

FROM FR. JOHN KIM

This week's Gospel reflection is offered by Deacon Steve, as Fr. John is on vacation:

Jesus' feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is the only miracle that is repeated in all four Gospel accounts. What is the significance of this particular miracle? What is at the heart of the story? I see two significant points.

First, is how John tells it, it is his purpose to show how Jesus gives himself as his own special gift to his people. He is making a claim which only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy everyone's deepest hunger. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples foreshadows the "super" abundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood.

St. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ.

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, He gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who are in need?

To illustrate the second point, let me share this story with you that I read about someone who lived today's Gospel story by her life: One day a middle-aged woman came into the midst of this poverty and cruelty. She saw the tragic situation and said to herself, "something's got to be done." She took all the money she had rented an old building with a dirt floor. The building wasn't much, but it would do. The next day the woman went around the neighborhood and offered to teach the children. She used the old building as her schoolroom. She had no desks, no chairs, no table. Her chalkboard was the dirt floor. She rubbed it smooth with an old rag and wrote on it with a stick. That was the way the woman fought back against the poverty and cruelty around her. It was a pathetic response, but it was the best she could do.

Whatever happened to that woman and her undertaking? Today there are well over 80 fully equipped schools, 300 modern mobile dispensaries, 70 Leprosy clinics, 30 homes for the dying, 30 homes for abandoned children, and 40,000 volunteers world wide, helping.

The woman of course is Blessed Mother Theresa. The boy in the story had five loaves and two fish. He gave them to Jesus, and Jesus did the rest. Over five thousand were fed. That's what Mother Theresa did. She gave Jesus her "loaves and fishes" and Jesus did the rest. The point of this story is this. We have but to give all that is available whether it's our time, talent or treasure and Jesus will do the rest.



Receive the bread of life and let God work through you!

God bless.

Deacon Steve



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK

Emily Cabaniss
 Mary Davidson
 Dale Duncan
 Mark Edwards
 Quintan Fabiano
 Fr. Edward Frazer
 Jackie Garcia
 Silvia Garcia
 Pura Guardiola
 Bobby Hutchins
 Josh Loving
 Marianne Luby
 Jesus Olivarez, Jr
 Elena Ornales
 Patti Quinn
 Filomena Rodriguez
 Stella Santos
 Leon Savard
 Stephanie Van Sickler
 Grace Smith
 Marian Testa
 Robert Trevino
 Patricia Trujillo
 Charlie Vasquez

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25

5:00pm † Larry Steven Guzman

Sunday, July 16

8:00am † Juan Antonio Rodriguez

10:30am † Irene Kulinski

5:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, July 27

8:00am † Mr. & † Mrs. Pedro Jimenez

† Deceased

This weekend's altar flowers
 are in honor of
**Steven Mobley &
 Jamie Tish**

STEWARDSHIP

July 19

Received	\$14,906
Goal	\$14,000
Difference	\$ 906
Loan Balance	\$331,403

Last week's **Black Bag** collection:
\$3,178

*"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."
 (Acts 20:35)*

Thank you for your generosity!

SERVICE MEMBERS

Phillip Aiello
 David L. Gomez
 Deana S. Gomez
 Matt Jakircevic
 Reggie Jamo
 Jason Piper
 Wilbert Witt

After 30 days, names will be removed from the lists. Call the church office to extend the date.



Our teens headed to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day in 2016 are hosting a parish-wide rummage sale on **Saturday, August 1!** Donated items are needed to help raise funds for this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Bring your gently used stuff to the church! We're gratefully accepting books, puzzles, sports equipment, electronics, dishes and household items, clothes, Army uniforms and gear, purses, wallets, furniture, shoes, jewelry, appliances and so much more! All items should be reasonably clean, in working condition, and complete.

Please drop off your items at Christ the King from July 27-31, daily from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If unable to make it during these times or if your item is too large to move on your own, contact Beth at 719-688-9342, or Gary at 808-436-7661.



FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH

End of the Summer Lock-in!

Are you wanting to get involved in Church activities this summer but aren't sure when to jump in? Our rock-climbing lock-in is a great place to start!

