

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Quite a few years back, I was in need of a quick getaway. I had been working hard in my parish and since I was the only priest in a parish with a mission attached, I needed a break. I decided to make a mini-retreat at a hermitage out in the middle of a ranch not too far from Freer, TX. The quarters I was given to stay in were in a very rustic wooden house situated by itself and not too far from the main complex. I was told by the priest who operated the place that the house had a little food that I could use as I saw fit.

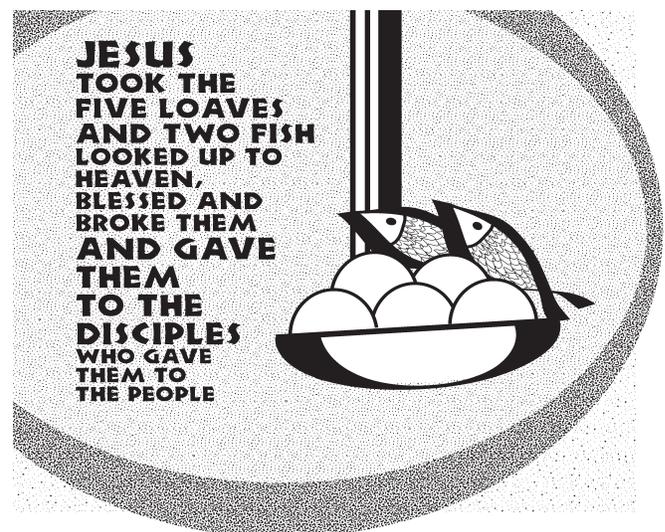
When I arrived at the house, I took a look around at my accommodations and noticed that it was indeed quite rustic. It sat in a clearing of tall grass graced by a few mesquite trees and other types of brush. Inside the house, the furnishings were fairly simple, yet comfortable, but the place had obviously not been used much. It could've used a good cleaning. A lot of light shone through the windows and the weather was rather hot and dry. The air conditioning sort-of worked. I could hear the raucous sounds of the cicadas and other bugs outside, but it nevertheless left me with a sense of calm. There was something very basic and simple about the whole experience. Being that primitive camping was one of my favorite past-times, I decided I would embrace the whole thing.

Since I had not eaten much before arriving, I opted to see what kind of food I could manage to throw together. I discovered that there was some canned food and other non-perishables in the pantry, along with a little water and milk in the refrigerator. There really wasn't much to work with. I had just made a rather long journey to get there, so heading back to the nearest town for supplies wasn't on my plans. So, if I remember correctly, I opened a can of ranch-style beans and some peas to heat up. I found some crackers and some jelly, and I'm not sure what else. My memory doesn't serve me too well. I had to chuckle a bit because when I spoke with the priest/hermit, I imagined there might be a little more of a selection of food to choose from.

In the end, I didn't have the most nutritious of meals, but it was just enough to tame my hunger. The next day, I basically scrounged up enough food again to keep my hunger pangs at bay. It was quite an experience of austerity, but in some ways, it turned out to be a spiritually enriching time. In the end, the minimal amount of food turned out to be plenty to keep me satisfied. It also gave me a more acute sense of how God cares for me and how God provides for our most basic needs. I obviously could've gone into town to fill my belly, but I opted to rely upon what had been provided for me. It was truly a blessing in disguise.

When we learn to embrace our situations, it is amazing how God changes everything for Good. When we consider Jesus in the scriptures, it seems that the words we read don't always fully capture his sentiments. When we read the gospel today, for instance, it tells us that Jesus saw the vast crowd and that his heart was "moved with pity for them". It is a simple phrase, but it doesn't really grab us unless we use a little imagination to realize the great compassion of our Lord. After Jesus heard the news of the death of his cousin John the Baptist, he was upset and went off to be in a place of quiet for a while. His intention was to recollect in the wake of a terrible tragedy, but it turned out that he was faced with a crowd clamoring to see him. Despite his own sadness he couldn't help but be moved by the desperation of the crowd. Foregoing his own desire for quiet, he responded to their needs. By the evening, his heart went out to them because he knew they were hungry. He chose to perform a miracle of great love and compassion by multiplying the loaves and fishes to feed the throng.

