

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2021

The Miraculous Sign of Jesus



Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience for God? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a large crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the *Bread of Life*, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. The people of Israel had been waiting for the prophet whom Moses had promised: *The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren - him shall you heed* (Deuteronomy 18:15). The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as the anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle that is repeated in all four Gospel accounts. What is the significance of this particular miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership (Exodus 16). This daily provision of food in the barren wilderness foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the *true bread of heaven* that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (*Ad Eph. 20,2*). This supernatural food is healing for strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist at the Lord's Table is an intimate union with Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer and Savior. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who are in need?

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZBuk3g-bhw?>

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the months of July and August, the parish office will be closed on Mondays. Tuesday to Friday the office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00p.m. All phone calls and emails will be returned on Tuesday.

MONDAY, JULY 26 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Rosina Mandarino

TUESDAY, JULY 27 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Denyse Schnoeckel

+ Maria and Ernesto Marchiori

+ Robert Alstrom

THURSDAY, JULY 29 – 8:00 A.M.

+ Gerry and Alice Mayo

FRIDAY, JULY 30 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Larry Masterson

+William Bertrand

SATURDAY, JULY 31 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Edgardo Angulo

SUN., AUGUST 1 – 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S.I. Parish Community

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

FORMED

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform. Best of all, this material is free to you.

There are 3 easy steps to Sign Up on FORMED:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish code: L5K
3. Enter your name and email

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 25, 2021

WATCH

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



LEARN

FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?



As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that effective Tuesday, August 3, morning Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays will begin at 8:30 a.m.

HEALING AND RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

We are currently establishing working groups, each enriched by Indigenous voices, to help guide and support our efforts. If you would like to read about what this entails please go the document on the Archdiocesan website by following this link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/the-ongoing-journey-to-healing-and-reconciliation/>

ARE YOU MOVING?



During the months of July and August a number of parishioners will be moving out of the parish.

Before moving, please leave your change of address with the parish office. If you are new to the parish, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule, fill it out and submit it to the parish office.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Did you that the Archdiocese of Toronto offers many different programs and workshops? The Office of Formation for Discipleship is committed to cultivating a Church of grateful missionary disciples who actively encounter Christ in Word and Sacraments and share their God-given gifts in joyful service as living witnesses to Christ in the world. See what they offer by following this link:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-ministries/formation-for-discipleship/home/>