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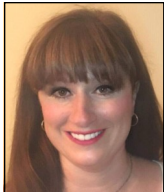
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5:00pm - Terry Law, Victor Gatt,
Tom Lannan
9:00am - Lisa Shibley, Derek Koiter,
Dan Tonello
11:00am - Susan Brown, Joe Gatt,
Sam Zuvic

**The 18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A
All ate and
were filled.**

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Claudette Miller
9:00 am - Tim Grawey
11:00 am - John Sneek

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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering

Table with Mass Intentions for Aug 4-9, including dates, times, and requestors.

AMAZING LOVE FOR US

Our God loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for love.

God calls to us, even tries to entice us, to come and be filled with the good spiritual food He wants to give us. "Come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!" And, "Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare." Note that He uses the word "heed". "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." We must be intentional in going to God regularly through prayer and the sacraments. We must heed and listen to receive the nourishment He want to give us. We must choose Him, above our selfishness, above the worldly diversions that surround us constantly. But if we seek Him intentionally, we can be sure He will reward us: "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David."

We can have complete confidence in this promise of His faithful love. St. Paul reminds us emphatically that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife - nothing - can keep our God from His faithful love for us. His love is so powerful that not only does it allow us to survive all these things and more, but, "in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly." God has got us in the palm of



His hand. And yet, this assurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Recall the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

We find that Jesus "withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." He had just heard of the death of His cousin John the Baptist and was attempting to find a few moments of solitude. But the crowds would not leave Him alone. They followed him and tracked him down. Yet, our Lord was not frustrated with their interruption. Rather, "his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love He shows. But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with the people, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it, insisting that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love. reflections@catholicsteward.com

PRAYER TO LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS

God, my Father, may I love You in all things and above all things. May I reach the joy which You have prepared for me in Heaven. Nothing is good that is against Your Will, and all that is good comes from Your Hand. Place in my heart a desire to please You and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love, so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace.



THIS WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE

- As you know from now on wearing a face mask in all public spaces is mandatory. This means we all must wear a face mask in our church every time you come in. This will protect all of us. Thank you for your compliance. Please listen and be respectful to the guidance of the ushers since there are many changes. These changes are for your health and safety and those around you. When taking your seat in a pew, please start at the front pews. Please be considerate of others and sit in the middle of the pew first. This will prevent passing each other and maintaining social distancing. There are many Mass Intentions available beginning the last week of August and going forward. If you wish to have a Mass said for a deceased loved one, or for others living or for yourself, please see or call the office.

AUGUST - THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength,



impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.

