

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hardin County Cluster of Catholic Parishes
August 2, 2020

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:1-3

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 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 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.

18 The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. **R.**

2nd Reading – Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the Letter of Saint 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia – Matthew 4:4B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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Gospel – Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily ~ Creed ~ Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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.

***Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My **Jesus**, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

Concluding Rites

Prayer in the Time of the Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross,
took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.

In our needs, despise not our petitions,

but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.