

August 2, 2015 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

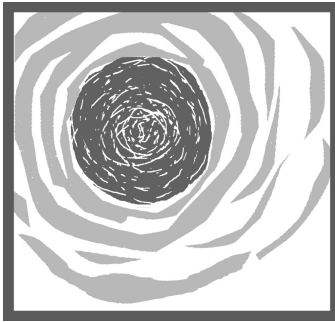
The crowd wanted to know, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" They were looking for a way to do miracles, signs, and wonders, and they expected Jesus to prove himself by doing this for them, too. They had just witnessed the multiplication of the loaves, yet it seemed not to impress them! They are asking for yet another "sign." Jesus directs their attention to the meaning of the miracles: God's loving faithfulness to them in their need. Manna in the desert and loaves in the wilderness were the signs of Jesus' gift of himself to us in love.

What Jesus was looking for in these people was an attentive heart. He wanted them to see that God was providing for their needs with love and faithfulness, and had always done so. But the people didn't get it. They had just witnessed a miracle, and yet they still were asking for "a sign." What counts as a sign? Do we need to be hit over the head? Every day we witness miracles, and yet we don't really see them, or believe that they really come from God. Every day, we are bread to each other, or someone is bread for us, and yet we do not make the connection! No doubt the people in the desert failed to connect the quail and the manna with their crying out to God for food. God answers our prayers and knows our needs, and sends people to us and us to others, and yet we look for other explanations of these "miracles" in our lives.

BELIEVE!

God's faithful love is shown all around us, every day. We cry out to God, and yet we often explain away God's answers to our prayers, looking for something more spectacular than merely what we need or even what we have asked for. We have what we need: the Bread of Life.

Today's Readings: Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



2 de agosto de 2015 Decimotavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La multitud quería saber: "¿qué podemos hacer para realizar las obras de Dios?" Buscaban la manera de hacer milagros, señales y maravillas, y esperaban que Jesús mostrara quién era, haciendo lo mismo para ellos. Acababan de ser testigos de la multiplicación de los panes, pero no parecían muy impresionados. Pedían otra "señal". Jesús dirige su atención al significado de los milagros: la fidelidad amorosa de Dios para con ellos en sus necesidades. El maná del desierto y los panes en medio del campo eran las señales del regalo que Jesús, en su gran amor nos ofrece.

Lo que Jesús buscaba en estas personas era un corazón atento. Quería que vieran que Dios respondía a sus necesidades con amor y fidelidad y que siempre lo había hecho. Pero la gente no entendía. Acababan de ser testigos de un milagro, pero seguían pidiendo "una señal". ¿Qué cuenta como señal? ¿Es necesario que se nos golpee en la cabeza? Todos los días somos testigos de milagros, pero en realidad no los vemos ni creemos que en realidad vengan de Dios. Cada día, somos pan para los demás, o alguien es pan para nosotros, pero nosotros no le encontramos ninguna relación. Sin duda la gente en el desierto no relacionó las codornices y el maná a su petición a Dios por comida. Dios responde a nuestras oraciones y conoce nuestras necesidades, y envía a personas a nosotros y, de la misma manera, nos envía a los demás, pero todavía seguimos buscando otras explicaciones para esos "milagros" en nuestra vida.

¡CREE!

El amor fiel de Dios se expresa cada día a nuestro alrededor. Clamamos a Dios, pero frecuentemente no queremos entender la respuesta de Dios a nuestras oraciones, y buscamos algo más espectacular de lo que realmente necesitamos o hasta de lo que pedimos. Tenemos lo que necesitamos: el Pan de Vida.

Lecturas de hoy: Éx 16:2-4,12-15; Sal 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Ef 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm (English)

Sunday: 8:00 am (Spanish) & 10:00 am (English)

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4:45 pm-5:15 pm & Wednesday after 8 am Mass

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am

24-hour Adoration: Begins Thursday 8:00 am - Concludes Friday 8:00 am

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REFLECTIONS

GOD’S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being “God’s work.” But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God’s work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is “God’s work?” “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29).

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REFLEJOS

EL TRABAJO QUE DIOS QUIERE

¡Estamos tan ocupados! Muchos de nosotros tenemos más de un trabajo y parecería que nunca tenemos suficiente tiempo. Somos trabajadores, voluntarios, padres, amigos y la mayoría es más de una cosa a la vez. Pero, ¿cuál de estos es el trabajo que Dios quiere?

