

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Lord, do not delay
in your coming!



Sun 02 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
Thr 06 Transfiguration of the Lord
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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The pity of Jesus Christ is the cause of a life-transforming abundance. Christ is not scandalized by human need and want. Rather, the Lord regards every experience of human lack as a prime opportunity to manifest God's lavishness. From our earliest days, God has beckoned us: "Come, all who are thirsty! Come, you who have no money!" Our sickness, our exhaustion, our insufficiency—Jesus tells us, "Bring them here to me." Then, what was formerly a "deserted place" becomes a place of satisfaction. Trial, distress, hunger, and danger do not separate us from the love of Christ. Rather, they draw him close to us with a love that conquerors all.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Isaiah 55:1–3 / Romans 8:35, 37–39
/ Matthew 14:13–21

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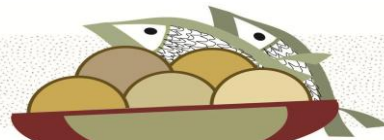
Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.

CCD REGISTRATION SET TO BEGIN

Registration will take place on August 23 and 30 after the 9 a.m. Mass. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish's CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):

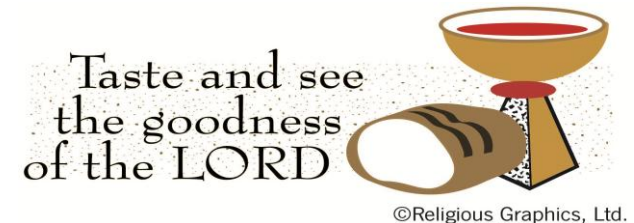
1. Parents must be active [already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.
2. Parents must bring a copy of the child's **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

NO CERTIFICATES.
NO REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays
From 10:15 am to 12:00 pm
beginning on September 6

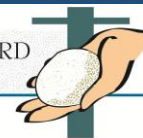
CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent [(already have been coming to Mass with parent(s))] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.



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The hand of the LORD
feeds us



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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,705.00

Loose: \$ 30.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,735.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 13,958.87

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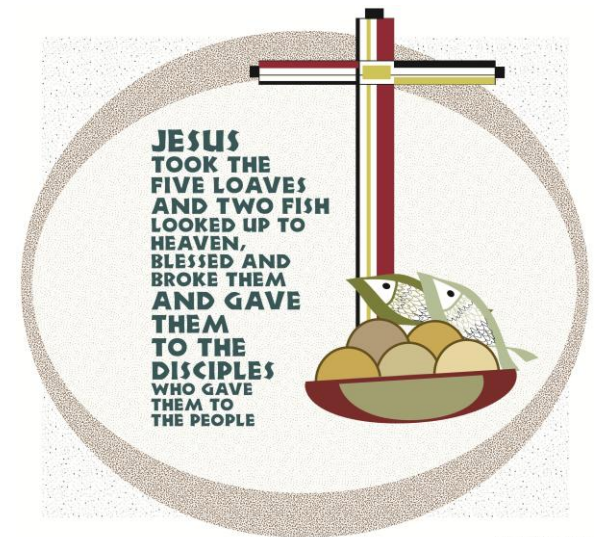
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Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, "Do this in memory of me." But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

"The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed" (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (*GIRM* 281). "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors "should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (*GIRM* 282). ●

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