

Good News Reflection; The truth about the miracle of multiplication

I've heard this Sunday's Gospel reading de-supernaturalized with explanations such as: "The real miracle is that Jesus got the people to share the food they had brought with them", and even this: "There wasn't enough food for everyone to have their fill, but what they had was offered to everyone, and the people were just so appreciative and willing to make sacrifices that they ate very little and thus there was food left over."

Yeah, r-i-i-ight. As if God can't multiply food miraculously.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish into a meal that not only satisfied everyone but was more than what they needed is an important foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet that we celebrate today. If we pay close attention to what's going on in Mass, and if we take it to heart, Jesus satisfies our hungers and gives us more than we need. What did you need from him before you arrived at church? He's trying to give it to you or lead you to it -- in abundance!

Receiving all that he wants to miraculously give us requires that we trust him to provide for us. We have to expect the unexpected. We have to wait on his perfect timing. But rest assured that he wants to give us more than we need.

Maybe some of the folks on that ancient hillside wanted steak instead of fish, but what they received was a Messiah who filled their hearts with more than enough faith to grow spiritually, more than enough hope to become stronger in their trials, and more than enough love to share as they went forth to reveal Christ to others.

In our Liturgies of the Eucharist, there's a lot more abundance to receive from Jesus than just a little wafer of his Body and a sip of his Blood. What do you really need from Jesus? More faith? More hope? More love? It's a good idea to think about this on the way to Mass so that you can participate in Mass more expectantly.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Why do you go to Mass? Was there ever a time when you didn't go, and if so, why didn't you? What motivated you to start attending Mass again? How satisfied are you now? What's missing? How might God provide for those needs?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What is available from Jesus during Mass other than his real presence in the Host and Precious Blood of the Eucharist? How are the various elements of Mass gifts from God that can help satisfy our spiritual, emotional, and even physical needs?

Upcoming Celebrations				
Mon.	July 26	No Service		
Tues.	July 27	<mark>7 PM Mass</mark>	Lydia Hewitt Int	
Wed.	July 28	9 AM Mass	Kelly Nimegeers Int	
Thur	July 29	9 AM Mass	Frank & Bonnie Kaip Int	
Fri.	July 30	12:10 PM	Nel Milatz +	
Sat.	July 31	5 PM @ SVDP 7 PM @ St. Marys	Emilia Lalonde +	
Sun.	Aug 01	9 AM SVDP 11 AM SVDP	Gerald Herring +	



McKenna Hall is in need of a phoning co-ordinator

To arrange for volunteers for events. Call Angelo @ 306-842-4481

McKenna Hall staff is excited to once again be taking bookings for future events! Some of our former volunteers have had to take a step back from helping out, and we find ourselves in desperate need of new volunteers. People are needed to help Angelo with meal preparation, serving and clean up for booked catering events. Volunteers will be called prior to the event and are scheduled for shifts of 3 - 4 hours. We are hopeful we will get some new volunteers coming forward.

If you are interested in having your name on the list of volunteers for McKenna Hall, please contact Angelo at McKenna Hall 306-842-4481 or Fran Messer at 306-861-6900.

If you feel that you are physically unable to help out at the Hall, we also need volunteers and schedule workers for events. If this interests you, please contact Angelo or Fran.

Volunteering at McKenna is a great way to show support to our Parish, and it is always an enjoyable experience.

The St.Vincent de Paul Catholic Women's League is

asking you to read this petition and sign your name to it to protect our vulnerable society and health care workers. Petition to the House of Commons re: Bill C-268 which is attempting to prevent coercion, intimidation, or other forms of pressure to force physicians and healthcare workers to become parties in assisted suicide or euthanasia in violation of their fundamental freedom of conscience. Please add your name to this petition and it will be sent to Kelly Block, M.P. Copies will be placed on the tables in the entrance at McKenna Hall.



God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers; Matthews Nimegeers, John Tuchscherer, Dale Anderson, Lauretta Schmidt, and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family. The thoughts and prayers of their church family are with you.



Your Parish needs You!

As all the ministries are starting back up we are finding that many of our senior volunteers are unable to carry on their services to the parish that they have been doing for so many years. First we would like to thank them

for their years of quiet dedication to serving God's family. Also, we will pray for the repose of the souls that have passed in the last 16 months.

We desperately need new, younger people to step up and join in to help out in our ministries. Please consider sharing your time and talent to come and offer the gifts God gave you back to serve the Lord. We especially need people for Acolytes, Hospitality, and Pastoral Care- this is assisting at the Care Homes. Please call the office if you can help. 306-842-2129





The Fall Supper Date is set for Oct. 17! Volunteers will be needed for preparation on Oct. 16. Sign-up sheets for donations will be set out at the back of the church in September. Watch for more information in the future.

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly; Sunday, July 25 will be the first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the day is "I am with you every day" (cf. Mt 28:20) and intends to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to the life of each elderly person, especially in this difficult time of pandemic.

