

# MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

## **PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!**

*Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:*

I pray that all who joined with me for Mass last weekend were able to enter into the “homework” assignment that I doled out. To be able to reflect upon the circumstances that precede the scriptures we have for Mass helps to put into clearer vision what we hear at church. As you have heard this weekend, we take an off ramp on the scriptural journey of cycle B to head into the Holy Word of God that Holy Mother Church has set aside for this weekend’s Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. The disruption of the Bread of Life Discourse that we have been focusing upon from John’s gospel may be a bit disconcerting. Some of you may be questioning why this happens with this solemnity? Long discussion – short, this solemnity, though it places attention upon the Blessed Mother, is really centered upon Christ due to the whole underlying tenor of the scriptures and prayers that draw upon our Lord Jesus and the role that Mary has played in the whole plan of our redemption. Thus, our celebration of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary comes about because of the Christ-centered nature of Mary’s life.

**As a bit of help with the continuity of the Sunday scriptures that would have been our focus today, you can go to the gospel of John 6: 51 – 58 to make connection with last Sunday’s gospel to continue to reflect upon the continuing message Jesus has been sharing regarding the Bread of Life which would have been our hearing this day.**

I have been stewing about something that happened at the conclusion of the 9:30 Mass at Holy Name as I was greeting those who attended Mass. Some of you may have been witness to a moment where I really lost my composure. I apologize for that. As you know from the reference I made in the homily regarding the Bishops of our country taking up the task of working on a document that is meant to clarify and teach the truth of the Holy Eucharist, an individual questioned why there was no reference made regarding a recent incident with an official of the USCCB that was found to have been using certain “apps” for questionable purposes. **(If you are not clear as to what I am referencing, you can go to USCCB.org, the website for the National Catholic Register, the website for Catholic News Services, or the website for Catholic New York and look back in the archives.)**

As I look back over the outflow of the incident, I realize I reacted in the typical human way that too many of us have been exposed to or have morphed into ourselves. Our Lord Jesus has given us a truly powerful example to use when just such an incident occurs. **John 8: 1-11 speaks volumes when He was approached to offer an opinion regarding the woman caught in the act of adultery. Jesus simply bent down and wrote on the ground. I realize I should have done the same. Let the one who is without sin be the first to cast the stone.** Too many stones are being cast via the means of social media in all forms because social media hides, very conveniently, the sins of the casting parties. I realize I missed a moment to act as Jesus would have and I am sorry but I will be ready when the next moment comes and I pray you can do the same as well.

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

*Fr. Mike*