



Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

***How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?***



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 28, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Josephine Bogus

★★ MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT	5:15 PM	Rosalie Mammarella Crosby 5 th Anniv	THURS	7:00PM	Marcia Broskey
SUN	7:30 AM	The Wagner Family	FRI	7:30AM	Michael Bobb
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners	SAT	5:15PM	John Butler
	11:00 AM	Alfred & Evelyn Segnere	SUN	7:30AM	The Ott Family
MON	7:30 AM	No Mass		9:00AM	Regina Kelly
TUES	7:00 PM	Josephine Bogus		11:00AM	Our Parishioners
WED	7:30 AM	Thomas Fitzgerald 24 th Anniversary			

The Second Collection Next Week is the Church Building & Parish Maintenance Collection

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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, Sunny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stetina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Anthony Scaglione, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Charlotte Glacken, Beppy McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, John Kusznr, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Tony Guilliams Phyllis Villano, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Edward Zawora, Linda Walleigh, Kelly Eichenberg, Rose Kubovcsak & Lyn Weidenhammer.

Please pray for the deceased Theresa Swisher, & Joseph Nowotarski.

Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at

www.icbvm.org

+ OUR PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 11AM-3PM. IF YOU CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND NO ONE IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED IN A TIMELY FASHION. 610-582-2411

Daily Mass Schedule: Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass on Monday July 29th. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

Come and be Spiritually Refreshed!
Our parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program for 2024-25 will begin in early October. This year's theme is "Come to the Living Water" from Isaiah 55:1 and John 4:14. The program is open to Catholics and non-Catholics who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Visit the parish website (select Religious Education, then OCIA) for program and registration information or contact the parish office.

2024 Fall Sports Registration is now open.
Visit ICCYOBERKS.ORG

Volunteers Needed! Our Parish, in conjunction with the Mary Queen of Peace Council Knights, will be providing and serving meals at Kennedy House, 532 Spruce St, Reading on August 10-11 from 11:30-12:30. Plan to leave from the social hall parking lot each day at 9:30. Email Todd Newman at ToddRNewman@msn.com or call the Parish office at (610) 582-2411, if interested in volunteering. You can also help financially. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "August Soup Kitchen."

SAVE THE DATE: Parish AYCE Beef 'N Beer Event on Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Tickets will go on sale in August and are \$35 (Beef & Beer) or \$25 (Food & Soft Drinks). Visit our Narthex display or the Parish website (www.icbvm.org) for more information. Sponsored by the Women's Society and Mary Queen of Peace Council #17145. Thanks for your support!

A Request for Prayers: Please keep parishioners Shawn & Michol Kaeser & their family in your thoughts & prayers. Shawn is in end stage kidney failure & is in need of a transplant. Shawn is currently receiving dialysis & is on the transplant list. Please pray that a donor may soon be found. If interested in info about organ donation, call Shawn at 610-906-2833, email skaeser1969@icloud.com.

Parish Giving.

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Through Parish Giving, you are able to make your Sunday Offering, along with special diocesan and other contributions online!

Thank you for your commitment to our parish family and its Mission to proclaim the good news of the Gospel!

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- Go to www.icbvm.org and click the Parish Giving link on the lower left-hand side of the home page.

Your generosity to Immaculate Conception is greatly appreciated!

The Esto Vir group will meet in the Meeting Room in the Lower Level of the Office Building on Sat., Aug. 3rd at 8:30 am. The presentation will be the 2nd Earthly fathers in a series of 6 from "My Father's Father". Coffee & donuts will be available starting at 8 am. The meeting will start at 8:30 am & will end at 10 am. A reminder that we will clean the church starting at 10:30 am after the Esto Vir meeting. If you are physically able to help, it would be appreciated. Please go to the church social hall after the meeting.

Mary Queen of Peace Council meets on the first Tuesday at 7:30pm in the social hall. Join us to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and our parish group.

Our parish has a GRIEF SHARING GROUP that can help those who are dealing with a loved one's death. Our next meeting will be Tues., August 6, 7-8pm. If you plan to attend or have questions, please call/text Toni 610 404-1389.

Rosary Prayer Group – Tuesdays, 6:30pm - Please join us in praying for our church's prayer intentions. If you have an intention you would like the group to remember, place your intentions in the box in the narthex.

Church Reminder: SCRIP is available for Redners, Boscovs, Giant, Kohls, Boyers & Weis. SCRIP can be purchased in the church office, Wed. to Fri. & after the Sat. 5:15 pm & Sun. 7:30am Masses. Remember to save your Redner's tapes and place in the box in the Narthex or drop off at the church office.

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4
<i>Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jer 13:1–11 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42	Jer 14:17–22 Mt 13:36–43	Jer 15:10, 16–21 Mt 13:44–46	Jer 18:1–6 Mt 13:47–53	Jer 26:1–9 Mt 13:54–58	Jer 26:11–16, 24 Mt 14:1–12	Ex 16:2–4, 12–15 Eph 4:17, 20–24 Jn 6:24–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us...
“Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.”***

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