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Sunday, July 26, 2015

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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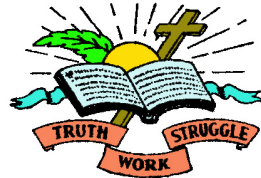
R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

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

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

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

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 hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

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

READING 2 - Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Priest/Lector:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: A great prophet has arisen in our midst. God has visited his people.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days? wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Shepherd Me, O God"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY
(1786-1859) August 4**

St. John Vianney was born at Dardilly, near Lyons, France, on May 3, 1786, a few years before the French Revolution. After shepherding cattle on his family farm, he decided to study for the priesthood. He was drafted into the army, but deserted in 1809. When amnesty was granted by Emperor Napoleon in March of 1810, he returned to Dardilly.

John was tonsured in 1811 and entered the seminary at Lyons in 1813. Despite his poor record at studies, he was finally ordained on August 12, 1815. He was assigned as a parish priest in 1817 to Ars-en-Dombes, a remote, sleepy town of 230 people. Undoubtedly, his bishop wished to place him where not too much would be expected of him. Little did he realize the miracles of grace that would occur there. In 1824, with the help of Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he opened a free school for girls. This school laid the foundation for the establishment of La Providence, a shelter for orphans and deserted children, in 1827.

Through the prayer, penance and simple, tireless preaching of their parish priest, the people of Ars experienced a great spiritual awakening. News of this holy priest spread to the surrounding areas and soon men and women from all over Europe began to flock to the tiny village for confession and advice. More than three hundred visitors a day approached him. During winter, he would spend up to twelve hours a day in the confessional, and up to sixteen hours a day during the summer. The few words he spoke to each was enough; they heard from him what they needed to hear. For 42 years the Cure' of Ars labored in his out of the way parish until he died on August 4, 1859.

His prayer: When we pray our small hearts are stretched beyond themselves to reach lovingly to God. Through prayer we see what heaven will be. Prayer is honey making everything sweet; like the sun it melts the cold snow of sorrow away. —*St. John Vianney*

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Sunday, July 26 - 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Kolek

Sunday, August 2, 2015 - 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Stan Kural

Sunday, August 9, 2015 - 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Kolek

Sunday, August 16, 2015 - 12:30 p.m. - Fr. Joseph Kolek

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 1 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, December 5, 2015 - 3 p.m.

Christmas Fund-raiser Dinner

LISTEN! TRY IT WITH THE LORD

Those summer sports, golfing, tennis, swimming, or even rocking away in a favorite chair on the front porch - these pastimes are among the great joys of summer. But most of us know from experience that sports demand more of us than "fun." Professional and academic coaches nearly all agree: Success depends on some "inspiration" but in large measure requires much personal "perspiration."

Our relationship with the Lord draws on the same tried and true combination of "inspiration" and "perspiration." The Lord will start the process with a little inspiration _ perhaps wonderful insights or challenging thoughts that suddenly spring to mind. But we know that the Lord also expects us to take His message out of storage in our memory. We need to move "inspiration" effectively into the context of our work and our daily lives. And that will always demand perspiration - that human effort usually defined as "work."

Active listening is one of those great gifts that blesses our lives with spiritual as well as personal enrichment. In relating to other people, including our family members, the importance of active listening is essential. Use patience, experts advice, as well as good to draw out the other person. Try to hear what that person is saying, not what you want to hear. The reward will be getting to know the other person better and on a much deeper level. Active listening does that. With God, active listening as a regular practice can also lead to a deeper experience in our relationship with the Lord. Just wanting that deeper relationship with God is the inspiration. The work of it, the perspiration, involves discipline and patience on our part, a work that begins with silence. Quiet. And we all know how hard that is for us today. We begin in silence. Opening our heart and will to the presence of God. We listen! The next step is also challenging what athletes call "follow through." We must think wisely and honestly as we examine the events in our daily lives.

Summer is a good time to do a little spiritual stock-taking. Pencil the Lord in on your schedule. Call it a 10 minute daily spiritual retreat. And make it a "no excuses" time for you and the Lord. Make it a time for active listening.

Why not try it this year? Make time, give it a try and you may find "things slow down" to summer pace, right in that "active listening" corner you created for yourself and God!