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#### Welcome Fr. Gacad

We welcome Fr. Manuel Gacad, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus next weekend who will speak to us of our call to be disciples, living the Word of God and caring for our neighbor, far and near.

After ministering in Nigeria and seminary work in the Philippines, Father came to work in Los Angeles where he is a pastor of two parishes.

# WELCOME To all our visitors this weekend

d rayer of faith will save the sick.

Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.

We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God

Peter An, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Maureen Brodeur, Jim Cavanaugh, Cheryl, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out a form on the desk in the church vestibule or in the rectory.

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#### **Gospel Today**

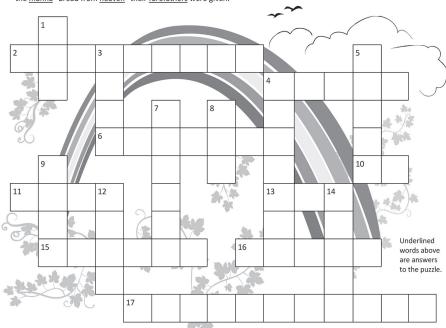
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:24-35

The people following Jesus are looking for miracles like the bread and fish they had to eat, but they are also looking for something to believe in. Jesus tells them the truth, to believe in the One sent by God, and says "I am the bread of life".

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Cycle B

They don't understand Jesus means <u>eternal</u> life, not food to sustain life. The people <u>near</u> Jesus are looking for a <u>sign</u>, like the <u>manna</u> "bread from <u>heaven</u>" their <u>forefathers</u> were given.



DOWN	ACROSS
1Jesus was sent by	2 People were Jesus.
3Jesus is the bread of	4 Jesus says, "I am the of life".
4We in one God.	6 Everlasting, or life.
5Moses was given, "bread from heaven".	10 Jesus says, "I".
7Many were following Jesus.	11 The people are looking for a from God.
8Jesus is the sent by God.	13 Hungry people
9The people had eaten bread and	15 Manna was called "bread from".
2Not far,	16 The people were following
4Jesus says, "I tell you the".	17 Their ate manna.





#### PREPARING FOR **NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY**

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). Today's passage takes place as he begins his flight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

As in the past four Sundays, our second Scripture reading is from the letter to the Ephesians. This part of the letter contains advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. In today's reading, the author sees mutual forgiveness as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo here of part of the Lord's prayer.

### Parish on a Journey

- Jim McCloskey
- 3 Michael Pizzimenti
- Suzy Landwehrle
- 8 Karen De Noover
- 11 Luke Basile
- John Sette 12
- 14 Madeline McCloskey
- 15 Marie Anderson
- Barbara Sedam 15
- Peggy Farrell 16
- Maria An 17
- Catherine Anzul 17
- 17 Monique Miller
- 18 Norma Mortimer
- 18 Albert Stock
- Mildred Babiak 21
- 22 Chuck Durney
- 23 Terry Fornaro

- Helen Enright 24
- Justin Gamerdinger 24
- 25 Vera Byrne
- 25 Patricia McGough
- Lorraine Babiak 27
- Frank Reidinger 27
- 27 Matthew Rodman
- 28 Isabel Rich
- 29 Anthony De Santis
- 30 Francis Nguyen-Huu-Bon
- Marguerite Wilson

### CELEBRATING IN AUGUST

- 13 Marge & Jim O'Kane (49)
- Mari & Peter An (35)



### God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart Readings for this Sunday Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:17-24; John 6:24-35

#### Bread from Heaven

Suggested Reflection Questions

- Do you spend more time counting your blessings or your difficulties? Right now, name five things for which you are grateful. Say a prayer thanking God for those blessings.
- How has God given you your "daily bread" today?
- What practices do you find to be most nourishing to your spirit? Do you make enough time for those practices in your life?

The warmer season makes for relaxation and creativity. It's movie time. If you have movie that would make for a good group discussion? Tell Fr. Joe.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Feed a body, nourish a soul

Food: healthy eating or the latest bizarre and trendy enthusiasm of the "foodie"? Well, for the greatest number of our sisters and brothers, bread is still the bottom line, both literally and symbolically. Jesus may have informed the devil that people "do not live on bread alone," but physical hunger must be satisfied along with the spiritual hunger satisfied by the nourishing Word of God. Play your part in feeding the poor. Support a local food bank. Your work will ultimately provide you and those you serve with soulenriching nourishment.

Today's readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35 (113). "Work for food that endures."

