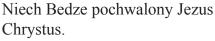


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## August 2, 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen. Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen. 8:30 AM - "Hymn of Faith" Mass Book page 63.

#### READING I - Isaiah 55:1-3

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.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM -**

**Ps** 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

*R/The hand of the Lord feeds us;* 

he answers all our needs.

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 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 -** Romans 8:35, 37-39

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.

## GOSPEL - Matthew 14:13-21

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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

COMMUNION HYMN - "On Eagle's Wings"

RECESSIONAL - "I Come to the Garden Alone"



## **TODAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:**

Requiem Intentions for: Toni Ann Panico offered by Joni Blenn

# St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

#### BE THE ANSWER

Don't wish for some magical, instant answer to all the problems you see. Seek instead to be the answer. Be the answer in the way you live each moment. Be the answer in the thoughts you entertain, in the values to which you adhere.

You have minimal influence over what others say or do or think or feel. Yet you have pretty much total control over the way you are.

So make good use of what you have. Live with the goodness you treasure, in every word, in every effort, in every interaction.

It's what you can do, and it is significant. Live well, on a human scale, and your modest goodness serves to lift the world in ways far beyond what you can imagine.

The best answers to life's problems are not ones that are forced, but ones that are freely chosen and faithfully lived. Be the answer, live the answer.

— Ralph Marston (July 29, 2020) (The Daily Motivator - www.GreatDay.com)



#### ONE MOMENT AT A TIME

There is nothing about the reality of this moment that can overwhelm you. If you feel overwhelmed, it is because you have, in this moment, given life to your disappointments of the past, or to your anxieties about the future.

Just imagine how effective you could be right now, in this moment, if you could free yourself from those burdens. And know that, in fact, you can.

What has come before, as overwhelming as it may seem, is over, It exists only in your memory.

And what about the things that might or might not happen at some point in the future? They have no power in this moment other than the power you choose to give them.

Instead of fighting battles that are already over, use this moment to make the best of what is, rather than struggling against some imagined future, use your energy to create real, lasting value from what is here and now.

Love one moment at a time, with fullness, richness, strength and purpose. And nothing will have the power to overwhelm you.

— Ralph Marston (May 3, 2005) (The Daily Motivator - www.GreatDay.com)

## Take a moment out and pray...

#### † † † † † † *PRAYERS* † † † † † †

For the Health & Safety of Our First Responders during the Pandemic: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, please watch over and keep safe those who respond first to our needs, doctors, nurses, EMTs, orderlies and LPNs, as well as those who risk their lives every day to serve us, firefighters, cashiers, truck drivers, delivery personnel, government officials, fast food and restaurant employees, etc. We ask especially for our own at St. Francis Parish, Sandras Darbouze & Lillian Zaradich, RNs; Lillyan Tobon's neice, Jessica Arrubla, NYPD; Linda Frysztacki's daughter-in-law, Karlye Frysztaski and her sisters, RNs.

*Health Needs*: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Jim Richards,
 Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino,
 Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney,
 Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

#### Requiem Intentions for Toni Ann Panico:

Eternal rest give unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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