

PASTOR’S NOTE:

Today we see our Lord among a hungry crowd. There are more than five thousand people gathered around him in a deserted place. They are hungry and there is little to no food, only five loaves of bread and two fish.

This is not the first time God has heard the cries of hunger. In the Book of Exodus, the people of Israel were in the “wilderness” and were hungry. God sent them “manna.” In the Book of Numbers, Israel again complained of their hunger, remembering the fish they ate in Egypt. To their cry, God gave them quail. Christ hears their need and responds:

And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

It is clear that God hears and knows our needs. God sometimes responds directly and concretely, as with the feeding of the five thousand, while other times, indirectly and subtly. No matter in which way, we are able to see how God feeds, nurtures and cares for us, as his children. In what way does God continue to hear our cry of hunger here at Lourdes? And in what way does he seek to take care of us?

We may not be wandering in the “wilderness,” or remembering the fish we ate in Egypt or sitting in a deserted place, but like those in the Bible, we are hungry. And we are hungry for a very particular thing.

If you watch Hollywood movies, listen to popular music, read novels or just hear the needs of your heart, what becomes obvious to us is that we long for love. We may long for love in family, romance or friendship, but so too do we all long for a love that comes from “on high” and from within. We all long for a love that is never lost nor ever ended. We all long for an eternal love, that is, we all long for the love of God our Father. As in the case of the People of Israel and the five thousand, God hears and knows our need, and so God feeds, nurtures and cares for us.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul reminds us of the words the Lord spoke at the Last Supper. Jesus took

the bread and said, “This is my Body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When he took the cup he said, “This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” At the end of the passage, Paul says, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” The Body and Blood of the Lord, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, is both a concrete and subtle response to our need and hunger for love. In proclaiming his death we are proclaiming his love. And not just any love, but a very particular love – a love that gives all and a love that does not end. No matter what happens in one’s life, the eternal action of God’s full loving in the Eucharist is never lost. It is offered by our Father to you always. When you receive Communion, you are receiving the infinite love of the Father within your heart.

God Bless and Take Care. *Jn. John*
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Saturday, August 3
11am to 3pm
Woodbine Beach Park
Picnic Area #1
(1675 Lakeshore Blvd. E.)

Come together and celebrate as a community!
Join the fun and games!
Prizes, Treats and so much more!

It’s Potluck, so bring something to share and we’ll provide BBQ hot dogs, watermelon and chips. Bring along a lawn chair or a mat to sit on and don’t forget the sunscreen.

Call us at 416-924-6257 or email info@lourdes.to to let us know if you will be coming (so that we can estimate how many hot dogs we’ll need).

If you would like to help us organize this community gathering, give us a call. We would love to have you on our team!

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Parish Bazaar: A big thank you to everyone who helped out and joined us for our Parish Bazaar on Saturday June 1! It was a beautiful day and we had lots of fun. We raised over \$18,000.00 Fantastic! The winner of our 50/50 Raffle was Rose Campbell with an amazing jackpot of \$5,000.00. The winning number was #2104. Congratulations and many thanks to everyone!.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 24

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory [Henriette Cudmore]
 12:10pm Archibald Fernandes + [Jason Pereira]
 5:15 pm Enrique Bongon Jabile Jr. + [Ceny Wilson]

Tuesday, June 25

8:00 am FUNMI AINA's Birthday [Funmi]
 12:10 pm Youngsook Park's Intention [Kabsoon Phu]
 5:15 pm Celedonio Gonzales + [Violy Bentijaba]

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 am ANITA FOLEY + [Ada]
 12:10 pm Gaudencio Sr. & ESTRELLA Birondo +
 [Edmundo & Evelyn Birondo]
 5:15 pm HENRIETTE CUDMORE's Birthday [Family]

Thursday, June 27

8:00 am Prayer for the Repose of the Soul
 12:10pm Thanks to Sts. Peter & Paul [Joseph Kaposi]
 5:15 pm EDITHA MOJICA + [Isip Family]

Friday, June 28

8:00 am David Sequeira for his Health [St. Vincent de Paul]
 12:10pm All Souls in Purgatory [Oliver Family]
 5:15 pm Thanksgiving [Juvy]

Saturday, June 29

8:00 am Norman Forbes + [Mila delos Santos]
 12:10pm ERILDA MONTINI + [Enzo Montini]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

*Edward Bowe, Ruth Jesudhasan
 Teresita Vinluan Campus*

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Regis student is beginning an internship in Spiritual Direction starting September: If you or someone you know wishes to be companioned on their prayer journey while discerning God's will for you in your life, this encounter may be of interest to you. For more information contact Grace at 416 -241- 1884.

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BEAUTY FROM OUR FAITH

Why is this mystery accomplished with bread?... Consider that the bread is not made of one grain, but of many. During the time of exorcism [before baptism], you were, so to say, in the mill. When you were baptized you were wetted with water. Then the Holy Spirit came in like the fire that bakes the dough. Be then what you see and receive what you are."

— St. Augustine



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Or are you looking to get more involved?

Learn more by visiting our recently redesigned website:

www.lourdes.to

On our website you can:

- Register as a parishioner
- Check out upcoming events in the parish
- Learn about our family, kids & youth programs
- Learn more about Alpha
- Find a group that's right for you
- Learn about volunteer opportunities and sign up to start serving

We can't wait to connect with you!

Lourdes @ a glance: the week of June 23-29, 2019						
Sun 23	Mon 24	Tues 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29
Feast of Corpus Christi	Novena to the Sacred Heart 4:30pm	Feast of the Sacred Heart	Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul			
Kids at Mass		Alpha 6pm		Edge		