

AUGUST 3, 2008 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Twelve Baskets

Matthew 14:13-21

Peter's eyes were glazed over. He seemed to be in shock, jabbering and muttering to himself as he filled his basket with chunks of bread and pieces of fish which the crowd had been unable to eat.

"I know there only five loaves to start with!" he told himself, trying to reason it out. Yet, the ground was still covered with crumbs. Seeing the white crumbs on the ground made him remember how God had showered manna onto the desert to feed his wandering forefathers. Peter's basket was nearly full but he still had much more to pick up.

Glancing at the adjoining section of people, Peter saw his brother Andrew also harvesting bread crumbs. Then he turned and continued to gather.

Darkness was closing in and soon all twelve disciples returned to Jesus bringing their brimming baskets of what was left from the five loaves and the two fishes.

Jesus slowly looked over the twelve baskets that had been set before him. The lines of exhaustion were set deep in his face. He still mourned the news of John's death at the hands of Herod. The relentless hounding of the people had consumed what was left of his energy. He rose and touched the baskets—mute evidence of his great miracle. The disciples around him stood in silence. No-one seemed able to believe what had just happened.

Jesus' then went around and touched each of his twelve followers, laying his hand on their backs and gripping their sturdy shoulders. As he did so, Jesus was thinking of a final breaking of the bread they would share all too soon.

"I need some time," Jesus said to them. "You go ahead without me. Take the boat and leave for Capernaum. I'll be along later."

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Jesus continues to feed us with the Eucharist. This miracle story invites us to join the disciples in the realization that God will take care of us. At this time in our lives we may be in a "deserted place." We may think that we are far from any help. We may feel abandoned and hopeless. But Jesus is with us, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is present in every moment of our life. He empowers us to take our meager resources and multiply them by our faith and by our action.



-- Deacon Dick Folger

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For August 4, 2008 to August 10, 2008

Mon.	8:15 a.m.	Communion Service
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Tue.	8:15 a.m.	Daniel Camarillo (Dec./Birthday)
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Wed.	8:15 a.m.	Maria del Rosario Cantu Gonzalez (Intentions)
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Thur.	8:15 a.m.	For us, the Parishioners
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Fri.	8:15 a.m.	Joe Alberts (Dec.)
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Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Victor Martinez (Dec.)
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	5:00 p.m. -	Raymond Baranouskas (Dec.); Frank Borghi, III (Dec.)
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Sun.	6:45 a.m.	Eustorgia Ojeda (Dec.)
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	8:15 a.m.	Daniel Camarillo (Dec.); Leonardo Camarillo (Dec.); Angelina Alvarado (Dec.); Sabino Herrera (Dec.)
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	9:45 a.m.	Leopoldo Padilla, Jr. (Birthday)
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	11:30 a.m.--	Jesus (Dec.) & Inocencia Garcia (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For August 4, 2008 to August 9, 2008

Mon	Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Matthew 14:22-36
Tues.	Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Matthew 15:1-2,10-14
Wed.	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 17:1-9
Thu.	Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Matthew 16:13-23
Fri.	Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7 / Matthew 16:24-28
Sat.	Habakkuk 1:12-2:4 / Matthew 17:14-20

SUNDAY READINGS

August 10, 2008 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a / 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 / Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

COLLECTIONS

For July 27, 2008

First Collection	\$6,587.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection (updated)	9,566.00
Second Collection: Diocesan Obligations	2,002.00

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Children's Envelopes	36.00
<i>Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.</i>	

REMEMBER TO KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- The silent retreat that Fr. José has been on for 35 days has come to an end. He made it! He is now free for other pursuits and to simply relax. He will be away from OLR for exactly one more month.
- Please continue praying that Fr. José's time away from the parish will be physically relaxing and refreshing.

COFFEE AND DONUT FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY. Be sure to stick around after Mass and chat with your fellow parishioners. Remember to thank with your words and patronage Roberto's Donuts, located at 404 W. Harder Road (where Harder and Santa Clara meet) in Hayward. They have donated dozens and dozens of donuts to us over the years for this event.

**YOUR LAST CHANCE
FOR SOME
"SPIRITUAL EXCITEMENT"
IS
TODAY
After the 8:15 Mass in the Parish Hall**

NEW ARTICLES

***Summer Lecture Series*
THE FINAL LECTURE IS TODAY**

The fourth and final lecture in Armenak Hermez' summer lecture series is today at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. The topic to be covered today is "The Liturgy of the Eucharist."

The offering per person per session is \$7.00, which will be collected at the door.

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We would like to thank our parishioners who have attended the lectures, and Armenak for putting his "heart and soul" into his presentations.

GET READY FOR A BIG BASH! Various members of Our Lady's Guild and others have got together to help put on a "Welcome Back" barbecue for Fr. José. The barbecue will take place after the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 1:00 p.m.) on Sunday, September 7 in the field. Tickets will be on sale in front of the Church after all Masses starting next week, and at the Parish Office. They will be sold for \$10.00 each. The menu will be a barbecue meal (chicken and ribs) from Texas Roadhouse. The Knights of Columbus will sell soda and water, and Our Lady's Guild will sell baked goods. Music for the event will be provided by the Noia family and their band, Nova Edicao. There will be field games for the children (and any adults that dare to fall down when running on one leg).

