



The Gathering of the Manna
James Tissot (1836-1902)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be hearing from the 6th chapter of the Gospel of St. John during Sunday Mass which contains the "Bread of Life" discourse of Jesus Christ which He delivered after having fed the 5000 with 5 barley loaves. During these next few weeks, please enjoy excerpts of the sermons given by the Fathers of the Church on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

St. Augustine, SERMON 272 ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST TO THE NYOPHYTES, ON THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

One thing is seen, another is to be understood. What you can see on the altar, you also saw last night; but what it was, what it meant, of what great reality it contained the sacrament, you had not yet heard. So what you can see, then, is bread and a cup; that's what even your eyes tell you; but as for what your faith asks to be instructed about, the bread is the body of Christ, the cup the blood of Christ. It took no time to say that indeed, and that, perhaps, may be enough for faith; but faith desires instruction. The prophet says, you see, Unless you believe, you shall not understand (Is 7:9). I mean, you can now say to me, "You've bidden us believe; now explain, so that we may understand." Some such thought as this, after all, may cross somebody's mind: "We know where our Lord Jesus Christ took flesh from; from the Virgin Mary. He was suckled as a baby, was reared, grew up, came to man's estate, suffered persecution from the Jews, was hung on the tree, was slain on the tree, was taken down from the tree, was buried; rose again on the third day, on the day he wished ascended into heaven. That's where he lifted his body up to; that's where he's going to come from to judge the living and the dead; that's where he is now, seated on the Father's right. How can bread be his body? And the cup, or what the cup contains, how can it be his blood?" The reason these things, brothers and sisters, are called sacraments is that in them one thing is seen, another is to be understood. What can be seen has a bodily appearance, what is to be understood provides spiritual fruit. So if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the apostle telling the faithful, You, though, are the body of Christ and its members (1 Cor 12:27). So if it's you that are the body of Christ and its members, it's the mystery meaning you that has been placed on the Lord's table; what you receive is the mystery that

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 August 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Wednesday

NO MASS SCHEDULED



A Good Man is Hard to Find Book Group

UPDATE: The 2 hour book group meeting will take place at **Immaculate Conception parish hall** at 6pm on **Wednesday, August 18th**. Please [note the change in date and location.](#)

Many apologies for the conflicting information!

Bishop Vetter's Prayer Request

Please pray for rain, and for the safety of fire fighters! Thank you.



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means you. It is to what you are that you reply Amen, and by so replying you express your assent. What you hear, you see, is The body of Christ, and you answer, Amen. So be a member of the body of Christ, in order to make that Amen true.

So why in bread? Let's not bring anything of our own to bear here, let's go on listening to the apostle himself, who said, when speaking of this sacrament, One bread, one body, we being many are (1 Cor 10:17). Understand and rejoice. Unity, truth, piety, love. One bread; what is this one bread? The one body which we, being many, are. Remember that bread is not made from one grain, but from many. When you were being exorcised, it's as though you were being ground. When you were baptized it's as though you were mixed into dough. When you received the fire of the Holy Spirit, it's as though you were baked. Be what you can see, and receive what you are. That's what the apostle said about the bread. He has already shown clearly enough what we should understand about the cup, even if it wasn't said. After all, just as many grains are mixed into one loaf in order to produce the visible appearance of bread, as though what holy scripture says about the faithful were happening: They had one soul and one heart in God (Acts 4:32); so too with the wine. Brothers and sisters, just remind yourselves what wine is made from; many grapes hang in the bunch, but the juice of the grapes is poured together in one vessel. That too is how the Lord Christ signified us, how he wished us to belong to him, how he consecrated the sacrament of our peace and unity on his table. Any who receive the sacrament of unity, and do not hold the bond of peace, do not receive the sacrament for their benefit, but a testimony against themselves. Turning to the Lord, God the Father almighty, with pure hearts let us give him sincere and abundant thanks, as much as we can in our littleness; beseeching him in his singular kindness with our whole soul, graciously to hearken to our prayers in his good pleasure; also by his power to drive out the enemy from our actions and thoughts, to increase our faith, to guide our minds, to grant us spiritual thoughts, and to lead us finally to his bliss; through Jesus Christ his Son. Amen.

Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller, Caroline Hummel.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for August

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Hayden Petterson, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, Alex Ramirez, James Semling.

Saint John Vianney Feast Day August 4th

Novena to St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney, you exemplified what a holy priest of Christ should be. Your patience and fortitude in the confessional demonstrated the mercy of God to the penitents who sought forgiveness for their sins.

Like Christ, you were gracious and merciful, yet also you called your flock to repentance and amendment of life. Help me through your powerful intercession along the path to sanctity that our Lord has prepared for me.

In particular, I ask that you obtain for me the graces of (mention your intention here). Amen.

Daily Novena Prayers

Day 1 - July 27: God, you raised up humble St. John Vianney to show what one priest can do. Pour out your graces upon my parish priest, and all priests, that they follow the saint's example. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 2 - July 28: Jesus, St. John Vianney was a priest after your own priesthood. Give me the courage to proclaim and live the Gospel boldly, as he did. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 3 - July 29: Lord, St. John Vianney sat in the confessional for hours on end. Help me go to Confession frequently and make good confessions, so that I might overcome my faults and grow in holiness. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

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Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31st

Vigil of The 18th Sunday in OT

Rest of the Soul of Jules Clavadetscher

Sunday, August 1st

18th Sunday in OT

Rest of the Souls of Richard and Louise Cole

/Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, August 4th

NO MASS SCHEDULED



18th Sunday OT

Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Collect:

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Readings:

Ex 16:2-4,12-15
Ps. 78:3-4,23-24,25,54
Eph 4:17,20-24
Jn 6:24-35

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1394 *As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him:*

Since Christ died for us out of love, when we celebrate the memorial of his death at the moment of sacrifice we ask that love may be granted to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit. We humbly pray that in the strength of this love by which Christ willed to die for us, we, by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, may be able to consider the world as crucified for us, and to be ourselves as crucified to the world.... Having received the gift of love, let us die to sin and live for God.



RETROUVAILLE: A Lifeline for Marriages

4 Stages of Marriage - (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening.** If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact

Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For more information about an upcoming [VIRTUAL ONLINE](#) Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples beginning September 16th, contact the registration team at: 406-761-4830 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name *Fr. Kevin Christofferson*.

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Day 4 - July 30: St. John Vianney, you were gentle with sinners who came to you, seeking the forgiveness of God. Pray that I may be merciful to those who sin against me, and forgive them, remembering how much our Lord has forgiven me of. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 5 - July 31: St. John Vianney, you spent hours in prayer, in quiet contemplation, and so were molded into the shape of Jesus Christ. Help me to learn to pray better and spend time in silence with God. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 6 - August 1: St. John Vianney, you prized purity of heart highly and led others to purity. Obtain for me the graces I need to conquer all sins against holy purity and resist temptations against this great virtue. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 7 - August 2: St. John Vianney, you lived for Heaven and the Beatific Vision with the Holy Trinity, encouraging your flock to do the same. Pray for me, that I won't be choked by the cares and worries of this world, but will keep my eyes firmly set on Heaven's unending joy. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 8 - August 3: St. John Vianney, you fervently received Jesus in the Eucharist at each Mass you celebrated. Pray that I am kept free from mortal sin and obtain for me a share in the devotion with which you received Jesus in the Sacrament. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

Day 9 - August 4: Holy priest of Ars, your coming to that town was like a spiritual avalanche in a time of great persecution and darkness. Pray for us that in our dark time, the light of Christ shines forth from us and shows the way to Heaven for all to see. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saint Paul Street Evangelization At the Farmers' Market



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Ronan: Thursdays
Please call Linda Dorrington
(406-596-1460) for more info.

Polson: Fridays
Please see sign up sheet in the sacristy.

Knitting Group



Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!

Parish Softball

If you are interested in joining our parish summer softball team, come to practice on Sundays at 4:00PM at the Cherry Valley school fields, or contact Luke at (406) 871-6112.



Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$15,156 of \$170,000 (9%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$2,272 of \$44,500 (5%)



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