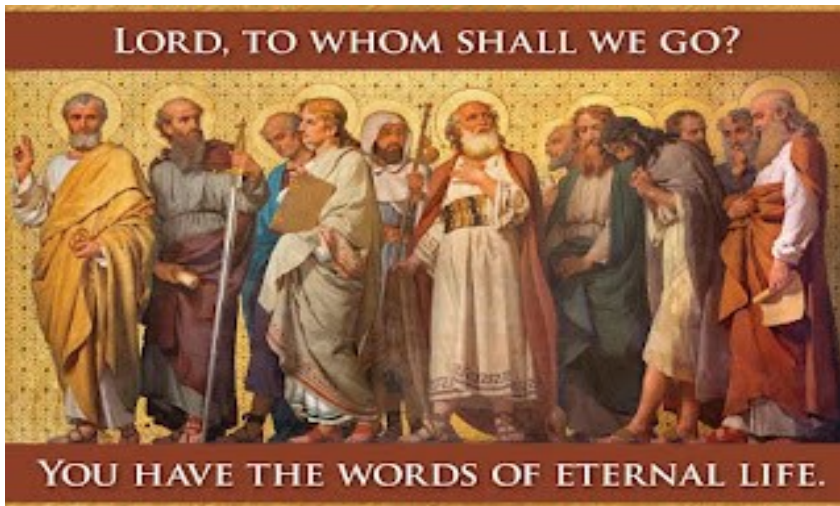


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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B' – AUGUST 25TH 2024
'WE ALSO WILL SERVE THE LORD, FOR HE IS OUR GOD' JOS, 24, 18



For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd

unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

XXI DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'B'

NOSOTROS SERVIREMOS AL SEÑOR, PORQUE ÉL ES NUESTRO DIOS

En nuestro Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la conclusión del “discurso del Pan de Vida” en el sexto capítulo del Evangelio de Juan. En los versículos anteriores, que hemos escuchado proclamar en nuestra liturgia durante las últimas semanas, hemos escuchado a Jesús explicar que él es el Pan de Vida, dado para que quienes creen puedan tener vida eterna. Este discurso sigue al milagro en el que Jesús alimentó a más de cinco mil personas con cinco panes de cebada y dos peces. Mientras Jesús enseñaba estas cosas, el Evangelio de Juan describe una multitud murmurante incapaz de aceptar las palabras de Jesús. En el Evangelio de hoy, la multitud ha disminuido en número y Juan ya no hace referencia a ellos ni a los judíos. En cambio, Juan describe el cuestionamiento de aquellos considerados como los propios discípulos de Jesús.

El Evangelio de hoy registra primero la respuesta de aquellos en la multitud que son descritos como discípulos de Jesús. Así como la multitud más grande había luchado con la enseñanza de Jesús, estos discípulos tampoco pueden aceptar las palabras de Jesús. Se dice que Jesús sabe acerca de sus murmuraciones. Jesús responde reconociendo su incredulidad y reiterando que sólo los elegidos por el Padre seguirán a Jesús hasta el final. El Evangelio de Juan informa que muchos de los que habían sido discípulos de Jesús dejaron de seguirlo en ese momento. El número de personas que seguían a Jesús disminuyó de una multitud de más de 5.000 a sólo 12 personas. Y es a estos Doce a quienes Jesús dirige ahora su atención.

La respuesta de Simón Pedro a la pregunta de Jesús sobre si los más cercanos a él también se irán, nos recuerda los relatos de la confesión de fe de Pedro en los Evangelios sinópticos. Pedro anuncia, en nombre de todos los Doce, que han llegado a creer todo lo que Jesús ha enseñado sobre sí mismo: Jesús es aquel de Dios en quien han encontrado el camino a la vida eterna.

Esta conclusión del discurso del Pan de Vida se centra en la fe personal en la vida del discipulado cristiano. Cada persona debe hacer su propio juicio sobre quién es Jesús y, al hacerlo, determinar el camino de vida que seguirá. La gracia de Dios nos invita a ser discípulos de Jesús, pero cada uno debe responder a la gracia de Dios y confesar como propia la fe en que Jesús es el que viene de Dios. Esta fe nos compromete entonces en el camino de la vida, que nos conduce a la vida eterna.