### Monday, August 3 Just add gratitude to taste

Some of the happiest words in the English language are: Time to eat! No matter how rough the path of a given day, sitting down to a meal improves the mood and replenishes energy. But the recharging effect of a meal requires one simple plug-in on our end: gratitude. The Israelites in the desert didn't appreciate the steady diet of manna that literally saved their lives. Instead they groused and compared it to the fare they had back in Egypt. Bring gratitude to every table, and bon appétit!

Today's readings: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 ( $\underline{407}$ ). "We remember the fish we used to eat . . . and the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic."

## Tuesday, August 4 Feast of John Vianney, priest Say hello to a priest today

To the sophisticated of the 21st century, Saint John Vianney can seem a funny, well-intentioned but bumbling Catholic antique. But his commitment, especially to those seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, was anything but antiquated, and he continues to inspire. We can forgive his overzealous threat to withhold absolution from penitents who refused to give up dancing (!) and celebrate parish priests, who—like Saint John—place the good of their parishioners and their growth in holiness above all else. Know a priest? Why not call and give him a word of encouragement and gratitude today?

Today's readings: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

### FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR Be a bearer of Good News

Today we honor the largest church in the world dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. While Catholics today utter that Marian title with ease, at one time whether Mary of Nazareth was best named "Mother of Christ" or "Mother of God" was an intense, even violent controversy. The Greek word for the latter title is Theotokos, God-Bearer. Saint Francis of Assisi saw each of us as "bearers of Christ within," whose duty is to bring Christ to birth daily in our world. In honor of the Mother of God, work to bring Christ to life each day with simple acts of love and forgiveness.

Today's readings: Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). "O woman, great is your faith!"

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Out of the clear blue

Transfiguration is a moment when everything changes. It might be the moment you receive a diagnosis of cancer. A phone call in the middle of the night bringing news of a sudden death. A truck that careens out of control on the highway . . . or a bomb dropped out of the clear blue summer sky on an August Monday morning. Hiroshima was a tragedy, as has been all war violence before or since. How about we work on a new transfiguration—to a world where violence is left behind and peace reigns?

Today's readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10 (614). "Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them."

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 FEAST OF CAJETAN, PRIEST Open your heart to those in need

Saint Cajetan is the beloved patron of Argentina, especially of that country's poor and those seeking decent employment. He was familiar with the world of high finance and founded the Bank of Naples in the 16th century to offer the poor an alternative to loan sharks who preyed upon them. Argentinian Pope Francis consistently urges us to help the poor, perhaps not by founding a bank but neither by simply writing a check. The Holy Father says we must engage with poor people, look them in the eye, and touch them, and then together go out to meet and help those who are in greater need, because there is always someone in greater need: "Your heart will begin to enlarge, to enlarge, to enlarge! . . . Do it!"

Today's readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 FEAST OF DOMINIC, PRIEST The prayerful, dynamic duo

Dominic was a highly educated young man in 12th-century Spain who, when the country fell into famine, responded in exactly the way Jesus said we all must if we are to follow him: He sold what he had, gave it to the poor, and followed Jesus. When one day he met a ragged beggar and recognized him as one about whom he'd dreamt, he said, "You are my companion and must walk with me. If we hold together, no earthly power can withstand us." The beggar was Francis of Assisi. Like these two one-time rich boys, move the Kingdom forward by giving away the gifts you have.

Today's readings: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). "Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, ... nothing will be impossible for you."



#### Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at the entrances of the church or email and we will send you a form. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Or you may call the parish office at 973-267-5330.

Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. Call the office. Interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

#### **SOME MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Moving In or Out?** If you are relocating either in or out of the parish area please takes a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.

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#### **Sunday Eucharist:**

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm Weekday Eucharist: Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt. Holy Days - 8:15 am, 12:10, 7:00 pm

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#### Notes & Remembrances

**Weekly Readings - Moved** 

Daily scriptures and short reflections are now a regular addition to our bulletin, listed on a separate page.

Remembering our Own

Requests and donations were made in honor of the following, asking to remember them at liturgy this week. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance.

#### 18th Week of the Year

Anita Farias- 5 pm Anita Farias, June DeSena - 9 am John Jay Zailo - 11 am

Alice Gallagher, Pater McQuaid, Thomas Briscoe - Tues. Anita Farias, Joseph Bolil - Sat.

#### 19th Week of the Year

Anita Farias-5 pm Anita Farias, Sebastian Choondassery, June DeSena - 9 am Anita Farias- 11 am

The Tabernacle Lamp is donated in memory of Thomas Briscoe

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