



1st Reading: 2 Kgs 4:42-44
Responsorial: Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-6
Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

July 25, 2021



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

The three year lectionary cycle is a rotating cycle among the Gospels of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B) and Luke (Year C), with particular liturgical seasons such as Advent and Easter in which we hear the Gospel of John. We have been in Year B since Advent 2020, the four weeks preceding Christmas. Though we are in Ordinary Season of Year B and have been hearing the Gospel of Mark, from this Sunday through the 21st Sunday of Year B we will hear the significant gospel of John 6, referred to as the bread of life discourse.

This Sunday, the portion of John 6 is his narrative of the Multiplication of the Loaves. John writes this gospel to include the crowd's response, showing that Jesus not only satisfies the hungry, but also the hungry hearts.

John's gospel of this event also points out that it is close to Passover, which puts a significant emphasis on the eucharistic, as Jesus becomes a personally nourishing presence to everyone. Jewish memories of the Passover meal are woven with Christian eucharistic themes. "The food that he [Jesus] distributes is more precious than manna, for the people were not to leave any manna until the next day (Exod 16:19-20) because it would decay. Whatever fragments are left over from the lakeside meal are not perishable they are to be gathered up and cared for by the disciples. In the early church, the eucharistic assembly was sometimes spoken of as the "gathering," and the eucharistic bread as the "fragments. --

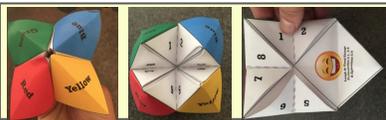
--We bring to this Eucharist the little that we have, all the fragments of our inadequacies, our successes and failures, our hopes and fears. We offer them to God with the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands, and these small gifts are transformed and offered back to us as the gift of Jesus's sacramental Body and Blood, into whose life we are gathered. This is *eucharistia*, thanksgiving for God's abundant and eternal generosity.

Activity: Today's gospel is filled with images that we now associate with the Eucharistic banquet: "Jesus took the loaves of bread," "gave thanks", and "distributed them." This ritual reminds us of the daily bread we ask for when we pray the *Our Father*. As a family, pray the *Our Father* at meal time, emphasizing "Give us this day our daily bread".

July 25 World Day of Prayer for Grandparents

Pope Francis has declared July 25th as the First World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration is "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20).

Visit catholicgrandparentsassociation.org



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[Syrdio GoogleFile](#) - *Emoji Scripture Origami Game* (Kids Faith Builder)

Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

catholicicing.com - *How To Pass On The Faith To Your Kids* (Parents' Faith Builder)

SpiritualRenewalCenter.com - *Spiritual exercises* Peruse our own diocesan spiritual center! (Adults Faith Builder)

catholic-link.org - *8 Things Every Catholic Should Be Doing Every Day* (Family Faith Builder)

Sermons4kids.com - *Sharing what we have* (Kids Faith Builder)

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian Life (CCC 1324)



Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you."

---St. Ignatius of Loyola.



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July 31: Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest IgnatianSpirituality.com
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