

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **Spending to Satisfy:** Isaiah 55 rings out like a street vendor's cry: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty!' The exiles in Babylon are surrounded by a culture urging them to spend and consume. This chapter (at the end of 'The Book of Comfort', Is 40-55) reveals God points elsewhere – to a free welcome and meal he offers – foreshadowing the Christian Eucharistic celebration.
[Q]: *Consider your last week of 'spending' – money, time, energy. How much went on 'what fails to satisfy'? What would it mean this week to 'listen, and your soul will live'?*
- ❖ **Triumph in Trials:** Paul writes to Christians facing real trials – hunger, persecution, the threat of the sword. His response is not denial but a triumphant certainty: nothing 'can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus'. And Paul had personally experienced beatings, shipwrecks and imprisonment!
[Q]: *Name the experience that most threatens to come between you and God at present. Does Christ on the Cross bridge the gap for you?*
- ❖ **The Compassion of God:** Jesus has just heard of the brutal death of John the Baptist. He withdraws by boat to grieve, yet the crowds follow on foot around the lake. Stepping ashore, he does not send them away: he 'took pity on them' – the Greek word means 'being moved in the depths of one's being'. Consider all the feelings of Jesus in losing a very close companion and having a crowd chase after him.
[Q]: *What do you learn about Jesus? About God? About yourself?*
- ❖ **Jesus Replaces Moses:** Matthew is seeking to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Moses and the Prophets. Parallel to the feeding with manna in the desert (Moses / Exodus), Jesus now feeds a large crowd with bread, in 'a deserted place'. Each Apostle is left holding one of twelve baskets of bread – symbolic of the new tribes of Israel – with the job of feeding hungry crowds. Matthew is painting a picture of the Church: our small offering, placed in Jesus' hands, feeds a multitude, with twelve baskets left over.
[Q]: *Imaginatively enter the scene and become a disciple. What do you learn?*
- ❖ **Go Away or Come Here:** In a world of food banks and empty tables, this miracle is also a challenge. Jesus refuses the disciples' plan to 'send the people away' to fend for themselves. The Kingdom and church community are invited not to outsource hunger.
[Q]: *Who are the hungry within your reach – materially or spiritually? What would it look like this week for you to hear the command: 'give them something to eat yourselves'?*

I was looking for something else and came across this, which I just have to share (in part).

Dogmatic Constitution on the Church – LUMEN GENTIUM (Second Vatican Council – 1964) – John P. Murray osa

10. The baptised, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, in order that, through all those works which are those of the Christian, they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the power of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Therefore, all the disciples of Christ, persevering in prayer and praising God, should present themselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Everywhere on earth they must bear witness to Christ and give an answer to those who seek an account of that hope of eternal life which is in them.

Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood are nonetheless interrelated. Each of them, in its own special way, is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ. The faithful, in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist. They likewise exercise that priesthood in receiving the sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity.

11. It is through the sacraments and the exercise of the virtues that the sacred nature and organic structure of the priestly community is brought into operation. Incorporated in the Church through baptism, the faithful are destined, by the baptismal character, for the worship of the Christian religion. Reborn as sons and daughters of God, they must confess before all the faith which they have received from God, through the Church. The Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ. Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life, they offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with It. By reason of the offering and through Holy Communion, all take part in this liturgical service, each in that way which is proper to themselves. Strengthened by the Body of Christ, they manifest in a concrete way that unity of the People of God.

Christian spouses, in virtue of the sacrament of Matrimony, signify and partake of the mystery of that unity and fruitful love which exists between Christ and His Church, helping each other to attain to holiness in their married life. From Christian marriage comes the family, in which new citizens of human society are born, who – by the grace of the Holy Spirit received in baptism – are made children of God, thus perpetuating the people of God. The family is the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children.

Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful are called by the Lord, each in their own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1-17
Mt 14:22-36

TUESDAY

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1-7
Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY

August 6
The
Transfiguration of
the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

FRIDAY

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12-2:4
Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY

August 9
Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : First Sunday during 8:30 am mass.
English : Second Sunday during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon
Public holidays : Closed

Good News!

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 55:1-3 / Romans 8:35, 37-39
/ Matthew 14:13-21

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Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 390) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING (No. 685) PLEASE STAND

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Sunday, 2 August 2026

ENTRANCE: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD (No. 606) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Is 55:1-3

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145: THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he an-swers all our needs.

1.

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)
2.

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)
3.

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)

SECOND READING: Rom 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL: Mt 14:13-21

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to Matthew.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

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 evening, 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.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES’ CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
“Feed your people, O God.”

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: COME TO THE WATER (No. 584)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND