



# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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Andrew said to Jesus,  
“There is a boy here who has  
five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?”

JOHN 6:8-9

## GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today's message could be summed up in psalm 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs." Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was "Stone Soup," the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to "Consider well our call." How do we respond to those in need around us?

## MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, "Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had." But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? "Jesus said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do." It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn't understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called "The assignment of impossible tasks." It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

## HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, "For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child." The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, "I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?" The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, "If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had \$1.50 left from the weekend." When we follow this child's example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 25, 2021

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## TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18  
Ephesians 4:1-6  
John 6:1-15

## Mass Schedule

Monday.....	8:30 am
Tuesday.....	8:30 am
Wednesday.....	6:30 pm
Thursday.....	8:30 am
Friday.....	8:30 am
Saturday.....	4:30 pm
Sunday.....	8:30/10:30 am

## Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm  
Also, by appointment

## Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



## Parish Office

### Hours:

Monday through  
Thursday  
8:30 am—4:00 pm  
(Closed 12-1, Lunch)  
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618-377-9550 (fax)

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat., July 24</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Virginia Forehand
<b>Sun., July 25</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Helen Stalcup
<b>Mon., July 26</b>	<b>Sts. Joachim and Anne</b>
8:30 am	Charlotte Grzeskowiak
<b>Tues., July 27</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Don Beste
<b>Wed., July 28</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
6:30 pm	Daniel Merli, Sr.
<b>Thur., July 29</b>	<b>St. Martha</b>
8:30 am	Don Beste
<b>Fri., July 30</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Dorothy Harnetiaux
<b>Sat., July 31</b>	<b>St. Ignatius of Loyola</b>
4:30 pm	Rudy Papa
<b>Sun., Aug. 1</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Helen Friedel



### **Prayer Requests**

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price, Bob Graham, Kenneth Korsmeyer, Robert and Pauline Lange, Dorothy Dustman, Ricki Shutta, Debra Walker, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Thomas Woelfel, Toni Stanford, Morgan Phillips, Tim Phillips, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy & Ralph Ruhmann, Kathy Menke. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at [rejoy128@gmail.com](mailto:rejoy128@gmail.com)**

### **Men's Night**

**Friday, August 13, 7 pm**, all men, young and old, adult and child.

### **Parishioner Information**

(New Members & Changes)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate item(s):

New Parishioner       Send Envelopes

New Phone—Email       New Baby

Change of Address       Leaving Parish

Wish Father to call       Illness in Family

### **Dear Parishioners,**

### **Do You Know Your Faith?**

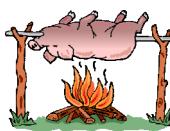
**(All answers begin with the letter L)**

1. Where did St. Bernadette Soubirous see the vision of Mother Mary?
2. What is the official language of the Catholic Church?
3. What is another name for the person who reads at mass?
4. What is the term for all members of the church who are not ordained?
5. What is the third book of the Old Testament?

**Father Tom**

### **Youth Group Needs Your Help**

We are collecting empty plastic water bottles, or any other type of squeezy plastic bottle (empty) that is size of water bottles. Can drop off in office, church basement or call Amy 618-444-7715 for pickup.



### **Hog Roast**

**Saturday, October 2**, proven to be a great night of fun, we will host our annual Hog Roast Dinner. Free to the entire parish family, with a smoked, pulled pork dinner with all the fixings and beer, margaritas and music following the Saturday night Mass.

### **Attention All Liturgical Ministers**

New Ministry Schedules can be picked up in the entrances of the church. Thank you!

### **Employment Opportunity at OLQP**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is a place where academic excellence is achieved in a faith based, family environment. **We are seeking candidates for the following position for the 2021/2022 school year: Pre-K teacher for our 3 year old classroom.** Some responsibilities include maintaining a clean classroom environment, developing lesson plans that serve the needs of the students, and discussing social progress with parents. Interested candidates should submit a resume to Steve Menke, Principal at [smenke@olqbethalto.org](mailto:smenke@olqbethalto.org).

### **Sunday Offerings**

Week 3	July 17-18, 2021	Total to Date
Loose	\$310.00	\$1,230.00
Envelopes	\$12,275.67	\$27,688.25
On Line Giving	\$2,618.00	\$8,739.00
Young People	\$2.00	\$4.00
Total	\$15,205.67	\$37,661.25
Operating Budget	\$14,477.83	\$43,433.49
ACSA Budget	\$1,384.62	\$4,153.86
Difference	(\$656.78)	(\$9,926.10)

**Total Envelopes received: 145 of 763  
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$350.00  
Other Charitable Donations: \$370.00**

## Liturgical Ministries

<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Saturday, July 31</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Teresa Toner
<b>E. Ministers</b>	Rich & Sue Hayes Judy Osborne
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Magee, Dan Perkhiser Angie Reilley, Pat Holbrook
<b>Rosary</b>	Jim Albarado
<b>Music</b>	Craig
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, August 1</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Grabowski
<b>E. Ministers</b>	Paula Mattix-Wand, Brenda Zacha Andy Kerkemeyer
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue & Les Tieck
<b>Rosary</b>	Marla Baker, RaeAnn/Loren Summers
<b>Music</b>	Marie DeClue
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday, August 1</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Teri Fulk
<b>E. Ministers</b>	Renea Wilhite
<b>Ushers</b>	Marge Kirby, Brad Fulk
<b>Music</b>	Ron & Renee Harshbarger Brad & Brenda Goodman
	Praise Team

### Who Is RCIA For?

- Persons in need of Baptism.
- Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic.
- Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Please contact one of our RCIA Coordinators: Tim Zacha @ 567-4468, [Tzac54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tzac54@sbcglobal.net) or Jay McCurdy @ 217-827-1406, [jay@allied.construction.com](mailto:jay@allied.construction.com) or the church office @ 377-6519. Classes begin: September 8, 2021

### Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Lourdes, France
2. Latin
3. Lector
4. Laity
5. Leviticus

### National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Jewish/Christian Reflections - Book of Ruth

**Sunday, August 8, 2-4 pm** Presenters: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, Ph.D., Time and again in the Hebrew Scriptures the passing of God's covenant promises from one generation to the next appears to be in jeopardy, or to be carried on outside the accepted norms of the Chosen People. A similar crisis is the setting for the Book of Ruth. Join us for an interfaith discussion of this intriguing Old Testament story. Cost: \$20. For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/reflections-on-the-book-of-ruth/>



### A Reflection

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at [Dailyscripture.net](http://Dailyscripture.net)

**Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience for God?** A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a large crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger.

**Jesus is the true bread from heaven that gives us abundant life** The people of Israel had been waiting for the prophet whom Moses had promised: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren - him shall you heed (Deuteronomy 18:15). The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as the anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle that is repeated in all four Gospel accounts. What is the significance of this particular miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership (Exodus 16). This daily provision of food in the barren wilderness foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

**The food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ Jesus makes a claim which only God can make:** He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.) calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2) . This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist at the Lord's Table is an intimate union with Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer and Savior. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

**The Lord alone can satisfy the deepest longing of our heart** The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who are in need?

**"Lord Jesus, you satisfy the deepest longing of our heart and you feed us with the finest of wheat (Psalm 81:16). Fill me with gratitude and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me."**



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