

Easter Wednesday Wk 3

First Reading: Acts 7 :51-8. 1;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;

Gospel Reading: Jn 6:35-40.

Theme: All who have eyes of faith will never hunger nor thirst and have eternal life

Disasters, crises, trials, and persecutions never have the last say in the direction of the Church. God is always in control and has the last say. The people of Israel always remembered that God promised manna from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the Promised Land. Manna is bread from heaven which God used to feed the Israelites in the desert.

We cannot live without food. Bread sustains us. Bread is the staple food of life in many cultures as pan de sal, bagel, tortilla, etc. It is good to reflect on why Jesus called himself “the bread of life.” “Life” for Jesus meant something more than mere physical existence. The life Jesus referred to is connected with God, the author of life. Real life is a relationship with the living God, a relationship of trust, love, obedience, peace, and joy. Jesus makes this possible for us. Through the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ connects us to a loving relationship with God who created us and wants us to know, love, and return to him. Jesus is the only direct means to that intimate relationship with God. Firstly, Jesus offers himself to us as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us. Secondly, Jesus promises an unbroken friendship with God; perfected in the Blessed Virgin Mary, Apostles, and other saints. Thirdly, Jesus offers us hope of sharing in his resurrection: A promise of eternal life that never dies nor can be destroyed by disasters, crises, trials, and persecutions.

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