



Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

*How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?*



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

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Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JULY 28, 2024 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see [Deuteronomy 18:15-19](#)). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see [Psalm 23:1, 5](#)).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see [Psalm 81:17](#)).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see [Matthew 26:26](#)). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST 4, 2024

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Lector: Brad Vaculin

Ushers: Chester Hays and Ronald Kaulfus

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Rhoades

Offertory: Lynne Hornung and Family

Servers: Adison, Lily, Ian

Sanctuary Light: July 29th—August 4th: John and Mary Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, and Kay and Ed Moraw and those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—July 28—August 4, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—7/28	10:15am	+ Dean Allen Kostihia by Robert and Debbie Vansa + Clem Tomek by Mary Karstadt, Debbie Wene, John Sims, and Gail Sims + Stanley Hubnik by Billy and Caroline Gelner + Jerry Wade by Adolph and Dorothy Vansa
7/31—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ No Services
8/4—Sunday	10:15am	+ John and Mary Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik Family + James Junek by Aline Junek + August and Mary Hubnik by Liz and Arvell Jungmann + Jennifer Pelzel by Rebecca Barton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR:** The parish is seeking a new Director of Religious Education for the upcoming year. This is a paid position, and a job description is available if you are curious about the duties. Contact Fr. Ranjan or Greg Hoelscher if you are interested in applying.
- **PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS:** Picnic Raffle Tickets are available before and after mass.
- **PICNIC WORK SCHEDULES:** Picnic Work Schedules will be handed out to parishioners next Sunday, August 4th.

7-21: Sunday Offering: \$1,231.00 Children's Offering: \$8.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



PHOTOS / SHUTTERSTOCK

[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists / DearPadre.org)

Monday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus
Jer 13:1–11
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 31
St. Ignatius of
Loyola, Priest
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 1
St. Alphonsus
Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of
the Church
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 4
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4,
12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us...

“Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.”

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