SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 29, 2018

Dear Parishioners.

A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing. (John 6:2)

If you want a key to understanding the Gospel of John, you could probably do no better than to focus on the word "sign." In the first half of his Gospel (chapters 1-11), John recounts seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus performed. Then in the second half (chapters 12-21), he devotes all his time to the greatest sign of all: Jesus' cross and resurrection.

In today's Gospel, we see a large crowd following Jesus because they were impressed by these signs. Who else could turn water into wine or raise a dead boy with a mere word? They wanted to see more, and Jesus didn't let them down. He performed yet another sign: feeding more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes!

Over the next few Sundays, we will hear how Jesus explains this miracle and how important it is for us. He'll tell us that this multiplied bread points to the true Bread of Life—his own Eucharistic flesh, which he will give "for the life of the world" (John 6:51). He'll tell us that this special Bread of Life is greater even than the manna that Moses gave the Israelites in the desert (6:32). And best of all, he'll promise to raise up "on the last day" everyone who eats this bread with faith and trust in him (6:54).

These are only three of the many promises Jesus has made to us. He promises to be with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to lift us up. He promises to feed us with his very life, and after this life, he promises to open heaven itself for us. This is how good Jesus is!

Today is a perfect day to fix your eyes on Jesus, the Bread of Life offered at Mass, and thank him for everything he has promised you. It's also a perfect day to tell him that you want to keep following him so that you can receive each and every blessing he has in store for you.

"Thank you, Jesus, for giving us your Bread of Life!"

Deacon Mark Race. Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Darnell Stang, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



Saturday August 18, 2018~9am to 5pm

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com.

REJOICE

Gospel Extravaganza Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:00PM

at the Hyatt Regency Anaheim, 11999 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Featuring:

CHOIRS from the Greater Los Angeles Area!

Proceeds benefit the "Educate the Religious" Fund Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies of Grace, Western State District.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at www.kofpc.org or Call Gloria McClaurin at 310.880.6561.

Bus transportation available for \$15.

Safeguard the Children

No child under 18 years should be **LEFT ALONE** without adult supervision on Sundays during or after Mass. Parents should be aware of where their children are at all times. **ALL PARISH MINISTERS/ORGANIZATIONS** should also know where their child members under 18 years are at all times during their scheduled meeting/class. Ministry Leaders are responsible to stay with their child members under 18 years until parents or guardians pick them up after the meeting/class is over.

Bus Trip

Please join the Ladies of Peter Claver Court 220 on a trip to **Barona** on Saturday, August 11, 2018. For more information, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Cynthia Richardson at 323.750.0723.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday 2 Kgs 4:42-44, Ps 145:10-18, Jn 6:1-15

Monday Jer 13:1-11, Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday Jer 14:17-22, Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday Jer 15:10-21, Mt 13:44-46 Thursday Jer 18:1-6, Mt 13:47-53 Friday Jer 26:1-9, Mt 13:54-58 Saturday Jer 26:11-24, Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Ex 16:2-15, Ps 78:3-25, 54, Jn 6:24-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 28

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday July 29

8:00 AM Intention of Mary Jené 10:00 AM Soul of Daisy Pratt 12:15 PM Soul of Gwen Harmon

Sunday August 5

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners 10:00 AM Soul of Hilma King

Weekly Offering for July 22, 2018

\$4,393.00 Tithe and Offering 10.00 Building Fund 0.00 "We Care"

Did you know?

Nearly everyone has a cell phone and that may be great for communication and connection, but it also gives rise to concerns about who may be taking photos of you or your children without your knowledge. You can't police the behaviors of others around you, but you can avoid taking pictures of your own children in public, and posting photos online that give away the locations of your favorite parks and hangouts. If your children have phones, monitor the photos they are taking and sharing, too. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Camera Phones: Unseen Dangers go to: www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles...

Have you been fingerprinted?

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person are required to be fingerprinted."

AUGUST FINGERPRINT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 Immaculate Conception Church 1433 James Woods Blvd., L.A. For appointment call 213.384.1109 Saturday, August 18, 2018 St. Michael Church 1016 Manchester Avenue, L.A. For appointment call 323.753.2696