

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

— John 6:53



### THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

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

**Second Reading** — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel** — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 20</b> † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 21</b> † Mrs. Morgan
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>August 22</b> Communal Service † Megan Myo Aung
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 23</b> † Joseph Camilleri
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 24</b> † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri † Tessy Spiteri Lencioni
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>August 25</b> † Margaret Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi Lembi † Martha Key
4:30 pm	
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>August 26</b> People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Marcelo Ramos

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Sunday Collection August 12, 2018

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,994.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Archdiocesan Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 883.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

thank you!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many organizations, ministries, families and individuals who helped to make my birthday a memorable one. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Rev. Charito Suan



**Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 9:00AM to 3:30PM**  
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont, CA

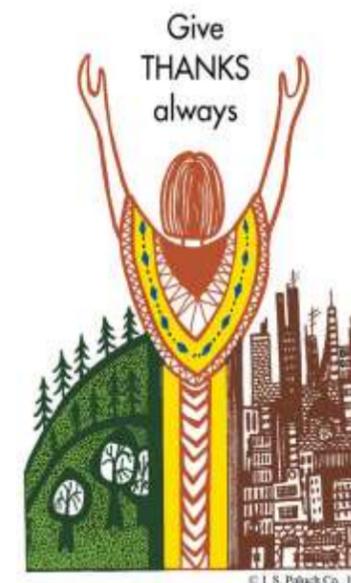
The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Together in Holiness conference**, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage & Family Life. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Speakers include Dr. John & Mrs. Claire Grabowski, Rev. Joseph Illo, and Dr. Chris Stravitsch. **On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required.** Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. **An early bird discount is available until August 20 and scholarships are also available.** For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email conference coordinator Susie Lopez at [susie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:susie@forlifeandfamily.org).

## Bethlehem Art Works

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale this weekend (**August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**) 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.



**The Parish office will be closed on Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>.**