



CONSOLATA SHRINE
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
25th JULY 2021



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

“They shall eat and have some left.”

A reading from the second Book of Kings

In those days: A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, "Give to the men, that they may eat." But his servant said, "How am I to set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." So he set it before them. And they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

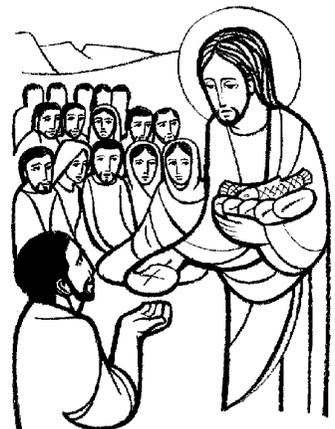
Psalms 145: 10-11, 15-18

R. You open your hand, Lord, and you satisfy us.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

The eyes of all look to you,
and thou give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. **R**

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R**



Second Reading

Ephesians 4: 1-6

“One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brethren: I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.



Alleluia

A great prophet has arisen among us,
and God has visited his people.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

John 6: 1-15

“He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time: Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a multitude followed him, because they saw the signs which he did on those who were diseased. Jesus went up into the hills, and there sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the

prophet who is to come into the world!" Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the hills by himself.

Bread Left Over by Scott Hahn, Ph.D

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament



expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and king, the Lord who comes to feed His people. Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over. The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness. Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him. The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet. The

Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the

Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them. The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm - to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire. But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper - He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "Eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people. Notice, too, that 12 baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the apostles. These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist - in which the Church founded on the apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His body. In this Eucharist, we are made one body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling

Announcement

1. Today is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. To mark this day, there will be the Special Mass for aged and sick at 3pm. During this Mass the Sacrament of anointing will be celebrated. Kindly bring the old and sick from your family. Covid – 19 protocols will be strictly observed.
2. Next Saturday 31stJuly, there will be an on-going formation for the children who received the First Holy Communion in the years 2019 and 2020 from 10am – 1pm.
3. Next Sunday, 1st August, there will be the blessing of our Tithe, our families and our work at the end of all Masses. Please come prepared. Those who give the tithe through electronic means such as M-pesa Paybill, RTGS etc. ought to come with their families for blessing.
4. In the month of August, we will begin Small Christian Communities (SCC) and ecclesial groups meetings and Mass celebrations for these groups. The place/house where meetings and Masses will be held should be spacious for social distancing.
5. There is Rosary Prayer which begins outside the Church every Saturday after 5pm Mass. All are welcome.
6. We are all reminded to put on mask properly, wash hands before entering the Church, keep social distance in and outside the Church.
7. Communion is strictly by hand and it should be consumed in front of the Minister of the Holy Communion. No going away with Holy Communion.

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