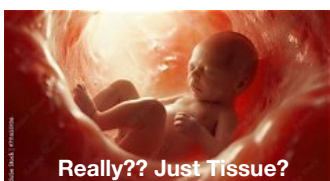


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His Heart was Moved with Pity

Jesus heard of the death of his cousin John the Baptist and looked for a deserted place to pray. The death of John not only meant the loss of a relative and friend but would have struck close to home in the heart of Jesus. He knew all too well the reason for His presence and where His ministry would lead. And yet, the Father did not leave Jesus long in His prayer and

thoughts. The people, hungry for the Word and for the Bread of life found Him in the deserted place. They were waiting for Him when He disembarked.

The heart of Christ was moved with pity for the crowd, and He taught them for a

long time and cured their sick. By the end, the day was waning and the people had not eaten. Jesus challenged His disciples (and us): "Give them food yourselves". As we know, there was only five loaves and two fish that a boy offered them, not even close to enough to feed the thousands that were there.

And yet, Jesus makes it enough. It would have been remarkable (as some have mistakenly suggested) that the crowd, seeing the example of the boy, broke out the food they brought with them to share with others: a spontaneous and enormous potluck! This, however, is not what the Gospels say (all four speak of this miracle). All four Gospels coincide in that Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples to distribute to the crowd. The crowd ate and were filled. These

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am to 3:30 pm



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four verbs are of course the same words used in the consecration at each Holy Mass. The early Christians referred to the Eucharist (a name that was only later coined) as “the breaking of the bread.” The Gospels will use these same verbs intentionally in the Last Supper. In John’s Gospel, in the same chapter (6) where he describes this scene, Jesus speaks of Himself as the Bread of Life, and that it will be necessary to eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life.

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a miracle that illustrates for us the importance of charitable almsgiving. It is not important the amount given, but rather the generosity with which it is given. God will multiply the gift in heaven.

Finally, a detail given in all the accounts of the miracle is that Jesus did not distribute the bread and fish personally but through the apostles. This is in anticipation of the institution of the priesthood and the mystery of God’s work in the world through the Church and the mediation of all His – imperfect - disciples.

Fr. Peter

Saint of the week:
August 4: St. John Vianney
Patron of Parish Priests



August 1 - August 9

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday 1:	5:30 pm	Int. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS
Sunday 2:	9:00 am	+ MARGARET BARDEN
	11:00am	+ BRIAN ETHEREDGE & + JOHN SPRINOLI
Monday 3:	8:00 am	+ VINCENT LOMBARDO
Tuesday 4:	8:00 am	+ FRANK ROHLIK
Wednesday 5:	8:00 am	+ PAT BARRY
Thursday 6:	8:00 am	INT. CAPLETTE & GRATTON FAMILIES
Friday 7:	8:00 am	+ AMANDE MCCLEERY
Saturday 8:	5:30 pm	+ LOUISE RIEDER
Sunday 9:	9:00 am	+ MARY & + ELLEN BALESTRINO
	11:00am	Int. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS

Catholic in Recovery, Mondays @ 5:30 at the Turn of the Card Community Center. Call 480-408-4513 for info.

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This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	9:00 am	Seminar <i>Magnifica Humanitas</i> (hall)
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday :	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Rosary for America
	6:00 pm	Meeting for parents of children who wish to receive the sacraments (SJPC)
Friday:	8:00 am	Mass. Parish Office Closed

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

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