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Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Matthew 14:19

Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020



Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, undated
Attributed to Raphael, Moravia, Mantegna (Spanish, 1428-1489),
after Jacopo Robusti, called Titian (Italian, 1477-1576) - 1564
Chicago Institute of Art (CICG)

LONGING FOR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

ADMITTING OUR HELPLESSNESS

Jesus' disciples, after a long day of preaching and healing, find themselves confronted with thousands of hungry people who need to be fed. They themselves were no doubt hungry and thirsty. In desperation, they turn to the Lord and ask him to tell the people to go to the towns and villages to buy food. Jesus tells them to give the people food themselves. They admit that they can come up with only five loaves and two fish, hardly enough to feed even themselves. It was only after the disciples admitted their total helplessness in the situation that the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish occurred. Where is the lesson for us? It is in admitting our helplessness in life's most difficult moments that a miracle may perhaps be waiting for us.

MIRACLES OF MULTIPLICATION

Many believers admit that when faced with life-threatening illness, all that can be done in many instances is to throw one's hands up in total helplessness and, in desperation, call upon God. The miracle that can occur is often not a cure of the illness. The miracle may be the strength and courage given by God to move through the pain and grief with hearts of faith. Remember what Saint Paul tells us today. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life ... nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." When we know deep hunger for meaning and direction, when we are at our lowest, let us heed the words of the prophet Isaiah, and come to the Lord, that we may have life. If five loaves and two fish can be multiplied miraculously to feed thousands, then surely the compassion and love of Christ Jesus can be multiplied again and again for those whose hearts hunger and thirst for healing and wholeness.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@Gachaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000 .

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Vianney
Wednesday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord; Hiroshima Memorial Day
Friday:	St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Dominic

Mass Schedule

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

Ω—indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at:
<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.Ω
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.Ω
Friday: 8:00 a.m.Ω

Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.Ω
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Dear Parishioners,

I recently took a vacation to Vail, Colorado with Father Ted Campbell, a friend of mine. I had really looked forward to this trip and it was delayed from June because of the pandemic. I have to say that it was worth the wait. God's beauty is something to behold! We actually took a side trip to Moab, Utah and visited Arches National Park. There are many arches in the park. Perhaps the most famous is Delicate Arch. I am standing down below inside the arch in the picture. What an amazing feat of nature and of God! The arches are formed from ice that melts and expands over rock. Each arch was once a sheet of rock within multiple sheets that began to form when the ice penetrated the rock. Then all but one sheet crumbled away. The sheet that was left began to form a hole in its side, leaving an arch. It takes a long time for



all of that to happen, but you can see throughout the park arches that are even today being formed. We did some hiking in Vail as well, although not too much. It was a very relaxing trip. I did, however, take a 11.5 mile hike, 3,100 feet along a creek and then up a mountain to a lake and then back down again. I wish I had a picture of it, but I was half-way through a sandwich at the lake when it began hailing heavily with strong wind. If I was on the lake I probably



would have been praying to Jesus like Peter did. But in any case I didn't have the chance to take a good picture of it nor of the three mountain goats that I saw as I neared the lake. It was beautiful and there was snow around the side of the mountain overlooking the lake. I also enjoyed the meadows and wild flowers on the way up and on the way down. Here is a picture of one of the meadows with great wild flowers and also one of the mountains in the background.



We all need a time to recreate.

It is a time to recognize once again the grandeur of God and that God is with us and guiding us. What might God be trying to say to you on your trip away? Sometimes, a time of retreat can really help us open our ears and eyes to something new that God is revealing to us. God bless you all in this beautiful time of year. - Father Tony



An Act of Spiritual Communion

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**

Church Calendar

Monday, Aug. 3

Tuesday, Aug. 4

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA

Wednesday, Aug. 5

8 a.m. Mass at GA † LeRoy Farrell

Thursday, Aug. 6

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Tony Lahl

Friday, Aug. 7

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Mass of Reparation for Sins of the World

Saturday, Aug. 8

4 p.m. Mass at GA † Tony Dolski

Sunday, Aug. 9

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Deceased members of the Don/Maryls
Jacques family

10 a.m. Mass at GA † Ray Heiland

12:30 p.m. Mass at GA in Spanish

Election Resources

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. Yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language. As Catholics, we must model a better way. The USCCB invites you to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community. Go to www.wearesaltandlight.org to take the Civilize It pledge as an individual, family, or community.



Sunday Readings

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Isaiah 55:1–3

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!
Why spend your money for what is not bread;
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.
Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life.
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,
the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:8–9, 15–16, 17–18

R. (cf. 16) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Reading 2

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. 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.

