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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)

9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)

11:30am English (organ & cantor)

1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Octavia Camilo (D),
Benedito Reyes (D), Ana
Silivia Lorenzo (D), Isidora
Lorenzo (D), Alcibiades
Alcantara (D)
12:00 p.m. All Souls, Jaime Roman
Rodriguez (D)

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Giuse & Maria (D)

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. St. Raphael, St.
Michael. God Almighty,
Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit,
the Blessed Trinity,
Antigua Nuñez (D)

Thursday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Acción de gracias al
Sagrado Corazón de
Jesus, Manuel de Jesus
Hernandez (hijo), Virgilio
Adames, Bienvenido
Gonzalez (D), Teodora
Tonge De la Cruz & Hector
Antonio Mercedes
Cruz (D)
12:00 p.m.

Friday, August 7

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. All Souls

Saturday, August 8

7:45 a.m.
7:00 p.m. Natividad Manzano &
Fernando Caido (D),
Raymond Rodriguez (D)

Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Louie
Dedvukaj (L) Honor of St.
Nicholas
9:30 a.m. Padre Bienvenido Antonio
Suriel, Sencion Suriel,
Marcelina Fuente, Maria
Mercedes Suriel (D),
Domingo Perez (D)
11:30 am Vincenza Burnett (D), Miri
family -Honor of St.
Nicholas
1:30 pm All Souls (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the
water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs. (Ps
145)

Second Reading:

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. (Rom 8:38
-39)

Gospel:

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. (Mt 14:19)

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Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Matthew 14:13-21**

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

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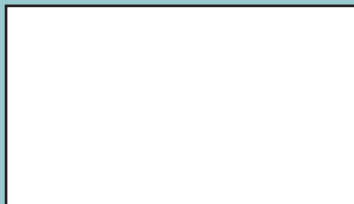
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