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**18th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2, 2020 – "Trust in God"**

The central theme of today's readings is that God takes care of our physical and spiritual needs if we put our trust in Him. He shares with us Jesus as our Savior and spiritual food, in Word and in Eucharist, thus preparing us for the Heavenly banquet, and challenges us to share our blessings with others.

**Life messages:**

- **We need to nourish our souls with Jesus in Word and Sacrament.** We nourish our souls with the Word of God (by listening to God through reading the Bible) and with the Bread of Life (by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion).
- **We need to find time to be with Christ both in personal and family prayer and in Adoration of the Eucharist whenever this is available.** One way of listening to God is to read a passage in the Bible until it speaks to the heart, then stop to reflect on the message God is conveying to our hearts. The next step is to respond to God by prayer, which is talking to Him, as to a friend in conversation, telling Him everything and asking Him for whatever we need.
- **We need to be "Eucharistic ministers:"** We too, can perform miracles in our own time and place, by imitating the four "Eucharistic actions" of Jesus: take humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others in God's love, break away from our own needs and selfish interests for the sake of others, give with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much.
- **We need to be generous in sharing God's blessings:** We need to share our blessings with others around us, generously and sacrificially, in order to alleviate their spiritual and physical hunger. God lavishly blesses the large-hearted, who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others.

**Anecdote: "I shared my rice because she has several starving children:"**

From her personal experience, Mother Teresa relates a story showing how generous the poor are, and how ready to share what little they have with others because they themselves have experienced hunger and poverty. Learning of a poor Hindu family in Calcutta who had been starving for many days, Mother Teresa visited them and gave a parcel of rice to the mother of the family. She was surprised to see that the woman divided the rice into two equal portions and gave one to her Muslim neighbour. When Mother Teresa asked her why she had done such a sacrificial deed, the woman replied: "My family can manage with half of what you brought. My neighbour's family is in greater need because they have several children who are starving."

**In the Synoptic Gospels' account, the Apostles** (in John's account, a young boy), gave Jesus all they/he had — five small loaves of barley bread and two dried fish, — and Jesus used that tiny amount to feed a multitude. Thus, either the apostles, or the young boy, became the instrument of a miracle in Jesus' hands.

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults**

**We especially pray for all the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. All those whose names are on the Church**

**Please pray for the Sick:** John, Leanne, Raphaella, Diana, Robert, Nola Natalina Gianna Rossetini & Lia Pierazzi Phylliss Flood.

**FEAST DAYS Aug:** Mon 5 Basilica St Mary Major. Tues 6th Transfiguration of The Lord Thurs 9th St Mary of The Cross Mackillop The Blessed Fri 9th St Teresa of the Cross.

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION** (Pope Francis encourages us to pray this prayer daily)

**PROTECT, O HOLY GUARDIAN, THIS OUR NATION OF AUSTRALIA. ENLIGHTEN** THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMON GOOD, SO THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW—LIKE YOU DO—HOW TO CARE FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. **GRANT** INTELLIGENCE OF KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE SEEKING ADEQUATE MEANS FOR THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. **SUSTAIN** THOSE WHO ARE SPENDING THEMSELVES FOR THOSE IN NEED, EVEN AT THE COST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY: VOLUNTEERS, NURSES, DOCTORS WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES IN CURING THE SICK. **BLESS, O ST. JOSEPH, THE CURCH: BEGINNING WITH HER MINISTERS, MAKE HER THE SIGN AND INSTRUMENT OF YOUR LIGHT AND YOUR GOODNESS. ACCOMPANY, O ST. JOSEPH, OUR FAMILIES: WITH YOUR PRAYEFUL SILENCE, CREATE HARMONY BETWEEN PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, IN A SPECIAL WAY WITH THE YOUNGEST. PRESERVE THE ELDERLY FROM LONELINESS: GRANT THAT NO-ONE MIGHT BE LEFT IN DESPERATION FROM ABONDMENT AND DISCOURAGEMENT. COMFORT** THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST FRAIL, **ENCOURAGE** THOSE WHO FALTER, **INTERCEDE** FOR THE POOR. WITH THE VIRGIN MOTHER, **BEG** THE LORD TO LIBERATE THE WORLD FROM EVERY PANDEMIC. AMEN.

**Prayer when you cannot receive 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 You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Pope Francis Quote:** Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that he must have. Worshipping the Lord means stating, believing - not only by our words - that He alone truly guides our lives; Worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.

**Humour:** A nervous young priest, concluding his first sermon, told the flock, "For my text next Sunday, I will take the words, "And they fed five men with five thousand loaves of bread and two thousand fishes." A member of the flock raised his hand and said, "That's not much of a trick. I could do that." The priest didn't respond. However, the next Sunday he decided to repeat the text. This time he did it properly, "And they fed five thousand men with five loaves of bread and two fishes." Smiling, the priest said to the noisy man, "Could you do that, Mr. Perkins?" The member of the flock said, "I sure could." "How would you do it?" asked the minister. "With all the food I had left over from last Sunday!"

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