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July 28— 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

XVII Domenica Del Tempo Ordinario (Anno B)

Tutti gli evangelisti ci riportano il racconto del miracolo della moltiplicazione dei pani. Si tratta di nutrire una grande folla di persone e di seguaci di Gesù, radunati sulla riva nord-est del lago di Tiberiade (cf. Mt 14,13-21; Mc 6,32-44; Lc 9,10b-17). Come dimostra l'atteggiamento dei partecipanti, essi interpretano questo pasto come un segno messianico. La tradizione ebraica voleva che il Messia rinnovasse i miracoli compiuti da Mosè durante la traversata del deserto. Ecco perché, secondo questa attesa messianica, si chiamava "profeta" il futuro Salvatore, cioè "l'ultimo Mosè". Infatti, secondo il Deuteronomio, Dio aveva promesso a Mosè prima della sua morte: "Io susciterò loro un profeta in mezzo ai loro fratelli e gli porrò in bocca le mie parole ed egli dirà loro quanto io gli comanderò" (Dt 18,18). Ecco perché le persone che sono presenti durante la moltiplicazione dei pani cercano di proclamare re Gesù. Ma Gesù si rifiuta, perché la sua missione non è politica, ma religiosa.

Se la Chiesa riporta questo episodio nella celebrazione liturgica è perché essa ha la convinzione che Gesù Cristo risuscitato nutre con il suo miracolo, durante l'Eucaristia, il nuovo popolo di Dio. E che gli dà le forze per continuare la sua strada lungo la storia. Egli precede il suo popolo per mostrargli la via grazie alla sua parola. Coloro che attraversano la storia in compagnia della Chiesa raggiungeranno la meta di tutte le vie, l'eredità eterna di Dio (cf. Gv 14,1-7).

(La Chiesa)

The Gospel, Mark 6:30-34, describes a kind of interlude between the sending out of the disciples on mission (6:7-11) and the first occasion upon which Jesus multiplies the loaves (6:35-44). The disciples have returned full of enthusiasm for the success of their healing and teaching activity. These are the early days in the ministry of Jesus when he is widely popular, with people flocking to him on all sides for healing and instruction. It is a popularity that will soon fall away—and turn, in the end, to hostility. Perhaps it is precisely because of his awareness that the disciples could be carried away by all the enthusiasm that Jesus attempts to take them away to be alone with himself for a while. Earlier (1:35), we were told of his going away after a full day of ministry to a lonely place to pray. He seems to want to school the disciples into the same rhythm of ministry alternating with times of recreation and communion with God. They cannot be bearers of healing and liberation without themselves constantly tapping the life-giving source of the capacity to do so.

But, as in that earlier instance (1:36-39), the attempt to find some rest and peace is not successful. While Jesus and the disciples seek to escape in a boat – always a symbol of the Church in Mark – the enthusiastic crowds follow on foot and are there waiting for Jesus as soon as he disembarks. So we are presented with the image of the Shepherd-Messiah who is overcome with compassion. (The Jerusalem Bible translation, "he took pity on them" is too weak; the underlying Greek expression splanghnistheis has the sense of being moved with emotion to the depth of one's being – literally, to one's entrails.) We are invited to look out upon the people through the eyes of Jesus: to see them as sheep without a shepherd – scattered, therefore, and leaderless.

(Brendan Byrne)

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio.

Upcoming funerals: Francesco Impala, Monday, July 29 at 10.30.
Recently deceased: Antonietta Guria Carullo, Panfilo Ambrosini, Steve Koscak, Alessandro Serra, Francesco Impala, Maria Ellul, Emilio D'Ambrosio, Donato Di Tella, Mary Elizabeth Spencer, Jose Antonio Yuson, Mario Galdo Zaballero, Alfonso Tucci, Rachel Pihlgren, Salvatore D'Angelo, Francesco Vetere, Giuseppe Infantino, Roman Bandelj, Annette Zerafa.

Anniversaries: George Abdallah, Francesco Galante, Giuseppe Raffa, Shirley and Sherine Adolphus, Sharney Liyanage, Rev. Phillip De Zilva, Earl De Zilva, Tise Mealamu, Luciana and Elio Raffaelli, Maria Salemi, Antonio Salemi, Gelsomina Lumbaca, Willin Agpasa Lopez, Wishlie Fran Lopez, Meriam Fran, Jose Medalle

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with Thy gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of Thy loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfill their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold Thee face to face in Thy glory.

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ;
 Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential.
 Contact the Parish Office

Joke of the Week

Two Jesuit novices both wanted a cigarette while they prayed. They decided to ask their superior for permission.

The first asked but was told no. A little while later he spotted his friend smoking and praying.

"Why did the superior allow you to smoke and not me?" he asked.

His friend replied, "Because you asked if you could smoke while you prayed, and I asked if I could pray while I smoked!"

(fish eaters.com)

Rosters for weekend masses (Aug 3)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: L. Psaila
 Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera
 10.30 am: R. Odoardi

Bus driver: J. Butera



Seafarers Sunday

This time of year is significant for the Stella Maris Centre as they celebrate Sea Sunday on 21 and 28 July.

The annual appeal aims to support the mission both spiritually and financially, and raises awareness of the hardships faced by seafarers.

There will be a special collection on this weekend.

Please support this appeal.

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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