



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Aug 04, 2024

Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 8/04: * Peter, thanksgiving and intention by Phuong Cao
 * Joseph and Martha by Khiet Loan
Mon 8/05: * Thanksgiving by Vo Phong- Le Mai
 * All souls and thanksgiving by Lensi
Tue 8/06: * Maria and Dominic by Ca Do
 * Maria Quyen by Amy Pham & Nikki Leoon
Wed 8/07: * All souls by Hong Au
 * All souls, unborn babies and thanksgiving by Dung Lam
Thurs 8/08: * Joseph and Martha by Khiet Loan
 * Peter, Maria and Ann by Phuc family
Fri 8/09: * All souls by Hoa Tran
 * Joseph, Theresa, John the Baptist, 2 Dominics & Maria by 1 person
Sat 8/10: * All souls, thanksgiving and intention by 1 person
 * Andrew Huxley by Hanh Ngoc

Today's Gospel: Mk 6, 24-35 When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Holy Father's Intention for August: For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: According to St Paul, if Christ is really active in our lives our very way of thinking will have been turned upside down; that is, it will have been put right, because sin has perverted the order of our values. Our priorities (when we vote, when we wonder if we should have more children or not, when we choose our entertainment, when we go shopping, when we're tempted to cut corners at work, take advantage of a customer, or skip our homework, and when we make any of the countless minor decisions of every day) will not be the following "what's in it for me," "what will this do for my bank account," "is it pleasurable" or "can I get away with it," but rather, "how can this help me reach my real goal, eternal life", "is this what God wants," "does it bring me closer to God," "will this help others," "will it be a better witness of Christian life?"

Unrealistic? No, unless Jesus should be called "unrealistic" when he reproached people who were far needier than any of us for being more interested in today's lunch than in the bread of life (Gospel). No, because this is the only realistic attitude: this is the way God sees things and only he sees things in all their reality. We're the ones who need to "get real". Did Jesus really become man and die on a cross merely so his followers could be just like everybody else?

Fruitful communions: To achieve this means taking Communion far more "seriously" than we regularly do; being quite certain that it is a food that will, gradually, transform me. No, you won't lose weight, but you will begin to think differently about life.

In practice, it means seriously preparing yourself: before Mass, during Mass and when going to receive. Before Mass: arriving, having made some kind of real attempt during the week, to do God's will in your life, and to open your heart to him regularly in prayer, and to people in need. During Mass: offering yourself as best you can with Christ who is offering himself for you, having an idea of what you need from him (from this Communion), telling him this. When you go to Communion: remembering who you are: this needy, weak, selfish, tempted, grieving, overworked... individual. And who the One you are about to receive is: the Jesus who gave and gives sight to the blind, consolation to the grieving, strength to the weak... who was tempted, and overcame temptation, for you; who invited his followers to come aside and rest with him; who gave and gives himself up for you, so that you can do it for others...

Then, after Mass, maybe we'll be ready to do something about "the thousand inconsistencies of a 'globalized' world where the weakest, the most powerless and the poorest appear to have so little hope!", aware "that it is 'unworthy' of a Christian community to partake of the Lord's Supper amid division and indifference towards the poor".

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Offering for July 28, 2024

Total Sum. Collection \$10,190.00

Capital Improvement	\$	45.00
Sacremment Fee	\$	50.00
Votice Candle	\$	52.00
Donation	\$	620.00
Advetisement	\$	20.00
World Market	\$	400.00

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord." With these words, St. Augustine recognizes that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness.

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