Gospel

Mt 14:13–21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was even-

ing, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. 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, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

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Faith Formation

Now that we have heard the announcement regarding education, we continue to work towards implementing plans to have another great year of Faith Formation. We are awaiting the learning plan for our local schools, and the Archdiocesan guidelines, to provide the clarity that we need to move forward. We anticipate this information during August. We are still hoping that all youth enrolled in our program will be able to meet in-person. If we are not able to do this, we will work with the catechists to send out a program of support and lesson plans for grades 1-10, so that all families can participate from home. We are also awaiting the Archdiocesan guidelines to determine if we can provide Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-6 years old. The Guardian Angels Faith Formation program is for youth entering grades 1-10 in the Fall. Sacramental Preparation for the First Sacraments and Confirmation is available to all students enrolled in our program, or attending a Catholic School. Please review the registration materials for full details. Registration packets have been mailed to all families previously enrolled in the Faith Formation program. If you have a child entering 1st grade in the Fall, or are new to our parish or program, please pick up a registration packet on the table in the rear of the Church. Registration forms are also available on our website, www.gachaska.org. If you have any questions about our Faith Formation program, please contact us directly.

Blessings,

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The Trinitarians help the deprived ones with God's Redemptive Love and Mercy

We started the month of July 2020 with the goal to raise \$20,000 to earn a matching grant from the Shultz Family Foundation of \$20,000. Thanks to your generosity we have raised \$17,000 of the needed dollars. Every dollar you donate to Guardian Angels School is matched dollar for dollar. In a small school every dollar is valuable. Please help us hit our goal of \$20,000 by August 31. The dollars will all be used to help the staff and students this school year.

Guardian Angels School will open for regular school on September 8, 2020. Teachers and students will be here together five days a week. If you have a friend or neighbor who would like their child in a small school with proven results please have them contact us at cbriscoe@gacgaska.org. Nothing beats a recommendation from a friend or alumni of GA.

Chuck Briscoe, Principal

Together we will bring hope and freedom to the less fortunate. With your humble donations, we reach even to the remote areas of India to help children and people who need a hand to achieve a normal life. We provide education, shelter, and support to make them stronger and capable of leading a happy life!

The Trinitarians had hoped to come to Guardian Angels during the month of August to preach and speak to our parish about their mission. Unfortunately, they are unable to travel due to COVID and their age. Please consider contributing to the Trinitarian mission at www.osstmissions.org



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Rain Date: Wednesday, August 5th

Jesús tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados,
y mirando al cielo,
pronunció una bendición, partió los panes
y se los dio a los discípulos
para que los distribuyeron a la gente.

Mateo 14:19

Decimoctavo

Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

2 de agosto de 2020

ANHELO DE BIENESTAR ESPIRITUAL

La palabra de Dios nos sirve una gran fiesta hoy. Isaías hace señas a todos los que tienen hambre y sed de venir al Señor para obtener satisfacción. El salmista grita: “Abres, Señor, tus manos generosas y cuantos viven quedan satisfechos”. San Pablo nos dice que nada puede separarnos del amor de Dios. Finalmente, en el Evangelio, escuchamos la historia de la alimentación milagrosa de más de cinco mil personas de apenas cinco panes y dos peces. La mayoría de nosotros tenemos nuestras necesidades materiales satisfechas en el día a día. Sin embargo, estas Escrituras tienen mucho que decir al creyente contemporáneo. Debemos preguntarnos: “¿Dónde están mis más profundas hambres? ¿Dónde están mis sed?” Después de satisfacer las necesidades materiales y, en algunos casos, estar demasiado satisfechos, muchas personas todavía experimentan un profundo anhelo de equilibrio espiritual y bienestar. A medida que los panes y los peces se multiplican en el Evangelio de hoy, tal vez nuestra oración pueda ser un anhelo de satisfacción de las necesidades más profundas que sólo Dios puede llenar.

ADMITIR NUESTRA INCAPACIDAD

Los discípulos de Jesús, después de predicar y curar todo el día, se encuentran frente a miles de personas hambrientas que necesitan alimento. Ellos mismos sin duda estaban hambrientos y sedientos. En su desesperación se vuelven al Señor y le piden que envíe a la multitud a los pueblos cercanos a comprar alimento. Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que ellos les den de comer. Los discípulos admiten que sólo han conseguido cinco panes y dos peces, ni siquiera lo suficiente para alimentarse ellos. Solamente después de que los discípulos admiten su total incapacidad, ocurre el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y los peces. ¿Dónde está la lección para nosotros? En que si admitimos nuestra incapacidad en los momentos más difíciles de nuestra vida, un milagro puede estar esperándonos.

