



July 28, 2024

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sabbath Thought

Through the next four Sundays after today, the scriptural readings will consider the symbol of bread and its many meanings for the church community. Today the word of God introduces that theme in the person of Jesus who is the giver of bread that feeds human hunger.

About Today's Bible Readings

2 KINGS 4:42-44

Here is an early sign of what God wishes to do for his people: Where there is need, God fills it.

Responsorial Psalm: 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Here is a plea for unity: Be one because that reveals the truth about God and redemption.

JOHN 6:1-15

Here is the final proof of Jesus' intentions: His over abundant response to human need reveals the purpose of his ministry.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 132:13-15

*V. For the Lord has chosen Zion; He prefers her for His dwelling.
"Zion is My resting place forever;"*

R. "In her will I dwell, for I prefer her. I will bless her with abundant provision, her poor I will fill with bread."

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Romans 14:17

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – July 28th
17th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 4th
18th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 11th
19th Sunday - Ordinary Time

PICNIC DAY!!

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 18th
20th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 25th
21st Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 1st
22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass



INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroszak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerninara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold and Carol Urban. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 4th; The Picnic Committee will meet in the Hall after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, September 8th; Deadline for contributions to our Ukrainian Relief Effort. Please leave your donations on the designated table in the Hall. See the Newsletter for details.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

YMS of R GOLF TOURNAMENT

The YMS of R will be holding its 10th Annual Golf Tournament on August 24, 2024. Hosted by the Buffalo Branch of the YMS of R. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and contact Father Senior Donald for more information.

PICNIC MAILING

You should have received a mailing with raffle tickets for the Annual Picnic. Please return the sold or unsold tickets in the enclosed postage paid envelope **no later than August 4th**. See Tom Schalata for additional tickets and to let him know your Tee-shirt size if you are planning to help by working the day of the picnic.

ANNUAL POLISH-AMERICAN FAMILY FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

PICNIC BAKE SALE

If you are able to help with the Bake Sale the day of the Picnic or would like to contribute any items to the Bake Sale, Please contact Marcia Hinner at 610-621-9758 for more Information. Thank you.

GOLUMPKIE & HALUSKI MAKING

Golumpkie making will take place in the Hall on August 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th from 9:00 AM until ?. Haluski Making will take place on August 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Please plan on volunteering to help at least one of these days.

PICNIC FLYERS

Picnic Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. Please take several and post them, with permission of course, wherever you can, supermarkets, hair dressers, barber shops, etc. Thank you.