Rara vez vemos nuestro trabajo común como el trabajo que Dios quiere. Quizás pensamos que debemos ser ministros o sacerdotes, misioneros o benefactores, que debemos realizar trabajos de tiempo completo que se consideran como “las obras de Dios”. Pero todo lo que hacemos con un corazón fiel y con amor por el prójimo es una obra de Dios. Cada uno tiene un papel que cumplir en el mundo y muchos dones son necesarios. No siempre podemos ver la relación directa que existe entre nuestro trabajo diario y los designios de Dios. Pero confiamos y tenemos fe en que Dios nos guía a hacer lo que es necesario, cuando es necesario. ¿Cuál es “la obra de Dios?” “La obra de Dios consiste en que crean en aquél a quien él ha enviado” (Juan 6:29).



WELCOME!

REV. PETER V. ZAFE, S.T.D.

**CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH
AUGUST 1—2, 2015**

We welcome Father Peter V. Zafe, S.T.D. of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



**ST. JOHN’S STAFF VACATION
SCHEDULE**



Father Howard Goertz

Monday, July 20 - Tuesday, August 4

Leonardo Cruz

Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 14



**BURNING OF SANCTUARY LIGHT
AUGUST 2015**

FOR FAMILY

Offered by: Carlos & Patricia Gonzales

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Weekend of July 25 & 26

Collections

1st Collection\$2,334.60

Children’s Collection\$31.57

Total\$2,366.17

Needed Weekly\$4,198.54

Diocesan Collection

Indian Mission Society.....\$789.29

Other Collections

Votive Candle\$79.00

With God All Things are Possible!

ST. JOHN'S BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday Breakfast.....Sundays

This Sunday, August 2 Altar Society is hosting Sunday Breakfast. Sunday Breakfast is served in the Parish Hall after both the 8 am and 10 am Mass. Next Sunday, August 9 Guadalupana Society is hosting Sunday Breakfast.

Clase de Bautismo.....Domingo, 2 de agosto

Se requiere que los Papás y Padrinos asistan a una Clase de Bautismo. El próximo clase de Bautismo es 2 de agosto a 11:30 am en el Salón.

Altar Society meeting..... Sunday, August 2

Altar Society meets every 1st Sunday of the month at 12 noon in the Parish hall.

Práctica del coro (español) Jueves

Práctica del coro (español), cada Jueves a las 6 de la tarde en la casa de la parroquia, 400 S. Pecan.

Altar Care (Altar Society) Fridays

Altar Care this Friday, August 7 Suzie Flores. Next Friday, August 14 Nell Rightmer & Dot Harrison.

Anointing of the SickSaturday, August 8

Anointing of the sick is held every second Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm, immediately following the Vigil Mass.

English Baptismal Class Sunday, August 9

One class is required for parents and sponsors! The next English Baptismal Class will be Sunday, August 9 at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATE

“MOVIES IN THE HALL”

Youth Ministry will be hosting Family Movie Night Wednesday, August 15 @ 6:30 pm at the Parish Hall.

Movie: TBD

* Free admission for everyone

* Concession Stand will be available for purchases

* Bring your blankets and/or lawn chairs *

Come early, pick your perfect spot and enjoy the movie!



ST. JOHN'S 2015 FALL FESTIVAL



**FALL FESTIVAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015**

7:30 PM

QUEEN CANDIDATE FUNDRAISERS

QUEEN CANDIDATE - ANGELIQUE ZAVALA

MEATLOAF PLATE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL**

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL**

2015 FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE

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| 1. \$1,500.00 Visa Card | 6. \$100.00 Visa Card |
| 2. \$1,000.00 Visa Card | 7. \$100.00 Visa Card |
| 3. \$500.00 Visa Card | 8. \$50.00 Visa Card |
| 4. \$300.00 Visa Card | 9. \$50.00 Visa Card |
| 5. \$200.00 Visa Card | 10. \$50.00 Visa Card |

Drawing held Sunday, October 4 @ 7 pm

Donation: \$1 per Ticket or 6 for \$5

Winner need not be present to win..

Raffle Tickets can be picked up outside of Church or at the Church Office during Business hours.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



CRE REGISTRATION

ALL TUESDAYS AT CHURCH OFFICE

**SEPTEMBER 12 & 13
AFTER ALL THREE MASSES**

**CRE CLASSES BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

**RCIA CLASS BEGINS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 @ 6:30 PM
PARISH HOUSE (400 S. PECAN)**

August 8 & 9

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Sat. 5:30 pm	Bob Hochstein	Tina Conley Lane Zumwalt
Sun. 8:00 am	Armando Perales	Guadalupe Castillo Juanita Cruz
Sun. 10:00 am	Sharon Pratkan	Cruz Nuñez Debbie Nuñez



	<u>Altar Server</u>
Sat. 5:30 pm	Carson McNabb
Sun. 8:00 am	Leonardo Reyna Amy Angel
Sun. 10:00 am	Malachi Ybarra Mark Montalbo



	<u>Hospitality Ministers</u>
Sat. 5:30 pm	Lawrence Ayala Tomas Ayala
Sun. 8:00 am	Gus Bernal Jorge Ochoa & Tony Cruz
Sun. 10:00 am	Sotero Ramirez Rebecca Ramirez

GET A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT BE PRESENT!!!

