

Getting Ready for Sunday!



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are provided with images of the Kingdom in the Gospels in the last two Sundays and also in the Gospel for this Sunday.

The kingdom is presented as a banquet to which all are invited.

There is plenty for all at this banquet.

We share in this banquet in life in our gatherings as friends and family, in the celebration of the Eucharist, in our realisation that we have enough when we are willing to share.

When Jesus' disciples are faithful to His commands they find a new way of being.

Followers of Jesus may not turn someone in need away without being helped or nourished in some way.

We share responsibility for one another!

Matthew 14:13-21



Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.



But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

The people wanted Jesus' healing more than to hear Him speak!

We are also better at asking God for our needs rather than listening to God's message to us!



This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.

They need not go away; you give them something to eat.



***We have nothing here
but five loaves and
two fish***

***Bring them here
to me.***



**When the
disciples listen to
Jesus, He tells
them what they
need to do!**

**Are you listening
to Jesus?...and
to what He is
asking you to do
today?**

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.



The disciples relaxed together at the Last Supper!

Jesus invites the people to sit so that they can also relax together!

Jesus provides all that is needed from the resources that we have been given!

This is a sign of the heavenly banquet we will share in God's kingdom.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**We have been
given all that we
need!**



Bible Search

Read **Matthew 14:13-21** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



**What has God given to you?
Do you take time to be quiet so that you can listen to
God?**



**Pray for the grace to accept
the gifts God is giving you?**

**Ask God to help you to
hear God's message to
you today.**

