

# August 2nd, 2020 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were

satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children." – Matthew 14:13-21

## **On Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes...**

Padre Pio often spoke about his global sojourns. He is recorded as having quipped the following in relation to one of his bi-locations: On June 25, 1950, Padre Pio was seen attending to the death of a fellow monk in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, without leaving the convent in Italy. When asked about it he said, ***"If Christ multiplied the loaves and fishes, why cannot he multiply me."***

## **St. Jean Marie Vianney Pray For Us!- Feast Day August 4<sup>th</sup>- God's Multiplication of Gifts in a Saint**

\* On Tuesday evening, 9 February 1818, Antoine Givre, a boy herding sheep in the Dombes region, had an unusual encounter. He met a priest striding towards him, like a peasant on the road from Lyons. He was pushing a rickety cart heaped with objects, among which he could make out a wooden bedstead

\* The priest called to the boy and asked him if it was much further to the village of Ars. Antoine pointed out to him the modest little town before them which was disappearing into the darkness. "How small it is!" the priest murmured. Then he knelt on the frozen ground and prayed at length, his eyes fixed on the houses

\* As he rose and set out again with his cart, the boy was at his side. When they arrived in front of the poor church, the priest said to him: "Thank you for showing me the way to Ars... I will show you the way to Heaven".

\* Ars, with its population of 200 who depended on the Parish of Misèrieux in the Diocese of Lyons, was unaware that it was welcoming its chaplain, Fr Jean-Marie Vianney. Overcoming enormous difficulties, he was ordained to the priesthood on 13 August 1815, in the chapel of the Seminary at Grenoble. The food he lived on became known through some pious ladies who went to help him at home: a little dry bread, a few boiled potatoes. When he listened to his people, he was kind, meek and very gentle, a true father with a marvelous message for them: love for Jesus Christ, intimacy with him, so that even the most rebellious could not resist his fascination. Even those who were the most remote from God, the most recalcitrant sinners, soon felt that God had sent a saint to Ars and hastened to listen to him.

\* Little by little, the tiny town was transformed. Those

who saw and heard him felt drawn to his confessional: whole lives were converted, people returned to God, won over by his prayers and his "blood".

\* Lewd dancing, drunkenness and swearing, things the Curé condemned most severely, disappeared from the town. Even the most dissolute young men changed their ways. The church was filled with people, including those who started to come from neighboring environs.

\* His priesthood brought him to a most exalted state: "Since the priest is important", he wrote, "the priest will only be understood in Heaven. If we were to understand him on this earth, we would die of love.

"After God, the priest is everything. Leave a parish without a priest for 20 years and beasts will be worshipped there", as happens today, to the satisfaction of God's enemies who seek to corrupt priests in order to corrupt his people.

\* No one has expressed better than St. Vianney how "frightful" it is to be a priest, to have the mandate to absolve people and to make God present in a host: "How a priest is to be pitied when he celebrates Mass as an ordinary event. How unfortunate is a priest without an inner life!".

\* Fr. Vianney celebrated Mass early in the morning and it was apparent to everyone that he was fulfilling the Sacrifice of the Son of God on the Cross. He was absolutely certain that Mass is everything, because it is from this sacrifice that salvation comes, and in those moments, God is adored as befits him.

"If I were to meet a priest and an angel", he used to say, "I would greet the priest first and then the angel.... If there were no priest, the passion and death of Jesus would serve no purpose. What use is a treasure chest full of gold if there is no one who can unlock it? The priest has the key to the treasures of Heaven".

\* The first treasure to open is God's forgiveness: from the first moment he arrived in Ars, Fr Jean-Marie had become the man consumed by the confessional. He had gone to Ars, indeed, he had become a priest to convert souls, together with Christ, to Christianize the world. His parishioners flocked to him for confession and felt the joy of God's forgiveness and of conversion. He listened, understood, read their minds, prompted repentance and comforted them.

\* Ars became the European capital of reconciliation with God: men and women from across Europe and around the world would set out for France because they truly believed that in an out-of-the-way French village, a priest consumed by prayer and penance was speaking of God, hearing confessions and guiding souls to holiness.

\* The pilgrimages to see him became international: 10,000, 100,000, 400,000 or perhaps even more pilgrims went every year to Ars for 30 years. They were simple people, famous founders, statesmen, Bishops. They left him, renewed. \*

\* And all, like the peasant of Macon who when asked: "But who did you see at Ars?", were able to reply: "I saw God, in a man".

\* In the summer of 1859, Ars was still being invaded by pilgrims. On 2 August of that year, Fr Jean-Marie received Holy Communion and Extreme Unction from his own curate in simplicity and joy. He came face to face with God at dawn on 4 August 1859.

\* On the feast of Pentecost, 31 May 1925, Pope Pius XI enrolled him among the saints, and on 23 April 1928, declared him Patron of the world's parish priests.-OC

### Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3

Reading II: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

### Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,348.**

### Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 01

8:30 am SH Ist Saturday Marian Devotion  
Stella Reyes Int.  
4:00 pm SJ Mass for the People

#### Sunday 02

7:30 am SJ To Honor God the Father  
9:00 am SH Roberta Russell & Rita Hirv Int.  
10:30 am SB Jim & Martina Traylor †  
12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)  
4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

#### Monday 03

12:15 pm SB Paul Tuel †  
5:30 pm SH No Intention

#### Tuesday 04

7:30 am SJ No Intention  
5:30 pm SH No Intention

#### Wednesday 05

12:15 pm SB Int. Chad Kryla  
6:00 pm SH Adoration  
7:00 pm SH For the healing and support for  
the victims of clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

#### Thursday 06

7:30 am SJ No Intention  
5:30 pm SH No Intention

#### Friday 07

12:15 pm SB In Honor of God the Father  
5:30 pm SB First Friday Reparations.  
1) Rosary) 2) Confession,  
3) Mass, and 4) Holy Hour  
5:30 pm SH No Intention

### Saturday 08

4:00 pm SJ Mary Gierek Hoffman †

### Sunday 09

7:30 am SJ Mass for the People  
9:00 am SH No Intention  
10:30 am SB Jim Pastori, Sr. †  
12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)  
4:30 pm SH No Intention

Please pray for : Arlene Mitchell, Monica Rose  
Clinewerk, Chad Kryla, Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos  
Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence,  
Tommy McCollister, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy  
Timmerman, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John  
Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James  
Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado  
De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie  
Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul  
Shabata & Family.

Let us pray for parish priests who work the front lines  
for us: Listening, teaching, praying, celebrating Mass  
and dispersing the Sacraments. Our prayers go out to  
them.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

We're so blessed to be able to hold Sacraments  
over the summer for our children  
who have been preparing for their  
First Reconciliation and First Holy  
Communion! If your child was  
enrolled in Religious Education to  
prepare for their Sacraments and  
you have not received a phone call  
to schedule a date, please contact  
Kim Farrell DRE at 442-2233.



### 2020 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Schedule: Kim Farrell, DRE at 442-2233

\*First Reconciliation Thursday, August 6 6:00 pm SH - Spanish

\*First Holy Communion Saturday, August 8 11:00 am SH – Spanish

\*First Reconciliation Thursday, August 13 6:00 pm SB

\*First Holy Communion Saturday, August 15 11:00 am SB

\*First Reconciliation Thursday, August 20 6:00 pm SH

\*First Holy Communion Saturday, August 22 11:00 am SH