POPE FRANCIS: LIVING THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US SPREAD HOLINESS



Pope Francis said Wednesday the person who lives with joy his anointing in the sacrament of confirmation cannot help but spread the fragrance of holiness in the Church and the world. “We know that, unfortunately, sometimes Christians do not spread the fragrance of Christ, but the bad odor of their own sin,” the pope also warned during the general audience Aug. 21, adding that “sin turns us into bad oil.” In his catechesis, Pope Francis recalled the baptism of Christ, when “the very Spirit descended on Jesus.” Christians, he explained, are “anointed in imitation of Christ,” as St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote in his [Mystagogical Catecheses](#).

The pope recited the prayer said by the bishop when he consecrates the chrism oil on Holy Thursday: “May those formed into a temple of your majesty by the holiness infused through this anointing and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you.” “A person who lives his anointing with joy gives fragrance to the Church, gives fragrance to the community, gives fragrance to his family,” the pontiff said. Quoting from St. Paul’s

Letter to the Galatians, Francis said, “the fragrance of Christ emanates from the ‘fruits of the Spirit,’ which are ‘love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.’”

“It’s beautiful to find a good person, a faithful person, a meek person, not proud,” he commented. Sin, the pope emphasized, “must not distract us from the commitment of realizing, as far as we are able and each in their own environment, this sublime vocation of being the good fragrance of Christ in the world.” “Let us ask the Holy Spirit to make us more conscious [of being] anointed, anointed by him,” he concluded.

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in
Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 24th — Sep. 1st 2024

Sat. Vigil Aug. 24th 4:30: - **Health of Art Taylor**
7:00 pm Misa en Cachagua (37200 Nason Rd. # 9:

+ **Maurilio y + Rosa Salinas Ramirez;**
+ **Rosario, y + Ofelia Solano Gonzalez;**
+ **Ema Solano, +Adam y +Fabiola.**

Sun. Aug. 25th 9:00 - **Helen & Angelo Russo**
(40th Wedding Anniv)

11:15 + **Emilio Julian-Magana**

Wed. Aug. 28th 12:00: + **Sebastian Reny**

Thu. Aug. 29th 12:00 + **Ray Ramos**

Fri. Aug. 30th 12:00: + **Carl Noto**

Sat. Aug. 31st 4:30: + **Jesus Dorantes (17th Anniv)**

Sun. Sep. 1st 9:00: + **Missy Read**

11:00: + **Rev. John McSweeney**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 17th & 18th: \$

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

Angelica Lozano

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Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Michele Higa (1st year) Susan Franks (2nd year) Jennifer Bodner Supply teacher:
- **Confirmation:** Alondra Klemek (1st year).
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** Derwin Borling

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Trudy Dowd

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: AUG. 25TH:
SAINT JODPEH CALASANZ,
PRIEST AND FOUNDER.

Joseph, who was born on September 11, 1556, grew up in a wealthy family in Spain. He was especially troubled about children with little means who were growing up in violent surroundings with no hope for a good future or for Christian training. So Joseph opened free schools in Europe. Getting good teachers was difficult. First, Pope Clement VIII and then Pope Paul V encouraged Joseph in his forming of a religious order of men to staff the schools called the Piarists. Then attacks began. When students from private schools switched to free schools, their former teachers were angry. Many rich people were threatened by the thought of underprivileged people learning new ideas. These powerful people tried to stop the free schools.



Even worse, members of his own order began to campaign against him. These men so convinced the pope that something might be wrong within the order that, at the age of 86, Joseph was arrested and had to stand trial before the Holy Office. As a result, Joseph's work was stopped, and the members of his order became part of the regular diocese. In spite of all this, Joseph protected his persecutors from the angry comments of others. He never lost hope that one day his religious order would be restored and poor children would be served through it. On August 25, 1648, Joseph died in Rome. Twenty years later, Pope Clement IX completely restored the order.

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EVENT CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

First Friday Adoration. Sep. 6th.
12:30pm—5:30pm.

Sun. Sep. 8th **Ministry Fair.** After all the weekend Masses. Sign Up to be part of our Ministries. We need your help!

Catechetical Sunday Sep. 15th. Blessing of the Catechists at the 9:00 am Mass. Beginning of

God Incidents IV—More True Stories of God Working in the Lives of Catholics is coming.

OLMC parishioner and author, Thomas Lukes, is seeking "storytellers" for his fourth book in the series. If you have a story that you are willing to share for publication in his next book, you can contact him at

ShareGodIncidents@gmail.com.

He will interview you and then write your story for your review. All money raised after expenses will help to support Religious Formation programs in the diocese. To date, more than \$16,000 has been raised.

