

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 25, 2021

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Andrew said to Jesus,
“There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?”

JOHN 6:8-9

GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today’s message could be summed up in psalm 145, “The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.” Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was “Stone Soup,” the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to “Consider well our call.” How do we respond to those in need around us?

MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, “Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had.” But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do.” It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn’t understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

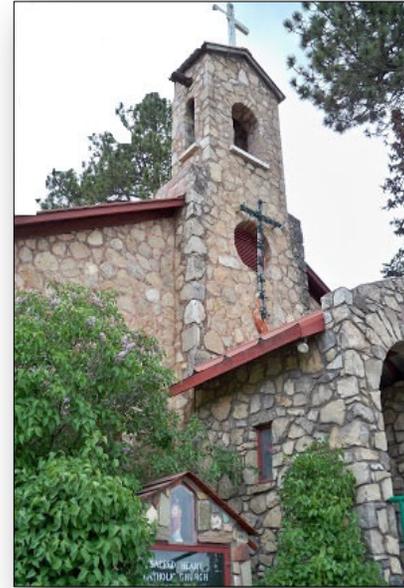
In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called “The assignment of impossible tasks.” It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, “For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child.” The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, “I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?” The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, “If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had \$1.50 left from the weekend.” When we follow this child’s example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

TODAY’S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



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The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.

— Psalm 145:15

Sunday July 25, For the intentions of
Pope Francis.

Wed. July 28, For all the souls in
purgatory.

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Confessions prior to Mass
Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Rosary: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**
**Anointing of the sick: On the
First Wednesday of the month**

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July 25, Joan Eerkes

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July 25, David Eerkes

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July 25, John & Mario

Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as Scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Today we remember St. Martha — the dear friend of Jesus and witness to how he raised her brother Lazarus from the dead. Ask her today to help us grow in faith. Let's say with her: "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God!"



Feast Day July 29



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Monday: Ss. Joachim and Anne

Thursday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

our parish mission

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a



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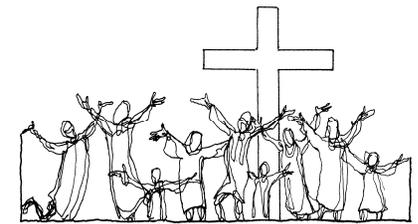
Jennifer Madl, Ceci Borunda, Leonor Rubalcava, Phyllis Madin, Helen Rigger, Yvett Tomeo, Margaret Bevins, Ann Blanchard, Dieter deBeyer, Velia Perea, Lynn Skinner, Carol Aberg, Mike & Lourdes Blette, Brendan Cronander-Ford, Susan Whalen, Robert Langford, Manry Family, Bill Crouch, Joe Rogers.



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"
John 6:9

*A great prophet has risen in our midst.
God has spoken to his people.*

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!



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July 18,



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General Collection \$ 1,069.00

Building Fund \$ 512.00

Today's second collection goes to **Building Fund.**

Next week's second collection goes to **United in Ministry.**

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Dial #SAFE (#7233) from a cell phone Or 1-855-333-SAFE (7233)

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Victims Assistance Coordinator (575)523-7577

Or Maria D Martin Safe [Environment Clerk](mailto:Environment) (575) 523-7577 mmartin@rcdlc.org