We could also use some help with this event. These are the things we need help with:

- Setting up tables and chairs the morning of the event
- Setting up canopies the morning of the event
- Selling tickets in front of the Church on Sundays

If you can help us with any of these things, please call the Parish Office at 510.471-2609. Thank you.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES. We will begin our bible studies on Tuesday September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room in the office building. Our study will be "Know the Truth." This study will run for 5 weeks, and the cost is \$5.00. For new attendees, you will need a study Bible – the cost is \$5.00 (a one time charge). To register call ALVESA OROZCO at 489-1399. Please leave your name and telephone number.

PARISH FESTIVAL MEWS

TICKETS FOR THE FALL DRAWING GOING OUT THIS WEEK. If all goes "Old Kinderhook" (i.e. O.K.), your tickets for the Fall Festival Drawing will be arriving at your home this week. Please remember to return them, as we rely on this drawing to make our Festival a success.

OUR FAMOUS FESTIVAL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW OUT. If you have been a member of our parish for any length of time, you know what we're taking about. If not, here's the explanation. At the doors of the Church, from now until the Festival, there will be a table with sign-up sheets on it for our Parish Festival. At these tables you can sign up to work in or be the chairperson of a food booth, game booth, a ticket booth, or to serve in a number of other roles. Be sure to stop by the table and take a look at some of the ways you can become involved.

BECAUSE SHE FLEED, WE NEED SOMEONE ELSE TO RUN THE FLEA. We are sorry to say that we have lost the person who has worked very hard the past

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several years to make our Festival Flea Market a success, due to other time commitments. We need people to help run and organize our Flea Market. This is not an easy job, as there is work to do way in advance of our festival. Right now we need people to sort through the items that were donated and to categorize and price them, and to continue doing this as new items come in. Later, during the Festival, we need people to arrange the booth and sell the items. So if you can help with this booth, please sign up on the sign up sheets we will have at the doors to the church.

ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS THIS TUESDAY. On Tuesday, August 5, 2008, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., many neighborhoods in Union City will hold their National Night Out block parties to build neighborhood spirit and unity. Neighbors will get to know each other at these events and will look out for each other, thereby reducing crime. The Mayor and City Council members will be attending these block parties to also tell residents about the upcoming tax measure to fund public safety and youth programs.

In the Decoto area, block parties will be held at the locations listed below.

- 33703 13th St. (6:00 p.m. at this location)
- Dry Creek Park, 1009 Westgard St.
- Centro de Servicios, 503 "H" St.
- Skylark Apartments (Main Office)
- Imperial Place (off of Coronation)

For additional information, please contact Richard Valle, 489-9696 or Mary Schlarb, 366-3757.

"UNION CITY DAY AT THE A'S" ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17. The Athletics baseball franchise, which is currently celebrating its 40th year in Oakland, is teaming up with Union City, which will be celebrating its 50th year in 2009 in a fund-raising effort for the city's golden anniversary celebration. The game will be on Sunday, August 17, at 11:00 a.m. (game time is 1:05 p.m.) and the A's will play the Chicago White Sox. Up to \$10.00 of every ticket purchased will help fund Union City's 50th Anniversary celebration. Admission will include a pre-game tailgate BBQ sponsored by Texas Roadhouse. Kids will be able to stay after the game to run the bases. In addition, the first 10,000 fans to enter the park will receive an A's retro jersey. Tickets may be ordered online at www.unioncity50.com or they may be ordered by mail by downloading the order form from this address:

http://www.unioncity50.com/documents/UnionCityCaliforniaDayattheAsOrderForm_white_bkg.pdf

and then mailing the form with your payment to the address at the bottom of the form. For more information call 510.675.5420.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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WE HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE. As we have been working hard and fretting over making sure that there are Priests scheduled to celebrate all of the Masses while Fr. José is away, there is something that we forgot to make mention of: our weekly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) on Saturdays. While Fr. José is gone, Fr. Jeff is trying to make every effort to be here each Saturday afternoon to administer the sacrament. There are a few things that we need to mention: 1) If you want to receive the sacrament, please come by the church as close to 3:30 p.m. as possible, and no later than 4:00; 2) Unfortunately, we cannot give you advance notice if Fr. Jeff cannot be here, so if there is no one here to hear your confession, please come back next week and keep in mind that we appreciate your patience and understanding; and 3) If you speak only Spanish, you will receive General Absolution from Fr. Jeff, as he speaks primarily English.

REQUEST FOR HELP. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference has received a few special parishioner requests that we need help with. A single parent is in need of school expenses and a disabled senior citizen from our parish needs help with a special need. If you would be willing to share in these loving and giving experiences please contact Sue Bonin, the President of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul by calling the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leaving a message at Extension 220. Thank you. "Proceed quietly, pray a great deal and act together." -- St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, August 5

Bible Study, English, Eddie Dobrec Room, 10:00 a.m.

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meeting, Office Room 206, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 7

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 8

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 10

Coffee and Donut Fellowship

Fundraising gift certificates, religious articles and centennial items sold in front of the Church

Second Collection for Parish Maintenance