

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Rev. Anthony Columba Ekanem, MSP:

As we continue our reflection from John Gospel chapter 6, today we hear Jesus reminding the people, “Do not work for perishable food, but for the food that endures to eternal life.” Jesus declares that He is true bread from heaven. Therefore, we should hunger for what will bring us to eternal life.

Not all our hunger should be satisfied. Some of them are mere appetites which could destroy us if we feed them. The more they are fed, the more we yearn for them, the more demanding and distracting they become for us.

There are some forms of thirst or hunger; a desire for importance, type of hunger for acceptance, yearning for a relationship or craving for power.

There are other forms of hunger; for faith, hope and love for God. Those types of deep burning desires are what St Augustine describes as ‘restlessness,’ “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” To experience this type of hunger is not a misfortune but a blessing. This is the imperishable food we are invited to consider in this passage. That urge should propel us for something eternal.

The manna that God fed His people in the desert is a classic example of God’s care for His people. Like last Sunday, Jesus multiplied the loaves to feed the five thousand people not counting children who were hungry. Jesus is inviting for us seek for something more, eternal life.

We can equally ask ourselves, what do we really hunger for in life? Note, not all we want are not really what we need in our journey through life. As schools are about to begin and our children are busy with their wish lists; getting ready for school, parents should check again to see whether that need to register in our religious education program is uppermost here. Since June 23, our parish Coordinator and Secretary have been assisting with registration on Monday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Parents please do not miss this great opportunity to enroll your child before August 11.

Also, remember our 2018 Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal card will be mailed to your home from the Archdiocese, as a reminder to help us support this year’s efforts. We need \$13,842, hopefully from 63 people in order to reach our goal as we usually do. We sincerely appreciate all those who have redeemed their pledges. This is one way of working on what is not perishable.

Kindly mark your calendar for the holy day of obligation, Wednesday, Aug 15.

Collection: The collection for July 29, 2018 was \$3,105.00

The 2nd collection this week will be the Latin America and Home Missions Collection. Thank you for your generosity !

Registration for 2018-2019 Religious Education Program is on going since June 2018 if you still need to register your child there is still time these are the dates to come in and register July 23 to July 30 and in August 4th ,20th and the 27th. New parents to the program need to bring their child’s birth certificate and a copy of the baptismal certificate. There will be a fee of \$25.00 **per child** at the time of registration for both returning parents and new parents to the program which is non-refundable.

Our religious Education Program is on Saturday mornings from 9:20 am to 11:00 am.

Registration Fees are as follows:

Registration for one child is \$100.00

Registration for two children is \$ 175.00

Registration for three or four children is \$ 200.00

If your child will be receiving one of the following Sacraments the fees are as follows:

Holy Communion fee is \$80.00 **per child**

Confirmation fee is \$100.00 **per child**

Mass Schedule for the week of

August 5, 2018 to August 12, 2018

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday August 5, 2018:

7:00 am—for the Parishioners

9:00 am—Efren Garcia Aguilar

11:00 am—Francisco & Claudia Dougan (L)

Monday August 6, 2018:

12:05 pm—Mary Ann & Charles Paroubek

Tuesday August 7, 2018:

12:05 pm—Millicent Davis & Family

Wednesday August 8, 2018:

12:05 pm Rosamma Kattukaran

Thursday August 9, 2018

7:00 pm—Fracisa Florian & Miguel De Los Santos Florian

Saturday August 11, 2018:

5:00 pm—Anna Prato

7:30 pm—Anita Martinez

Sunday August 12, 2018:

7:00 am—for the Parishioners

9:00 am—Barbara De La Cruz

11:00 am—Rosa Alberta Antao

Parish Membership: All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the office of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.