To celebrate a blessed summer, we will have a lock-in at the Boulder's Rock Climbing Center in Harker Heights, Saturday August 22nd to Sunday the 23rd. The lock-in will go from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Students should be dropped off at Boulder's promptly 10:00 p.m. so they can take the brief instructional course together. Snack donations are needed, so we ask that guys bring drinks (water and soda) and girls bring snacks (chips, cookies, etc.) The first 20 teens will be FREE thanks to the generosity of the Vanderpool's! Please turn in a permission form printed from the Boulder's website at www.climbboulders.com. **The forms are due by Monday, August 17th.**

CHILDREN

Last fall we began a new catechesis program known as The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for our five year old kindergarteners. CGS is a Montessori (hands-on) approach to sharing the Catholic faith with children. It nurtures the personal relationship between Jesus, Our Good Shepherd, and the child through encounters with salvation history, Sacred Scripture, and the Liturgy. This year we would like to open CGS for our three-year-olds on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We will begin Friday, September 18. If this program sounds like something that would be a blessing for your little one, please contact the parish office to register. Space is limited to 10 children, with priority given to those parents/guardians who can help us with a minimal contribution of their time. For more information, please check out the national website at www.cgsusa.org, or contact Robin Roach at 254-780-7618.



ADULT

Discussion Questions for Gospel

What can your family do to prevent the waste of God's gifts?

Imagine that you, your family, and friends were part of the crowd that followed Jesus up on the mountain. You are surrounded by thousands of people in an area away from the city. What expectations might you have? What concerns? How might you respond when you heard that Jesus was attempting to feed everyone on one boy's picnic lunch? What might you do when you realized what Jesus had done? How would you feel about his retreat from the crowd's acclaim?



Look back at the story. How does it encourage you to act when you feel that you have little to offer to those in need?

Summer Courses for Adult Formation & Catechetical Certification

Holy Trinity Catholic High School is hosting religious education certification training course August 3rd through 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The course covers the first five basic teachings courses, and serves the needs of catechists and Catholic school faculty working toward the basic levels of catechist certification. Holy Trinity is opening the course to anyone who needs training for religious education certification. The cost is \$50; lunch is not included. To register, contact Gustavo Rodriguez, Associate Director for Evangelization & Catechesis, (512) 949-2461 or gustavorodriguez@austindiocese.org

The courses covered in the training are:

- Basic Teachings: Sacred Scripture (6-hour class)
- Basic Teachings: Sacraments (6-hour class)
- Basic Teachings: Creed (6-hour class)
- Basic Teachings: Sacred Scripture (6-hour class)
- Basic Principles of Strategic Planning (4-hour class)



AROUND THE PARISH

Vacation Bible School - August 3 thru 7

- **Participants:** Pick up T-shirts and pay registration fees *today* after Mass.
- **Volunteers:** Stop by the VBS table on the patio for important information. We have scheduled training. If you have not received an e-mail, please call or text Patricia at 254-931-8420 to get information about your specific training session. We have started the ONE WEEK countdown, and we need to be prepared!
- **Parishioners:** We still need donations of snacks. After Mass, please stop by the Giving Tree in the Narthex and take a snack tag. Return the snacks next weekend in time for VBS. Thank you!

Gifts for Confirmands

Mary Queen of the Rosary Gift Shop has great gifts for confirmands, such as bibles, prayer books, rosaries and jewelry. We are open *before and after* the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass, the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses, and *after* the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Contact Eva Bright at 254-939-6263 or Marie Harley at 254-933-0608 if you need to purchase a gift on weekdays.

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Training

EIM training is required for all employees and volunteers who minister to youth or vulnerable adults in the Austin Diocese. Two upcoming classes are scheduled at Christ the King in August:

- The **BASIC** course is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Christus Center. This course is for anyone who has not had the training and will be serving or volunteering in any capacity with the church.
- The **REFRESHER** course is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Christus Center. This course is for volunteers who have had the BASIC course in the past three years.