His compassion and care is not limited to the people of times gone by, but he satisfies our needs too. More importantly, he supplies



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our inner needs with spiritual food. It didn't take long for the Church to see that the incident of the multiplication of loaves and fishes was foreshadowing of the Eucharist. God always provides for us and he meets our most basic needs, particularly in giving us heavenly food to meet the deepest longings of our hearts. In this time of heavy trial with the pandemic enveloping us, let us not forget to be attuned to God's providential care. We don't need the most elaborate or luxurious conditions to satisfy us. We simply need the providential care of God and more importantly, the Eucharistic food to supply our deepest yearnings.

### **First Friday Healing Mass**

Due to the current guidelines in place for Covid-19, we are unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on the first Friday of each month at this time. We will resume the healing Mass as soon as the threat of infection has been lifted.

### **† May She Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Maria T. "Terry" Garza, whose funeral Mass was held here this past week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

### **Elizabeth Hinojosa Named School Principal**

We are very pleased to announce that we have named Elizabeth Hinojosa as our School Principal. Elizabeth, who was assistant principal at the beginning of last school year, stepped into the role of Interim Principal in January of this year. Elizabeth is an alumnus of St. Pius X School and a member of our parish. We commend her for an incredible performance these past few months in boosting our school and facing some unprecedented challenges in providing education for our school children as the wave of the pandemic struck. She has been exceptional in planning for the new year and addressing the various protocols that are needed to educate our children safely. Not only has she been a terrific advocate for our school, she has propelled it forward by leaps and bounds with regard to technological advances. She will be able to continue the great Blue Jay culture that has been the mark of our school throughout the years.

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Parish Office Hours:

*Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM*

### **Schedule of Services**

*Masses: First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

*First Saturday: 8:15AM*

*Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.*

*Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM*

*Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM*

*(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)*

*Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,*

*Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM*

*Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)*

*Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM and Thursdays 7-8PM*

*Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.*

*Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.*

*Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays*

## SPX School Year Beginning Soon

We are so excited that a new school year is about to begin! Even though we have made adjustments to the start of the year for online learning due to the Covid-19 situation, we look forward to great kick-off. We are still accepting enrollment of students and would love to have them as a part of our Blue Jay Family! We would like to thank our Principal, Elizabeth Hinojosa, and the many good teachers and staff that we have for the hard work they have put in to making adjustments and for the excellent program of online learning that is put in place. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence in Catholic education!

## Religious Education Coordinator

As we offer our farewell to Sr. Barbara Netek, IWBS and thank her for her many years coordinating our religious education program, we are working on a replacement for her position as director of religious education. Please pray for us as we search for a new coordinator. We will be working on a plan for our religious education instruction in the days ahead, and we will be making preparations for Confirmation instruction as well. God bless!

## Guidelines/Procedures When Attending Mass

Please observe the following guidelines and procedures:

Before You Arrive

- Be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- **Face masks are strongly encouraged**
- Check your temperature before leaving your home.

Upon Arriving

- Enter only through the front doors from the parking lot on the Gollihar Road side.
- Everyone should maintain 6 feet of distance between them, but families may sit together.

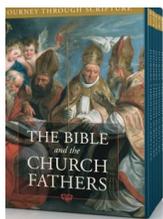
During Mass

- If wearing a mask, we encourage you to keep your face mask on during the Mass.
- You may place your weekly gift in a basket in the vestibule of the church before or after Mass. We encourage you to practice online giving.
- For distribution of communion, maintain proper distancing from the person in front and behind you. Receive communion on your ungloved hand.

Departing Mass

- All are asked to depart Mass in an orderly fashion starting from the rear of the church while maintaining 6 feet of distance from others.

## Adult Faith Formation – Fall Session



The Bible and the Church Fathers from Dr. Scott Hahn's St. Paul Center at Steubenville University. In *The Bible and the Church Fathers*, you'll learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture.

- The Bible and the Church Fathers will teach you everything you need to know about how the Bible took form.
- You'll learn powerful tools for reading it, and
- You'll understand Scripture's relationship to Tradition and, in

particular, to the sacraments.

This program begins September 1st & 3rd and runs for 12 weeks: Tuesday evening sessions are from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and Thursday afternoon sessions are from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. All classes will be in the Youth Center where there is plenty of room for proper distancing.

