

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 5, 2018

### Endurance Test.

**Readings:** Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15; Psalm 78:3–4, 23–25, 54; Ephesians 4:17, 20–24; John 6:24–35

The journey of discipleship is a life-long exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (**Deuteronomy 8:2–3**).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following him for the wrong reasons. They seek him because he filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (**Wisdom 16:20, 26**).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that he will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We must trust God more. If we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (**Matthew 6:33**).

**Father Blake Evans, Pastor**

### True Devotion (Consecration) to Mary at Nativity!



*"This devotion was a turning point in my life. - Pope St. John Paul 2nd.*

We will continue our journey to entrust ourselves to Mary by the Solemnity of the Assumption or the days following. Those already consecrated to Mary can always repeat the exercise and consecration, many do it yearly or twice per year. We will meet on Sunday, August 5th. immediately after the 10:00 am mass.



*"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life."*

*-St. Pope John Paul II*

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**Assumption 2018.** The Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady is August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a holy day of obligation, the faithful must attend Holy Mass. A vigil and 2 masses will be offered at Nativity.

- August 14<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm
- August 15<sup>th</sup>. Noon  
7:00 pm (bilingual)

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**August 4 - 11, 2018**

Sat. 8/4	8:00 am	Nativity Adoration Society
	5:30pm	"Fallen Away" Catholics
Sun. 8/5	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Financial Needs of the Parish
	1:00 pm	Sesha Jupidi
Mon. 8/6	Noon	Alice Zischkau
Tue. 8/7	Noon	Nativity alumni (living)
Wed. 8/8	Noon	The Dominicans 800 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary
Thu. 8/9	Noon	Rafaela Evans & family
Fri. 8/10	11:00 am	+Evangeline Raphael
Sat. 8/11	8:00 am	Legion of Mary Members DC/MD.
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

**Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*William Cammack, \*Lukas Pastier, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Gina Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Margaret Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Alberta Williams, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

7/29/18

Attendance: 460 souls  
Offerings & Tithes: \$6,366  
Spanish Mass: \$309  
Utility fund: \$219



**Attention**

It would greatly be appreciated if those wearing lipstick at any mass would remove or blot it before receiving Communion, if you are receiving from the chalice. Thank you.

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**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Visit the official World Youth Day Pilgrim Cross and Icon. Saturday, August 25.** Join us for a special visit of the World Youth Day Pilgrim Cross and Icon as they make their way to Panama for the 2019 World Youth Day in January.

**Stronger – A Men’s Retreat. Saturday, September 22.** A retreat focused on strengthening Christian leadership in men so that each man can learn to be the great leader that God calls him to be.

Visit [jp2shrine.org](http://jp2shrine.org) for more information and other programs.



The Social Outreach Committee is collecting school supplies (notebooks, backpacks, pencils, paper, folders etc.) for children in the Parish. The distribution will take place on Sunday,

August 19th, 2018 in the Church Lounge after the 10:30 am mass 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. Those in need of school supplies should fill out one of these forms. Please drop the bottom part in the collection basket at Mass before August 19<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to put your name on the form.

**Healing Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.*

*In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.*