



2 AUGUST 2026 ❖ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ PARISH PRIEST'S SUNDAY ❖ YEAR A



“JESUS: BLESSED, BROKEN AND SHARED!”

Today, the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel shows Jesus in quiet grief over the death of John the Baptist. Yet, moved with compassion for the hungry crowd, He sets aside His sorrow and feeds them. Taking the loaves and fish, He blesses, breaks, and gives them—gestures that point to the Eucharist. As we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, may our lives, like His, be blessed, broken, and shared to satisfy the hunger of others and their scarcity.

Today is also the Priests' Sunday, let us pray for the our ordained ministers and help in their formation and faithful perseverance in their priestly vocation.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

(Ps 70 (69): 2, 6)

GREETING

P –Blessed be God who loves us with a love that nothing can overpower. May His grace and peace be with you all.

All—And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P –As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love in the Blessed Eucharist, let us call to mind whatever makes us unworthy to

stand in his presence and receive him in Holy Communion. (Pause)

P –For the times we have closed our hearts to the sufferings and requests of our needy neighbors, Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

P –For the times we have refused to share with them our resources of time, talents, and treasure, Christ, have mercy.

All—Christ, have mercy.

P –For the times we have mismanaged our natural or economic resources through negligence or improper use, Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

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

All—Amen.

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GLORIA

All – Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
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.
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 of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P – Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator
and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Is 55:1-3

R – A reading from the Book of 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,

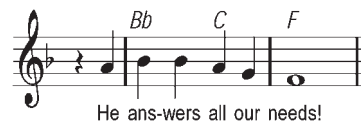
you shall delight in rich fare.
Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life.
I will renew with you the everlasting
covenant,
the benefits assured to David.

The word of the Lord.
All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

R – The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

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- * 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.**
- * 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.**
- * 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.**

2nd Reading

Rom 8:35, 37-39

R – A reading from the Letter of 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4b

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

Gospel

Mt 14:13-21

P –The Lord be with you.
All –And with your spirit.
P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew
All –Glory to you, O 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All–Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All – I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(bow)*
** and by the Holy Spirit*
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
*and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P –God provides for all our needs and calls us to care for one another. Trusting that He hears our prayers, we say: Lord, hear our prayers.

All –Lord, hear our prayers.

C –For the Church, may She follow the example of Christ in welcoming all, especially the broken and neglected. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For world leaders, may they use their power to overcome injustice, oppression, and hunger in today's society. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For our parish community, may no one be left hungry or alone, but be nourished by our “five loaves and two fish” of kindness and solidarity. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For those who carry hidden burdens and feel alone, may they find healing and the care of others. We pray to the Lord. **R.**

P –God our Father, all that we have comes from You. Purify our hearts, that as we share in the Eucharist, we may also share Your life and love with others. Through Christ our Lord.
All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P –Pray, brethren . . .

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P –Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
All– Amen.

PREFACE VII

P –The Lord be with you.

All–And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.

All–We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All– It is right and just.

P –It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you so loved the world
that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,
to live like us in all things but sin,
so that you might love in us what you loved in
your Son,
by whose obedience we have been restored to
those gifts of yours
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.
And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we
acclaim:

All – Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P –The mystery of faith.

All–Save us, Savior of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

All–Our Father . . .

P– Deliver us, Lord . . .

All –For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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**All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION

P —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 ANTIPHON

*(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is
sung.)*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from
heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in
every taste.

(Wis 16:20)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P —Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
All—Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P —The Lord be with you.
All—And with your spirit.

P —May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All—Amen.

P —Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your
life.
All—Thanks be to God.



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