Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God,

twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear.

Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat."

But his servant objected,

"How can I set this before a hundred people?"

Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."

"For thus says the LORD,

'They shall eat and there shall be some left over."

And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

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

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

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord,

urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,

with all humility and gentleness, with patience,

bearing with one another through love,

striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of

peace:

one body and one Spirit,

as you were also called to the one hope of your call;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all,

who is over all and through all and in all.

Alleluia: Luke 7:16

A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

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,

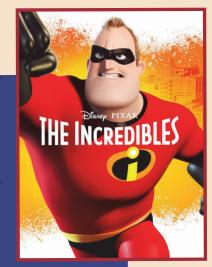
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



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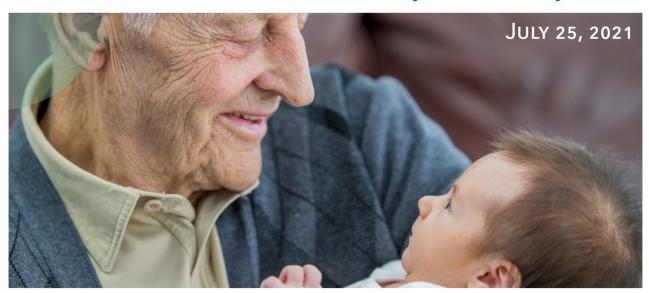
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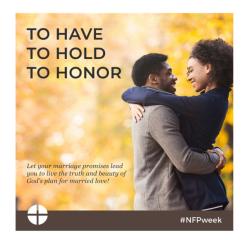


The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

"It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents, because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy." – Pope Francis, January 31, 2021



Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 25-31, 2021

"To have ... To hold ... To honor, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage" is the theme of this year's National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and

avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods "respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (CCC, no. 2370)

The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God's plan for married love. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at *usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching*.





Graves Into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me Man's empty praise and treasures that fade Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together

And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

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Remembrance (The Communion Song)

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

By Your mercy we come to Your table By Your grace You are making us faithful

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You

See His body His blood Know that He has overcome Ev'ry trial we will face And none too lost to be saved None too broken or ashamed All are welcome in this place

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Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

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READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

Sunday, August 1st, 2021 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there,

they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

And when they found him across the sea they said to him,

"Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered them and said,

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

you are looking for me not because you saw signs

but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

Do not work for food that perishes

but for the food that endures for eternal life.

which the Son of Man will give you.

For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him,

"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them,

"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

So they said to him,

"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?

What can you do?

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

So Jesus said to them.

"Amen, amen, I say to you,

it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven;

my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven

and gives life to the world."

So they said to him,

"Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger,

and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?



RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

What's happening at St. Catharine

A full calendar of events can be found online at stcatharine.com/calendar

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is coming to St. Catharine!

Beginning Sunday, September 12th • 9:30am-10:45am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a hands-on method of faith formation based on the Montessori method of learning, which takes place in a dedicated prepared space for children called the *atrium*.

The atrium is a special place of work and prayer, filled with kid-sized furniture and hands on models of people, places, and items found in scripture and liturgy. These manipulatives are introduced to the children throughout the year, and each week, the children choose "work" to continue their meditation about particular Scripture texts or signs from the liturgy. Working with these materials, allows the child to enter more deeply into meditation, nurturing their relationship with the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

St. Catharine is offering CGS for children ages 3-5, and your child must be fully potty-trained and three years old on, or before, 09/01/2021. CGS meets every Sunday from 9:30am-10:45am beginning September 12th and ending on June 5th, 2022 in the Lower Rectory/Office Building Atrium space.



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