

# The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A

August 2, 2020

Christ the Good Shepherd, OCC

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First Reading: IS 55:1-3

Psalm: 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18(16)

Second Reading: RM 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: MT 14:13-21

Welcome to Christ the Good Shepherd. To our enduring parishioners and many new-found friends, know you're always welcome to Hear God's Word, feast at the Table where there is no partiality and celebrate God's Peace and Love.

When facing life's challenges, **give yourself away and you will always have more than enough.**

Today's Gospel brings us back to sharing the very food of God, the food that God gives to us, the food that nurtures us and the food that generates true life. This account, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, only foreshadows God's incredible love given to us in His Son Jesus Christ. The message of today is very clear in the Gospel: **give yourself away and you will always have more than enough.**

Why are we frightened to give ourselves away?

Are we really afraid that we will be left with nothing?

No, it cannot be, my sisters and brothers.

Always when we give ourselves away for the sake of the Gospel, God restores us and even more.

Trust in the Lord today, tomorrow and beyond.  
Gracias de Dios para todos!