

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 19, 2022

Gospel

Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured.

As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

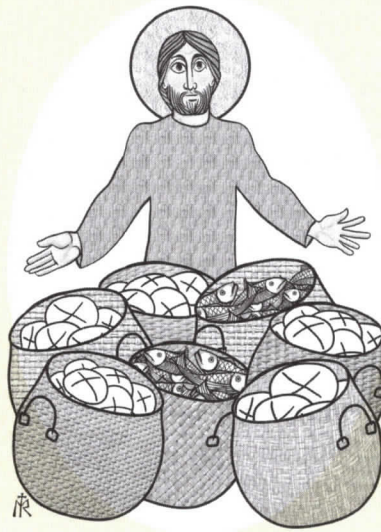
He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves."

They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

Now the men there numbered about five thousand.

Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."

They did so and made them all sit down.

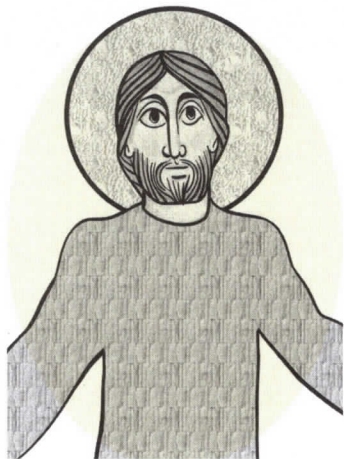


Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Readings for the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	13th Sunday
Body and Blood				Nativity of St. John	Sacred Heart		in Ord. Time
Gen 14:18-20	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3	Isa 49:1-6	Ezek 34:11-16	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4	Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13	Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11	Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40	Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15	Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6	Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21	Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Cor 11:23-26	Matt 7:1-5	Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11	Matt 7:15-20	Acts 13:22-26	Rom 5:5b-11	Luke 2:41-51	Gal 5:1, 13-18
Luke 9:11b-17		Matt 7:6, 12-14		Luke 1:57-66, 80	Luke 15:3-7		Luke 9:51-62



Opening Prayer

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

What we celebrate today is God's hospitality in the gift of Jesus, shared with the world in his personal fullness, in his "body and blood." Luke's account of the feeding of the five thousand is situated in the part of his gospel that focuses on mission (9:1-50), and it can be seen as symbolic of the outreach of the church. The Twelve tell Jesus to send the crowd away to find shelter and food, but Jesus challenges them: "Give them some food yourselves." Having just completed their first missionary field work of preaching, healing, and exorcising, the apostles are now called to partnership with Jesus in another apostolic mission: feeding the hungry crowds.

Luke obviously wants his community, and all hearers of the gospel, to connect this meal with the feeding traditions of his ancestors: the miraculous manna in the wilderness (Exod 16:15) and the story of Elisha who fed a smaller crowd with loaves of bread, some of which were left over (2 Kgs 4:42-44). Into this past, the present of the gospel Bethsaida and all our eucharistic "Bethsidas" are gathered.

When the fragments of the meal are collected, they fill twelve baskets. But one thing is needed: hands to give the food to the people. The church, guided by the Spirit, needs a creative conversation with the words of Jesus at Bethsaida about the present shortage of ordained ministers to feed the hungry people of God and the right of the people to have access to the Eucharist. There are other "Bethsaida" questions this gospel prompts. How are we to celebrate Eucharist in a world wounded by so much injustice? Before Jesus fed the people, he taught and healed and exorcised. What are the paralyzing hungers of people who are physically starving, spiritually deprived, or psychologically damaged that we need to feed?

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. You yourself are gift to us, and you provide for our every need beyond compare. Take all anxiety from our hearts and fill us with your peace as we remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- What are your own experiences of breaking bread with others? Why are these opportunities so significant?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
06/18/22 to 06/19/22

Financials: 06/06/22 – 06/12/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2784.00 Over \$384.00	
In Church	\$	1754 .00
Mail In	\$	00.00
On Line Giving	\$	1030.00

This weekend Second Collection is for Peter’s Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

Duane & Cora Molina volunteered to represent St. Ann’s Church at the Holy Ghost Feast on Sunday, June 5th and participate in the Pancit Challenge. They won the PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD! CONGRATULATIONS! – Mahalo for representing St. Ann’s!

This Tuesday is Bread Day, June 21st – pick up from 8 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are requested to start on Monday, June 20th at 4:30 pm. Help will be needed to configure the hall for this endeavor after Sunday Mass. Mahalo for your kokua and support in all ways.

We celebrate Father's Day this weekend:

A father's love is unconditional just as Jesus' love for us.

He never stops caring, nurturing, loving and worrying.

He carries that love for his child with him throughout his life.

Just as Jesus carries our burdens, a father's love never stops.

So thank you for always being there, always teaching, always loving, always caring.

Fathers, please come forward for a Blessing...

Have a Blessed Week!