<u>Reconciliation and healing for residential school</u> <u>survivors and their communities– financial appeal</u> <u>announced by Saskatchewan bishops:</u>

The five Catholic bishops of Saskatchewan on July 13 released more details about a planned fund-raising appeal entitled "Catholic TRC healing response." The Saskatchewan bishops said that the appeal's goal is "to support Residential School survivors and their communities and to engage more deeply in our own ongoing commitment and response to the Truth and Reconciliation process" with funds going to the priorities of healing and reconciliation; cemeteries on the sites of former residential schools; and education and cultural support. "We are collaborating with potential participants, and consulting with Indigenous dialogue partners, including Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Chiefs, and other community members. Out of these conversations, each diocese and eparchy will discern and communicate separately how they will proceed with the Appeal in their respective dioceses and communities," said the bishops. For those who wish to donate immediately or make a long-term pledge, see the online giving options at: https://dscf.ca/catholic-trchealing-response

Funeral Lunch Volunteers Needed

With the removal of restrictions, funeral lunch gatherings are again allowed. We are in need of people to help provide this service. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the funeral lunch. This is a commitment of about 4 hours. We also need to create a list of people who are willing to donate squares and cookies for the lunches. Baking items need to be dropped off at the Hall by 9:00 the morning of the funeral. Volunteers are required to phone and arrange workers and baking. If you are able to help out with any of these duties, please call Renee Parsons at 306-842-7271 or Fran Messer at 306-861-6900. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit:

July 25, 2021, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

<u>Young Adult Retreat: "Press Pause and Pray"</u>. Join us for Leisurely Meals, Laughter and Good Conversation. Sports, Hiking and Beach time. Prayer, Sacraments, Stillness and Nature. Choice of Break-out Sessions. Campfire and Night Skies.

Retreat runs from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. @ Glen Harbour Camp on Last Mountain Lake. Saturday July 17 for ages 19-23. Sunday July 18 for ages 22 and up.

Cost is \$50 (Please let us know if cost is an issue!) To register: Send your contact info to oyyam@archregina.sk.ca. Spaces are limited, so register soon.



Parish Library News and Updates! With the ceasing of Covid Restrictions the Parish library is happy to be bback to full service. There are many new titles in the library you may have missed in the past months. They include Apologstics, Bible Study, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church History, Evangelization, Chidren's material, Catholic Family Life, Pro-Life, The Supernatural, Theology and a new assortment of DVD's. Coming Soon! *The contraception deception: Catholic teaching on birth control* by Patrick Coffin, *The devil in the city of angels* by Jesse Romero,

Annulments and the Catholic Church: straight answers

to tough questions by Edward Peters, Pray: the story of Patrick Payton (DVD documentary), Surprised by Life: 10 converts explain how Catholic teachings on life led them to the Church by Patrick Madrid.

Stewardship of Time & Talent July 24 & 25, 2021				
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM	
Readers	Lloyd Zyla	Delores Herring Theresa Istace	Carol Toles Glenda Shupe	
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski Derek Redman Stella Hoffart	Lynn Colquhoun Richard Wick Marcel Bauche	Yvette Bauche Elaine Neilsen Vacant	
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Gerry Langlois	Jacob LeBlanc	
Hospitality	Brian Winter Dorothy Gaab Brenda Kosior	Yvonne Kerr Richard & Celine Wawro Omer & Chris Marcotte	Ron Wormsbeckerr Aime Isabey Pat & Loretta Benning	
Counters	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Ric	hard Wick		
	Stewardship Time	e & Talent July 31 & Au	gust 1, 2021	
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM	
Readers	Wendy Sidloski Ingri Roman	Peter Brocollo Jean Woodard	Shirley Mondor Connie Regier	
Power Point	Fingler Family	Gerry Langlois	Don Kraft	
Eucharistic Ministers	Lloyd Zyla Brian Winter Janice Seitz	Aime Isabey Ron Klein Susan Kot	Mel VanBetuw Ken Leblanc Danette Tracey	
Hospitality	Heather Fellner Ev Corbin Bernice Driscoll	Kevin & Lynn Colquhoun Ken & Susan Kot	Norm Mondor Al Pitre Joe Glab Roberto Roman Sheldon LeBlanc	
Counters	Harry Plemel, Nick Coroluick,	Terry Biss	L	
	Stewardship Ti	me & Talent August 7 &	8, 2021	
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM	
Readers	Merle St. Onge Janice Seitz	Pat Wolensky	Ingri Roman Marga Cugnet	
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos Mary Ann Piwarski Roberto Roman	Theresa Istace Audrey Rydzik Pat Wolensky	Carol Toles Aime Isabey Roberto Roman	
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla	Gerry Langlois	Mitzy Recto	
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Jean Janoski Willie & Adele Nimegeers Dick & Audrey Michel	Judy & Mel VanBetuw Gordon Rutten Danette & Calvin Tracey	
Counters	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Kevin & Verna O'Neill			

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