



In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to

send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand. He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



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"I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath." St. John Vianney - Patron saint of parish priests and of our Grande Riviere Chapel. Feast Day - August 4th

PRAYER DURING THE HURRICANE SEASON

O Lord, our God and Father, who gives rain and sunshine to your children, we ask you in this rainy season to uphold us and provide for our needs.

You try our patience and test our faith and reliance on you; forgive our sin of ingratitude. So often have we forgotten to thank you for your goodness and acts of mercy. Teach us to look up to you each day, appreciative of rain and sunshine, as you, in your wisdom, through any kind of weather do feed us all.

In your mercy, protect us against hurricanes and tropical storms. Pour out your blessings upon our nation and our people, and make us grateful for the weather we receive from your bountiful hand.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 weeks before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least 6 months before the desired date.



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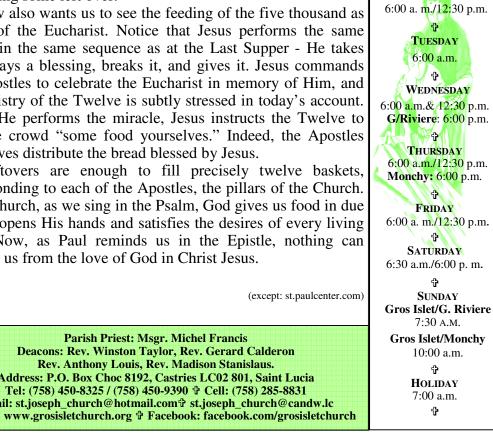
Our Lord who feeds us.

J n Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in the First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism. The hungry delight in rich fare, given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table. This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the five thousand brims with

allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-O like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them. Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise fed vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did - satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over.

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the five thousand as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper - He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it. Jesus commands His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him, and $\overline{\mathbf{\sigma}}$ the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus. The leftovers are enough to fill precisely twelve baskets,

corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church. In the Church, as we sing in the Psalm, God gives us food in due **Q** season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.



First Reading

Is.55:1-3

Second Reading

Rom.8:35,37-39

Gospel

Mt.14:13-21

MASS TIMES

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Morning Prayers:

5:45a.m.

MONDAY

CONFESSIONS	Parish Priest: Msgr. Michel Francis
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Reflection: The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord -August 6th

High on the holy mountain, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms. As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud. As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain.

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the messiah and the Lord's new covenant. Jesus is revealed as that messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates to the apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased. God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love, as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in the First Reading. He is the king, the Lord of all the earth. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven is a command -"Listen to Him". As Peter tells us in the Second Reading of the day the word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days. How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Let us rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts. (excerpt: salvationhistory.com)







The Transfiguration August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them.

How well do you know the story? Sort the pictures by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.

Matthew 17:1-9



THIS IS MY





Mt.16:24-28 ₽ SATURDAY Hab.1:12-2:4 Mt.17:14-20 ₽

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Iris Macauldy

Priscillia Henry

Martha Mason

Luvina Joseph

Mary Sonson

Nellie Hall

DECEASED

Clifton Inglis Rosanna Louis

Allen Benjamin

Mary Albert

Liliane Jacob

Cecilia Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY

Jer.28:1-17 Mt.14:22-36

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TUESDAY

Jer.30:1-2,12-15,18-22

Mt.15:1-2,10-14

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY Dan.7:9-10.13-14

2Pet.1:16-19

Mt.17:1-9

Jer.31:1-7 Mt.15:21-28 ÷

	MASS INTENTIONS	3	
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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A			
Sat Aug 1 - 6:00 p.m.	Psalm 145:15-16 ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶ You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.	B'day: Tavare Cox Int: Lorraine Williams Thks: The Verneuil family Algitha Richelieu & family	
Sun Aug 2 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO	
10:00 a.m.		B'day: Marie A. Jules Thks: Marcelle Mathurin Bless & Thks: Jn Marie family	
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		4th B'day: Gabby & Joshua Rosemond	
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Thks: Clare & Aaron Placide & family	
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon Aug 3 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Michel Francis Fr. Arthur Zalewski Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	Dc'd: Elizabeth & Milton Xavier Holy Souls in Purgatory	
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Stennett Bent & family	
Tue Aug 4 - 6:00 a.m. St. John Vianney	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Athanase Joseph	Thks: Diane Palton & family	
Wed Aug 5 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Lee Cox Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Fr. Raymond Laurent FMI	
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Clarita Reid Members of the St. John family Anna Auguste, Augustus Justin	
Grand Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Therese Sylviane	
Thu Aug 6 - 6:00 a.m. <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Arch. Robert Rivas OP Msgr. Patrick Anthony Sr. Frances Nosbisch	Dc'd: Mona James	
12:30 p.m.		Holy Spirit: Cletus Hippolyte Maurice Oculi	
Fri Aug 7 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Albert Smith Mother Rosaria Joseph Sr. Christine Alphonse	Int: Sacred Heart Confraternity Deliv: Myah Walker Sp Int: Francisca Jean & family Sacred Heart: Perlin Verdant & family	
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Joseph Jameson Josephine & Felix Remy	
Sat Aug 8 - 6:30 a.m. St. Dominic, Priest.	Fr. Amalraj Sr. Giovanna Mabunda	Dc'd: Eileen Paul	

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