

THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2020

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

BLESSING



He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples.

MATTHEW 14:19c

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PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

*He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin

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Sunday, August 2
 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 55:1-3
 Rom 8:35, 37-39
 Mt 14:13-21

Monday, August 3
 Jer 28:1-17
 Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4
 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5
 Jer 31:1-7
 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6
 The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
 2 Pt 1:16-19
 Mt 17:1-9

Friday, August 7
 Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8
 Hb 1:12—2:4
 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 9
 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
 Rom 9:1-5
 Mt 14:22-33

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION

August 9, 2020



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Sunday @ 10:45 am

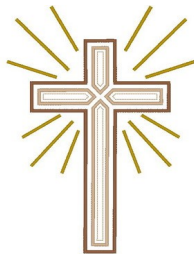
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† PRAYER LIST †

*Maecola Blackmon, Wayne Bradley, Sarah Diggs,
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Rest In Peace

Michelle DeSouza

Memorial Service

Thursday, August 6, 2020

@ 1:00 pm

May the Angels lead her into paradise

CSA 2020

In the midst of COVID-19, the 39th annual Catholic Services Appeal theme is.....

“Rise, Be Not Afraid”

This year's Parish Target is \$9,223.00

“Pledge Weekend” starts Sunday, August 9th

There are multiple ways that you can give.

CHECK: Made payable to:

Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA

PHONE: 1.888.331.8695 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm)

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We will be available to help you after Mass

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)

PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
(Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

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.
(Rom 8:38-39)

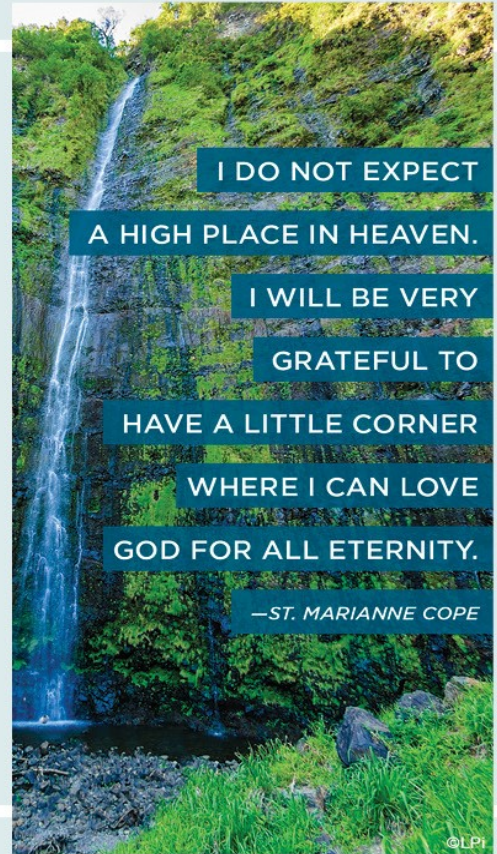
GOSPEL:

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. (Mt 14:19-20a)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

- Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
- Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest
- Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
- Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Near the end of Israel's captivity in Babylon (597-538 BC), the prophet Isaiah spoke of the Lord's desire to be unimaginably generous and life-giving to his people. How has the Lord been generous in gifts to you and your family?

SECOND READING

In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul speaks of God's inseparable bond of love for us through Jesus Christ. In what ways does this sense of God's love for us help you in times of stress and anxiety?

GOSPEL READING

In the immediate aftermath of the news of the death of John the Baptist, Matthew reports that Jesus, "moved with pity," cured those who were sick in the crowds and fed the entire crowd of 5,000. How do you react toward others for whom you feel "pity"?

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE ACTION

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that

relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO CATHOLICS NEED TO GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY?

The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

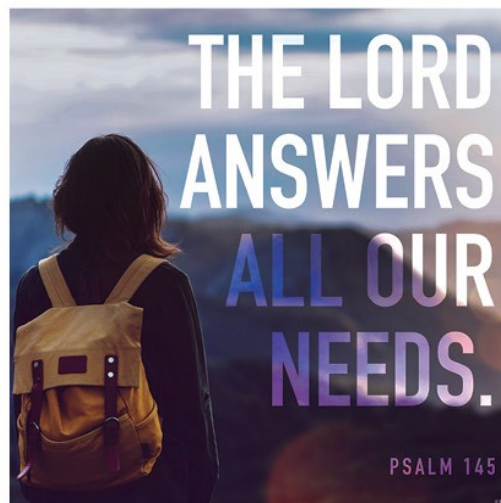
The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of

the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches

us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest,

centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237).



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



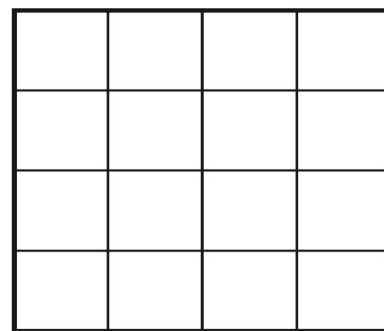
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DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself handing out food to hungry people.

PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



GOSPEL

Imagine being one of Jesus' disciples. One moment you see more than 5,000 hungry people. You don't know what to do. The next moment you see Jesus turn a small lunch into a huge feast. Jesus gives you the food, and he asks you to share it with the hungry people. Jesus asks the same thing today. Share what he gives you with others, too.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to share what you have given me.

MISSION

Donate groceries to a food pantry.

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

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