

**Thursday, April 30, 2020; Third Week of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 65(66):8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51

“Anyone who eats this bread will live forever...”

God puts us in places for a reason. Philip knew that as he met the Ethiopian Eunuch. He took advantage of the opportunity, accomplished the need for accompaniment, and was moved on. Like Philip, God puts us wherever we are, so He could guide and accompany others through us. By our prompt, courageous, and generous response, we make his presence felt in these places and circumstances. When our work is done, we must humbly move on to new mission fields and frontiers rather than glory in accomplishments and sustain comfort zones. The glory is God's always. The alternative is vanity. As Jesus embraces us in the Eucharist, he nourishes us with life now and in eternity. Our faith in him bring us into the experience of the grace of eternity even now. It is as such that we become beneficiaries of the pledge of future resurrection, when he, who alone knows the Father, would deliver us into the eternal company of the God of life. As we encounter him in the Eucharist, let us be open to Christ's commitment to give his flesh for the life of the world through our witness.

Father, raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

--Fr. Maurice Igboerika, Parochial Vicar