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AUGUST 5, 2018, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY
TO WEDNESDAY - 5:40PM - ROSARY
- 6:00PM - MASS

THURSDAY - 3:00PM - MASS AT AMCC

FRIDAY - 3:00PM - MASS AT QCC

SATURDAY - 4:30PM - CONFESSIONS
- 5:00PM - ROSARY
- 5:30PM - MASS

SUNDAY - 10:30AM - MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Every First Friday of the Month Holy Hour from 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.
2. Clean up around the Church after 10:30am Mass on Sunday
3. God's Laundry Volunteers needed
4. Parish Picnic on Saturday September 8th following the 5:30pm Mass.
5. Religious Education (Caroline speaks on Sunday).
6. Welcome the New Parishners

READERS AND EM'S FOR AUGUST

Saturday August 4

5:30 Lector

Janeen Sullivan

Sunday August 5

10:30 Lector

Gretchen Froehle

EMHC

Kitty Scott / Sylvia

Paniataaq

Saturday August 11

5:30 Lector

Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 12

10:30 Lector

Kitty Scott

EMHC

JenniferFast/Gretchen

Froehle

Saturday August 18

5:30 Lector

Tom Moran

Sunday August 19

10:30 Lector

Sylvia Paniataaq

EMHC

Gretchen Froehle

Saturday August 25

5:30 Lector

Elsa Bronson

Sunday August 26

10:30 Lector

Julie Farley

EMHC

Kitty Scott / Jennifer

Fast

PARISH STAFF

Tom Moran - Parish Council President 443-6601

Megan Mackiernan – Vice President 443-4501

Rebecca Callahan – Member 443-7158

Patrick Callahan – Member 443-1236

Angie Gorn – Member 443-3286

Caroline Proulx – 434-6010 Religious Education
 Director

Mo Koezuna – 304-1492 Volunteer Book Keeper

FAMILY CONNECTION TO THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people

Seven Biblical Reasons For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament

1. He is really there!

"I myself am the living bread come down from heaven." (Jn 6:35)

2. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love him in return is to spend one quiet hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...."
"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)

3. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart.

"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of you anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; Pt 5:7; Jn 14:17)

4. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all he has done for our salvation.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Rev. 5:12)

5. For peace in our country!

"When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land." (2Chr 7:14)

6. Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new." (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)

7. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart!

"My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)