## Comings and Goings

*The Week at a Glance*



### Sunday, August 2nd

- 8:00AM – Mass
- 10:00AM – Mass – CH
- 5:30PM – Mass – CH
- 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass – CH

### Monday, August 3rd

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

### Tuesday, August 4th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

### Wednesday, August 5th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 5:30PM – Mass – CH

### Thursday, August 6th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 7:00PM – Adoration – CH

- 7:15-7:50PM – Confessions – PH

### Friday, August 7th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 5:30PM – Mass – CH

- 7:00PM – Santo Niño Mass – CH

### Saturday, August 8th

- 8:15AM – Mass – CH

- 4:00-5:00PM – Confessions – PH

- 5:30PM – Vigil Mass – CH

### Sunday, August 9th

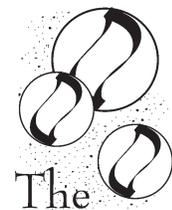
- 8:00AM – Mass – CH

- 10:00AM – Mass – CH

- 11:00AM – Private Baptism – CH

- 5:30PM – Mass – CH

- 7:30PM – Vietnamese Mass – CH



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**Deadline for submitting  
bulletin announcements is  
Wednesday's @ 12:00noon**

**Mass Intentions** 

**Saturday, August 1st**

8:15AM † Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly  
 5:30PM † Juliet Ordener Johnson by Sandra & Randy Ordener

**Sunday, August 2nd**

8:00AM For the Parishioners  
 10:00AM † Jesusa Ramirez by Irma Ramirez  
 † Stella Campos Annv. by her family  
 5:30PM † Raul Saenz by Anita Saenz

**Monday, August 3rd**

8:15AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by KKH

**Tuesday, August 4th**

8:15AM † Victor Matula by All & Adelle Hesse

**Wednesday, August 5th**

8:15AM † Francis V. Mansheim by Joanie Whitmire  
 † Jose E. Salinas by his family  
 † Jeanne Baish by her family  
 † James W. Kelly & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly  
 Julian Liam Galloway's health by Grampa  
 † Gabriel Hinojosa by David & Beth Hinojosa  
 5:30PM † Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly  
 † Alex Garcia, Jr. by Donald & Susan Taft  
 In gratitude to S. Heart of Jesus by Florentino T. Sheldon, Jr.

**Thursday, August 6th**

8:15AM † Jovita Reyes Annv. by Delfina McHugh

**Friday, August 7th**

8:15AM † Raymond Richter by David & Barbara Brown  
 † Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly  
 † Roberto Peña by Carolyn Consuelo  
 † Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.  
 5:30PM † Deacon Stan Millsap by Muenster fam./Catherine Shaw  
 † Frank & Betty Kollaja by Carol & Jerry Nemeč  
 † Sid Duerr by Dottie Hill-Duerr  
 Sultanas' Intentions  
 In gratitude to St. Jude by Florentino T. Sheldon, Jr.  
 Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly  
 John C., Kelly's well-being by James Kelly  
 James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly

**Saturday, August 8th**

5:30PM † Emil & Marie Habeeb by Vicki, Camille & Linda

**Sunday, August 9th**

8:00AM † Patricia Janosek by the Janosek family  
 10:00AM † Frances Marsden by Bill Marsden  
 † Cynthia Schuman by Mary Morin  
 5:30PM For the Parishioners

**Financial Report for Sunday 7/26/2020**

Operating Revenue:  
 Sunday Collection..... \$8,868.00  
 Sunday Online ..... \$5,332.00  
 Other..... \$510.00  
 Total Operating Revenue... \$14,710.00

Other Contributions:  
 Acts of Charity ..... \$570.00  
 Church in Africa ..... \$135.00  
 Total Other Contributions..... \$705.00

Total Contributions..... \$15,415.00

**Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs  
 (1/6/2017)**

Amount borrowed ..... \$389,469.05  
 Principal pd (6/30/20) ..... \$145,656.39  
 Ending balance..... \$243,812.66

**Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:**

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, John Buckner, Jimmy Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Carlos Cardenas, Allison Cash, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Sabrina Cisneros, Gino Colmenero, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Didra DeLosSantos, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Ethel Dulak, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Balde Espinoza, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Raquel Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Felix Guerra, Jr., Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Doyle Harris, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, George Hoelscher, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Mario Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher Manka, Dottie Margrave, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Katie Mechlar, Barbara Mikulik, Fred Mitchell, Melynda Moore, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sam Morris, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Leo M. Robles, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Myron Rose, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Hidalgo Salas, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, David N. Scherzer, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Clara Skelton, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Donna Tindall, Andrew Trevino, Bessie Vasquez, Leah Villalobos, Santana Villarreal, Judy West, Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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