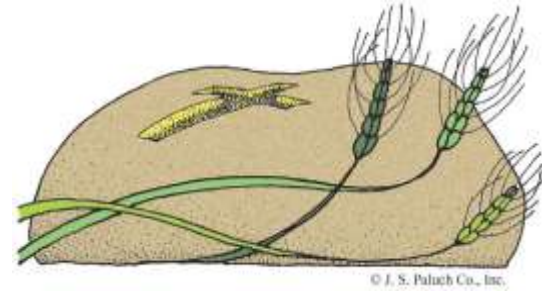


**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.
— John 6:51



STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:41-51).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	August 13 † John DeLuca
Tuesday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	August 14 Souls in Purgatory † Gemignani Family
Wednesday 8:00 am	August 15 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
7:00 pm	
Thursday 8:00 am	August 16 † Bruna De Rosa
Friday 8:00 am	August 17 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	August 18 † Anna Skropanich † Manuel Scerri
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	August 19 People of the Parish † Assunta Perata Maltese Society

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection August 5, 2018

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,240.00
Over/Under	\$ 760.00
Religious Education	\$ 849.00

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*Birthday Blessings
to our Pastor
Rev. Charito Suan*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Tuesday August 14th at 6:00 pm (Vigil) and Wednesday August 15th at 8:00 am and 7:00pm Please note that the Tuesday 8:00 am Mass does not fulfill the Holy Day obligation.

Rosary

On Saturday , August 18th Devotion to the Two Hearts -1000 Hail Mary’s and Divine Mercy will be recited after the 8:00 am Mass until 3:30 pm in the Rectory Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend. (Your attendance for any length of time will be welcome.)

Bethlehem Art Works

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale the weekend of **August 18th and 19th** after all of the Masses.

The Mission of Bethlehem Artworks Association is to provide assistance to the Suffering Christian Families in the Holy cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

BAA, a nonprofit organization, provides assistance for our Christians Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land. Your support helps the suffering families, provides for schools and offers religious education in Bethlehem. The wars, unrest and instability have been incredibly hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the pontifical blessing of your Parish provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to buying our items, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the people in the Holy Land.

