

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Matthew 14:19

Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020



Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, undated
Attributed to Pedro Menay Medrano (Spanish, 1628-1688)
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LONGING FOR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

ADMITTING OUR HELPLESSNESS

Jesus' disciples, after a long day of preaching and healing, find themselves confronted with thousands of hungry people who need to be fed. They themselves were no doubt hungry and thirsty. In desperation, they turn to the Lord and ask him to tell the people to go to the towns and villages to buy food. Jesus tells them to give the people food themselves. They admit that they can come up with only five loaves and two fish, hardly enough to feed even themselves. It was only after the disciples admitted their total helplessness in the situation that the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish occurred. Where is the lesson for us? It is in admitting our helplessness in life's most difficult moments that a miracle may perhaps be waiting for us.

MIRACLES OF MULTIPLICATION

Many believers admit that when faced with life-threatening illness, all that can be done in many instances is to throw one's hands up in total helplessness and, in desperation, call upon God. The miracle that can occur is often not a cure of the illness. The miracle may be the strength and courage given by God to move through the pain and grief with hearts of faith. Remember what Saint Paul tells us today. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life ... nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." When we know deep hunger for meaning and direction, when we are at our lowest, let us heed the words of the prophet Isaiah, and come to the Lord, that we may have life. If five loaves and two fish can be multiplied miraculously to feed thousands, then surely the compassion and love of Christ Jesus can be multiplied again and again for those whose hearts hunger and thirst for healing and wholeness.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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Mmgr. Terry

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TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
 You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat;
 Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!
 Why spend your money for what is not bread;
 your wages for what fails to satisfy?
 Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.
 Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Reading 2

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Mt 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of August 3 - 9, 2020



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: St. John Vianney

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: St. Dominic

Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



PRAY FOR...

Healing...

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Luz Sarmiento
Mark Sanchez
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Sean Fenady
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Carmen Gomez
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Aida Tomines
Stacey Seablade Hoskins
Joel Rivera
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Adoracion Layco
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 Mercedes Amora
 Lydia Peralta DeJesus †
 Rachele DeJesus Baliling †
 Anna Marie Galang †
Monday, August 3rd
 Cho Soon In †
Tuesday, August 4th
 Cho Soon In †
 Elvira Littaua
Wednesday, August 5th
 Manuel Venturina †
 Amor Quinto †
 Cho Soon In †
Thursday, August 6th
 Betty Mitra †
 Onor Vergel De Dios †
 Rodolfo Vicencio Jr. †
 Marcelina & Pat Reyes †
 Amparo Gregorio †
 Lucila Hernandez †
Friday, August 7th
 Edwin Sy †
 Beth Mitra
 Victoria Cabatcan
 Mayin Manzano
 Adele Voorhees
 Melissa Ramirez
 Kim Ocol
 Mimi Arcega
 Ishmael Manzano
 Jose Joey Littaua †
Saturday, August 8th
 Magdalena Chung †
 Cho Soon In †

In Memoriam

Mary Catherine Hawley
Bradwell Smith
Elba Manzo
Santos Angeles
Thomas Hodgkiss
George McCarthy
Randy Roque
Mary Frances Fenady
Andrew Fenady
Fernando Rojas
Allan Graf
Consuelo Eckhardt
Anne Lombard
Eugenia Walendowski
Catherine Crahan
Judy Francisco Herrera
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Steve Keller
Maria Sol Elazegui
Madge Broadbelt
Ramon R. Casal Jr.
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Hortensia Ines
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