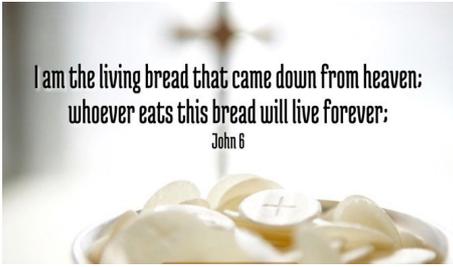


A weekly resource for everyday evangelizers

AUGUST 19: THE 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Scripture Readings for the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time can be found [here](#)

In this week's Gospel, the Bread of Life discourse continues (it will conclude next week!) Jesus says: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will

live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews gathered immediately protest his words. Some protest the audacity of the claim while others marvel at the implications. Like any teacher with stubborn students, Jesus restates, again and again, the message that bread is no longer just a metaphor for God's love and presence.

We who share in the Eucharist are truly taking Christ's body and blood into ourselves. In doing so, we are agreeing to a life of servanthood to our brothers and sisters.

- **When you are preparing a special meal for guests, what steps do you take to prepare and share the meal?**
- **What are your thoughts on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?**
- **Try arriving early for Mass and spend 10 or 15 minutes preparing yourself for the meal Christ will share with us.**

You may notice some people receive Holy Communion in their hands and some on the tongue. What's the best way? Father Dave of Busted Halo [explains here](#)

We celebrate **St. Bartholomew on August 24**. One of the 12 apostles, tradition says he preached throughout Persia and Mesopotamia before being martyred.

August 22 is the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, a good time to pray the Hail Mary. The first part of the prayer is the greeting Elizabeth gives to Mary when she comes to visit. We heard the story of the Visitation on the Feast of the Assumption.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 25, Father Tom, Mary Pat and Father Olvin will walk you through Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exsultate*. Click the link for a quick summary of this important document helping us grow in holiness.