



Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, 31a, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 78, the second reading was Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 and the Gospel reading was John 6:24-35.

Today is the second part of our five part Gospel series that we started last weekend. We are reflecting on the Gospel of John Chapter 6. As a reminder, last weekend, we saw the multiplication of the loaves in both the first reading and the Gospel reading. In both cases, everyone present was satisfied by the Word of God.

In the first reading today, we see the people complaining about God and Moses. God had brought them out of slavery in Egypt. When he told them the way to the Promise Land, they didn't believe him and they didn't listen. They didn't take his Word. Because of this, instead of the journey taking four years, it took them forty years to get to the Promised Land. When the journey was taking longer, this is when their complaints started. They were recalling their slavery and how they at least had food. They were hungry and said that Moses and God had brought them out of Egypt to die. So God gave them what they asked for. He fed them. But they were still unhappy. This is like us, too. Sometimes the richest people in the world, the people who have everything, are very unhappy. They struggle and face many challenges. They complain. The problem often times is that they don't acknowledge God as the provider. When we acknowledge God, he will provide our wishes. God is a better father and mother than you or I. He totally provides for us as long as we acknowledge him.

As we get into the Gospel, we recall that last week, the people listening to Jesus preach were fed very well. So in today's Gospel, the people go back to where they were the day before to see Jesus again. They did not go to work. They thought Jesus would feed them again today. They couldn't find him and began to search for him. They found him in the next town and they were very friendly to him. But Jesus understood their lack of integrity. He told them that he knew why they were being nice to him. It wasn't because they believed in him, but because he filled their bellies yesterday. They asked him to give them a sign to show that he is God, Jesus tells them believe in me and trust in the one who sent me. They didn't want to listen to the Word because they were human beings. They forgot the divinity that God in-built in them. The people said that their ancestors ate manna and that God always provided, and why wouldn't Jesus. Jesus told them that their ancestors died. He told them that he is the Bread of Life. God is the provider and he will sustain us with the Bread of Life he sent. Jesus is the Living Bread. He is freedom to the slave. He is leisure and rest for the restless. He is dignity for the abandoned. He is wealth and welfare for the poor. Jesus is the source of life.

As we reflect on the Holy Scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: How can I trust and believe in God even more? How can I acknowledge God in every aspect of my life?

God Bless!

—Father Antony





St. John the Baptist, Estevan CWL are so very grateful for the generosity provided by friends, family, and the community throughout the current 50/50 raffle ticket fundraiser. Limited tickets are still available to purchase. CWL members are reminded to return ticket sales and stubs by calling 306-421-7538 or 306-634-2331, placing them into the contribution basket at Holy Mass—in a sealed envelope clearly labeled “CWL”, or dropping them off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

ATTENTION!

Holy Mass Update

Just a reminder that there will not be weekday Holy Masses from August 9 through August 13. Adoration will continue as normal.



Happy Birthday!!

Hanna Fichter



Happy Anniversary!!

John and Lucille Bonokoski

Kevin and Brenda Keating

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PRAYER DRIVE

CWL Prayer Drive

The prayer drive will be on **Monday, August 30 at 10am**. The plan is to drive around the city and pray together as we follow each other in cars and pray for our community.

If you would like to join the prayer drive, please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 or email at b.coralea@hotmail.com. The deadline to register for the prayer drive is **August 25, 2021**.

If you are not able to join us in the prayer drive, we ask that you please spend some time in prayer with us at that time from the comfort of your home.

God Bless you all.