MILAGROS DE MULTIPLICACIÓN

Muchos creyentes admiten que cuando se enfrentan serias enfermedades, lo único que se puede hacer en muchos casos es levantar los brazos y en total desesperación acudir a Dios. El milagro que puede ocurrir con frecuencia no es la curación de la enfermedad. El milagro puede ser la fortaleza y el valor que Dios nos da para aceptar el sufrimiento y el dolor con fe. Recordemos lo que San Pablo nos dice hoy: “Estoy seguro de que ni la muerte, ni la vida . . . ni criatura alguna, podrán apartarnos del amor de Dios que encontramos en Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor”. Cuando tengamos hambre de comprensión y dirección, cuando sintamos la más profunda tristeza, prestemos atención a las palabras del profeta Isaías, acerquémonos al Señor y tendremos vida. Si cinco panes y dos peces pueden multiplicarse milagrosamente para alimentar a miles, sin duda la compasión y el amor de Cristo Jesús puede multiplicarse una y otra vez en los corazones hambrientos y sedientos de sanación y santificación.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 55:1-3
Salmo 145 (144):8-9, 15-18
Romanos 8:35, 37-39
Mateo 14:13-21

El milagro de los panes y los peces, desfechado
atribuido Pedro Mena y Medrano (español, 1628-1688)
después Jacopo Robusti, llamado Tintoretto (italiano, 1519-1594)
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Primera lectura

Is 55, 1-3

Esto dice el Señor:

“Todos ustedes, los que tienen sed, vengan por agua;
y los que no tienen dinero,
vengan, tomen trigo y coman;
tomen vino y leche sin pagar.

¿Por qué gastar el dinero en lo que no es pan
y el salario, en lo que no alimenta?

Escúchenme atentos y comerán bien,
saborearán platillos substanciosos.
Présteme atención, vengan a mí,
escúchenme y vivirán.
Sellaré con ustedes una alianza perpetua,
cumpliré las promesas que hice a David”.

Salmo Responsorial

Sal 144, 8-9. 15-16. 17-18

R. (cf. 16) Abres, Señor, tu mano y nos sacias de favores.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso,
lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar.
Bueno es el Señor para con todos
y su amor se extiende a todas sus creaturas.

R. Bendita sea al Señor ahora y para siempre.

A ti, Señor, sus ojos vuelven todos
y tú los alimentas a su tiempo.

Abres, Señor, tus manos generosas
y cuantos viven quedan satisfechos.

R. Bendita sea al Señor ahora y para siempre.

Siempre es justo el Señor en sus designios
y están llenas de amor todas sus obras.

No está lejos de aquellos que lo buscan;
muy cerca está el Señor, de quien lo invoca.

R. Bendita sea al Señor ahora y para siempre.

Segunda lectura

Rom 8, 35. 37-39

Hermanos: ¿Qué cosa podrá apartarnos del amor con
que nos ama Cristo? ¿Las tribulaciones? ¿Las angustias? ¿La
persecución? ¿El hambre? ¿La desnudez? ¿El peligro? ¿La espa-
da?

Ciertamente de todo esto salimos más que victoriosos,
gracias a aquel que nos ha amado; pues estoy convencido de que
ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los ángeles ni los demonios, ni el pre-
sente ni el futuro, ni los poderes de este mundo, ni lo alto ni lo
bajo, ni creatura alguna podrá apartarnos del amor que nos ha
manifestado Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Evangelio

Mt 14, 13-21

En aquel tiempo, al enterarse Jesús de la muerte de
Juan el Bautista, subió a una barca y se dirigió a un lugar aparta-
do y solitario. Al saberlo la gente, lo siguió por tierra desde los
pueblos. Cuando Jesús desembarcó, vio aquella muchedumbre,
se compadeció de ella y curó a los enfermos.

Como ya se hacía tarde, se acercaron sus discípulos a
decirle: “Estamos en despoblado y empieza a oscurecer. Despide
a la gente para que vayan a los caseríos y compren algo de co-
mer”. Pero Jesús les replicó: “No hace falta que vayan. Denles
ustedes de comer”. Ellos le contestaron: “No tenemos aquí más
que cinco panes y dos pescados”. Él les dijo: “Tráiganmelos”.

Luego mandó que la gente se sentara sobre el pasto.
Tomó los cinco panes y los dos pescados, y mirando al cielo,
pronunció una bendición, partió los panes y se los dio a los dis-
cípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente. Todos comieron
hasta saciarse, y con los pedazos que habían sobrado, se llenaron
doce canastos. Los que comieron eran unos cinco mil hombres,
sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños.

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