

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020



Thus says the Lord:  
All you who are thirsty, come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
Come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans concludes Chapter 8 with a flourish. It is the exclamation point of Paul's teaching on the presence of the Spirit within them and among them. The church in Rome faced great suffering as they were marginalized and persecuted for their faith. Paul names both social and cosmic forces that oppress them, over which they have no control. Their trials likely provoked questions that led them to wonder, "Where is God?"

Paul teaches that God is so deeply present within us that nothing can separate us from God. This includes our own forms of resistance. Even when we find myriad ways to avoid and run away, God is waiting patiently. Even when God seems distant or absent, God continues to invite, to welcome, and to speak to us.

## IMAGINING GOD'S ABUNDANCE

When reflecting upon today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the story of the feeding of the multitude, we might consider the role of Jesus' disciples. Unlike the very similar story in Matthew 15, Jesus responds to the

disciples by saying, "Give them some food yourselves". Jesus is pushing his disciples to think beyond the apparent scarcity, and to open their imaginations to God's abundance. They are to join in with what God is doing. Jesus then takes, blesses, breaks, and shares the bread (anticipating his action at the Last Supper), and the disciples share the loaves with the crowd.

The stories of the feeding of the multitudes also point ahead to the practice of Eucharist in the Church. The Eucharist itself points ahead to God's banquet at the consummation of the reign of God, when all will share God's abundance. We the Church are called to open our imaginations to God present and active, who continually works toward God's promised future. We are to share in God's passionate desire to feed the people, and join in what God is doing here and now.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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**PERMANENT DEACON:**  
Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday & Sunday: 45  
minutes before Mass

**Celebration of the Sacraments**  
**Mass:** Sabbath, Holy Days, and Christmas  
S: 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
T: 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
W: 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
Th: 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
F: 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
S: 8:00AM, 9:00AM  
Temporary  
Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM  
Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM  
Confessions: Tues. & Wed. 9:00-10:00AM

**Marriage or Baptism:**  
Contact the parish office six  
months prior to the  
anticipated date 903-769-3235

**Welcome Visitors!**

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

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**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Ruth Linker. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emily Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Deacon Len Sanchez.**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from**

**our parish community:** New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## **A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM**

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask some thing of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

## **POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR AUGUST**

### **The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

## **Mass—Intentions**

- Sat 8/01 Eddie Rottinghouse+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Sun 8/02 Avery Boultinghouse (M/M Boultinghouse)**
- Tue 8/04 Joe Cirasola+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Wed 8/05 John & Lois Murfin+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Thurs 8/06 Ben & Macella Rottinghouse+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Fri 8/07 Eddie Rottinghouse+ (M/M Murfin)**
- Sat 8/08 John & Carol Kominis Anniversary (M/M Laudt)**

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

**Attendance**  
**Sat. Sun.**

Required Weekly Funds: \$ 3,962			
Offerings: 7/25 & 7/26 \$ 2,020		28	43

One can Give without Loving...  
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

*Rev. Fr. Mike Snider*

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

**Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading:** Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

**Gospel:** All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab,39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**PRAYER AND HUMILITY:** Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.—St. Dominic

**THIRST:** You have put salt in our mouths that we may thirst for you.—St. Augustine

**Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, Aug. 1st at 5:00pm and Sunday, Aug. 2nd at 9:00am.**

**Protocols for weekend Masses:**

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

**Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.**

**Protocols for weekday Masses:**

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

**Dispensation:** The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**10th Annual Dinner & Casino Night, The Roaring 20s Event Canceled. See page 3 for detailed information.**

**CONFESSIONS: TUES., AUG. 4TH & WED., AUG. 5TH. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.**

**Second Collections for the month of August:**

1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance Fund."  
8th & 9th: "Holy Spirit Faith Formation."  
15th & 16th: "Black & Indian Missions and Church in Central/Eastern Europe."

**Cenacle of Life:** Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382



*Deacon Leonard Ralph Sanchez*

*October 24, 1943—July 23, 2020*

It is no doubt that the death of our Deacon is a big loss to our Holy Spirit Family. He was very special in the hearts of everyone that he met. We have lost a good, kind, honest and responsible man. While we know that

words are only a small gesture of support, I want you to know that his spirit has touched many lives through out his ministry and beyond, as well as mine. Deacon Len will be forever remembered and forever missed. Please keep Eloise and her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers. *Rev. Mike Snider*

**Eloise Sanchez address:** 201 Elmwood Ln., Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

In lieu of flowers, you may help his wife, Eloise Sanchez, with the funeral expenses. An account is set up at City National Bank (CNB), Holly Lake Ranch, Texas.

Please make check payable to Eloise Sanchez, put the Account # 3277233 in the memo section of check.

*A prayer to keep going*

*God, I need you  
Carry me when I'm weak  
Hold me when I'm tired  
Love me when I cannot care anymore.*

*And, when I huddle  
Lonely and afraid  
Cover me with your strong protective hands.*

*Guard my sleep and  
Wake me in the morning  
Rested and strong  
And ready to try again.*

*In Jesus name we pray.*

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Casino Night, The Roaring 20s Event Canceled

We canceled Holy Spirit's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Casino Night, The Roaring 20s, due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), and the uncertainty of scheduling a future date. The Casino Night event was originally scheduled for April 25 and rescheduled for November 7, if feasible at that time.

People who purchased dinner tickets are entitled to:

1. A refund, or
2. Purchase additional raffle tickets, or
3. Donate your refund amount to Holy Spirit Catholic Church

If we ***do not hear*** from you by ***Friday, August 14***, we assume you want to donate your refund to Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Although the Dinner and Casino Night event has been canceled, the **raffle**, consisting of four \$500 Visa gift cards, with the possibility of winning \$2000, will still be conducted on **Saturday, September 19 after 5:00pm Mass. Raffle tickets** are still available, and, to increase the chances of winning a possible total of \$2000, you may want to purchase additional raffle tickets with your refund.

We regret having to make this difficult and unpleasant decision, but the health and safety of our community is our primary concern.

Please contact Bridget or Richard by email or phone (leave message). Let us know your decision of 1, 2 or 3 on the refund of your dinner ticket(s).

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