us about the miracle of the loaves and fishes (cf. *Jn* 6:1-15). A miracle, that is a “sign”, a “sign”, whose protagonists perform three gestures that Jesus will come to repeat at the Last Supper. What are these gestures? *Offering, giving thanks, and sharing.*

The first: *to offer.* The Gospel tells us about a boy who has five loaves and two fish (*Jn* 6:9). It is the gesture with which we acknowledge we have something good to give, and we say our “yes”, even if what we have is too little compared to what is needed. This is emphasized, during the Mass, when the priest offers the bread and wine on the altar, and each person offers himself, his own life. It is a gesture that may seem small, when we think of the immense needs of humanity, just like the five loaves and two fish in front of a crowd of thousands; but God makes it the material for the miracle, the greatest miracle there is – that in which He Himself makes Himself present among us, for the salvation of the world.

And so, we understand the second gesture: *giving thanks* (cf. *Jn* 6:11). The first gesture is *offering*, the second is *giving thanks*. It is saying to the Lord humbly, with also with joy: “All that I have is your gift, Lord, and to thank you I can only give back to you what You gave me first, together with your Son Jesus Christ, adding what I can; every one of us can add a little something. What can I give to the Lord? What little thing can I give? My feeble love”. To give... to say to the Lord, “I love you”; but we, poor things, our love is so small, but if we give it to the Lord, the Lord receives it. *Offering, giving thanks, and the third gesture is sharing.*

In the Mass, it is the Communion, when together we approach the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ: the fruit of everyone’s gift transformed by the Lord into food for all. It is a beautiful moment, that of communion, which teaches us to live every gesture of love as a gift of grace, both for those who give it and those who receive it.

Brothers, sisters, let us ask ourselves: do I truly believe that, by the grace of God, I have something unique to give to my brothers and sisters, or do I feel anonymously “one among many”? Am I active in giving good? Am I grateful to the Lord for the gifts with which He continuously manifests His love? Do I live sharing with others as a moment of encounter and mutual enrichment?

May the Virgin Mary help us to live every Eucharistic celebration with faith, and to recognize and savour every day the “miracles” of God’s grace.

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XVIII 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.

When I was a teenager amongst my friends someone would ask "Do you have any 'bread'?" By this they meant 'money'. In today's Gospel Jesus is saying do not be too concerned with that kind of bread. The people who dialogue with Jesus are very worldly people; a bit like you and me. They look at everything from that perspective just like you. It's true that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist but you still have to put food on the table and pay the rent and so on. Jesus however says something completely outrageous., "I am the Bread of life." Some people say , including a few theologians , that Jesus is just a good man. If Jesus is just a good man then he is a liar and so not a good man! If someone were to "I am the bread of life", you would take him to an insane asylum. So either Jesus is the bread of life or He is a fraud. It's black and white. But what is Jesus talking about? Surely it includes the Eucharist becoming His body and blood but there is something else. To be a Christian means that Jesus Christ becomes your life. You are called to have an intimate relationship with Him, that gives you life and life to the fullest. If you don't have such a thing then the Eucharist is the place to ask Him for such an intimacy. He is promising that everything else pales into insignificance compared to the Lord. You can have life, joy even in the middle of the crises and sufferings when Jesus becomes the bread of life for you

Let us pray to the Lord that Jesus can become the bread of life given for us out of pure love and gratuitousness for us all.

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 August 4-11

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

Tuesday	Feast of the Transfiguration
05:00pm	Confession near Holy Door
05:30 pm	Daily Mass, St. Joseph-Red Room.

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

Thursday	St. Dominic
05:00pm	Confessions near Holy Door
05:30pm	Daily Mass in Red Room

Friday	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
04:00pm	Adoration, Red Room
05:30pm	Daily Mass ,in Red Room

Saturday	St. Lawrence
05:30pm	Mass in Church
07:00pm	Eucharist NCW



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