****FOR YOUR INFORMATION****

Baptisms:

One class is required for parents and sponsors! The next English Baptismal Class will be Sunday, August 9 at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Bautizos

Se requiere que los Papás y Padrinos asistan a una Clase de Bautismo. El próximo clase de Bautismo es 2 de agosto de 2015 a 11:30 am en el Salón.

Marriage

A six-months to one-year notice is required, please call the Church office to meet with the Pastor.

Bodas

De 6-meses a un año de antemano. Llama a la Oficina.

Quinceañera Celebration

A six months to one-year notice is required, for a Quinceañera the family must be registered in the parish and the 14 year old must be already enrolled and attending CRE Classes to be eligible to celebrate in the church. Please call the Church Office to meet with the Pastor.

Celebrando Tus XV Años

Registrate con 6-meses de antemano y haz una cita con el Sacerdote.

Ministry to the Sick

When a parishioner is hospitalized, in nursing home or homebound please contact the Church at (830) 875-5354, so that arrangements can be made for them to receive the sacraments.

Ministerio de los enfermos

Comunicate con la Oficina a 830-875-5354.

Healing Service (Anointing of the Sick)

On the 2nd Saturday of the Month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) English & Spanish

Saturdays from 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm and Wednesdays after 8 am Daily Mass.

St. John's Website

Please visit our website: www.stjohnluling.com

St. John the Evangelist



First Saturday, August 1 “St. Alphonsus Liguori”

Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Mass: 5:30 pm Pauline Salinas† (Family)

Sunday, August 2 “18th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Rdgs: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Mass: 8:00 am Para la Parroquia

10:00 am James Gonzales (BD) (Gloria Lopez)

(Father Howard will be on vacation and out of the office

July 20—August 4; No Daily Mass will be held July 28—July 31)

Monday, August 3

Readings: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday, August 4 “St. John Vianney”

Readings: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

No Mass

Wednesday, August 5 “Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major”

Rdgs: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Mass: 8:00 am Jose E. Estrada† (Family)

Lucas Hochstein (SI) (Bob & Suzanne Hochstein)

Thursday, August 6 “The Transfiguration of the Lord” (24-hour Adoration begins)

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Mass: 8:00 am Arindam Goswami† (Kathy Allen and Aaron Allen)

First Friday, August 7 “St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan” (24-Adoration concludes)

Readings: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Mass: 8:00 am Arindam Goswami† (Kathy Allen and Aaron Allen)

Saturday, August 8 “St. Dominic”

Readings: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Mass: 5:30 pm Roy Jimenez† & Maria M. Jimenez† (Jimenez Family)

Frances Lugo† (Tina Conley)

Sunday, August 9 “19th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Mass: 8:00 am Papa Juan Pablo II (En acción de gracias)

(Severiano & Isidra Rodriguez)

Dolores Salas† (Juanita Mendoza)

10:00 am For the Parish



Margie Barnes, Shannon Brandom, Rev. Robert Becker, Nicole

Bujnoch, Emily Burke, Jaime & Teresa Calderon, Karen S.

Cardenas, Sophia Castillo, Bill Chapman, Lincoln Contreras,

Margarito Conteras, Marilyn Cryder, Dario & Reina Flores,

Gilbert “Beto” Garcia, Rosemary Garcia, Nemesio Gomez, Francisca

Gonzales, Jesse M. Gonzales, Joel Gonzales, John Gonzales, Paul Gonzales,

Michael Hebert, Adeline Heintschel, John Houeye, Taylor Hudgins, John J.

Hyatt, Elizabeth Idrogo, Jerry Kidd, Carmen Leal, Jimmy Ledesma, Jr., Ann

Logan, Arturo Magallanez, Jimmy D. McIntoch, Juanita Mendoza, Shelley

Meyers, Annelise Miller, Diana Miranda, Mary Ann Montalbo, Sam Nuñez,

Blaise & Jean Netardus, Lucy Oliva, Isabel Orona, Alex Rodriguez, Antonia

Rodriguez, Leticia Rodriguez, Tim Stanley, Renee Spencer, Kathy Starch,

Virginia Suarez, Andres Valdez, Melissa Weiss, and Tyreese Williams.