You must register in advance online at www.austindiocese.org, select the ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY tab on the lower right-hand side of the page. You must also complete the online EIM APPLICATION. For more information, please contact Teresa Hays at thays@ctkbelton.org or call her at the parish office.

ACTS Men's Retreat - Sept. 10-13**ACTS Women's Retreat - Oct. 22-25**

We are excited to announce the first CTK-led ACTS Retreat! Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith with your CTK brothers and sisters. To register or get more information, contact Lynn Hauger at 654-2496 or lynnhauger@yahoo.com, or Paden Schulte at 709-1168 or paden_schulte@yahoo.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Day of Reflection - July 29

The Women's Ministry invites women in our area to attend a Day of Reflection at Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Wednesday, July 29th, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.00, and includes lunch. If you plan to attend, please contact Maria Ornelas at 817-682-0105.

Counting our Blessings Festival - August 8

The Body of Christ Community Clinic will host a special event, "The Counting Our Blessings Festival" at Yettie Polk Park in Belton on August 8th from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a free festival open to the public. The event will be a token of thanks by the BOCCC and to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the clinic. There will be at least three featured bands performing including Pride & Joy, Tercia, and Fireside. There will be a Kid's Zone area with various games and events for children, and an estimated 20 to 40 vendors. Other special activities include a bull riding machine, dunking booth, etc. Bring the family and enjoy the fun!

Building Smiles Fundraiser - September 1

The Body of Christ Community Clinic will host its second "Building Smiles" fundraiser dinner on September 1st at Tenroc Ranch in Salado beginning at 6:00 p.m. The featured speaker for the event is Dr. Jimmy Dorrell, the co-founder and the Executive Director of Mission Waco. Ticket prices are \$35 per person, \$300 for a table of eight, and special sponsor recognition levels are also available. Ticket prices include a barbeque dinner. A silent auction will be held, with all proceeds from this event going to help construct the BOCCC's new dental clinic.

Holy Trinity Catholic High School

Holy Trinity is enrolling students for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information, contact the school office at 254-771-0787, or email admissions@holyltrinitychs.org. Act soon, school starts August 13th!

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Married Couples - when's the last time you had a weekend away with your spouse? You deserve some time to reconnect and rekindle the spark of your honeymoon days. A Marriage Encounter weekend will give you the tools to make your good marriage even better! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Diocese is September 18-20 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. See www.austinme.org for more information and to apply, email wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call 512-677-WWME (9963). Apply early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-635-1036.



PROJECT APPLE TREE IS HERE!

Project Apple Tree is a community-wide, school-start project which provides a new outfit of clothing and shoes, school supplies, back packs, dental kits and hygiene packets for children in need who are enrolled in Belton ISD from early childhood through grade 12. Applicants must qualify through Helping Hands Ministry.

This weekend, the “Apples” are in the Narthex, along with instruction sheets. We ask our generous parishioners to take an apple and help a child in need. Items need to be returned by the 5:00 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, August 9th.**

If you have questions, contact Deacon Dave Shoemake at 939-3362.



WANTED

Calling all musicians and singers! Christ the King’s Music Ministry invites you to experience the joy of music ministry. If you play an instrument or sing, we urge you to join us! Please call Pam Fette, Director of Sacred Music at 254-493-1477, or email at dfette@hotmail.com.

CTK OFFICE DIRECTORY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Director of Sacred Music

Pam Fette 493-1477

Finance Council Chair Tom Blair
 Pastoral Council Chair Margaret Donohoe

Contact the parish office for social needs such as bereavement, illness, Eucharist to the homebound, births, etc. For weddings, contact the office six months prior to the desired wedding date to schedule a consultation. For baptisms, register to attend a preparation class.

LIGHTHOUSE RESOURCES

We have a wonderful new resource for CTK parishioners! Located in the Narthex is a Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk with books, pamphlets, CDs and DVDs to help deepen your faith. Simply select an item, and put a few dollars in the donation box if you so choose. You will find topics such as Biblical Truths, The Sacraments, Defending the Faith, Marriage, Parenting and more. We are blessed to have this new ministry available to us!

