

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 5, 2018



In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely? After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Patsy R. Coleman, Reginald Douglas, Sonya Douglas, Sophia Eaglin, Debra Evans, Rosalind Gardner, Thelma Gardner, Herman Gary, Janet Gary, Mary Gilliard, Elizabeth Harris, Kandace Hebert, Florence Johnson, Jeanette Jones, Charles Julian, Mary Jane Julian, Robert Kirkland, Hazel McClinton, Verbal Martin, Michael Mitchell, Montreal Moore, Hazel Rem, Carolyn Softly, Harriett Thomas, Urabell Thomas, Leroy Thornton, Jacob Viser, Mary Ann Willis, Kyle Wright, Bessie Young and Donald L. Young.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary thirty minutes before each Mass.

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 11th & 12th, 2018

LECTORS

5:00PM Elester Zimmerman, Cheryl Zimmerman, Leslie Payton

8:30AM Wilbert Guidry, Tony Brown, Erica Johnson

11:00AM Sandra Tolliver, Glenn Etienne, Randel Sinnette

EUCARIST MINISTERS

5:00PM Bertha Kirkland, Glen Pratt, Erika Zimmerman

8:30AM Brenda Childs, McKinley Johnson, Phyllis Moss, Daphine Sands, Darril Volair, Melina Volair

11:00AM Eranda F. Bassie, Consuella Broussard, Douglas Butler, Cheryl Cash, William Cash, Sylvester Whitmire

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00PM Cameron, Charley & Christopher Baham

8:30AM Charmia, Charlene & Carleysia Manning

11:00AM Khari, Nia & K Evans

LIVING FAITH:

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 * Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 * 2 Pt 1:16-19 * Mk 9:2-10

[Peter] hardly know what to say, they were so terrified.

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 * Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23 * Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

People brought to him all those who were sick and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak, and as many as touched it were healed.

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 * Jer 31:10-13 * Mt 15:21-28

O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34 * Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 * Mt 16:13-23

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly... Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 * Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 * Jn 12:24-26

Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4 * Ps 9:8-13 * Mt 17:14-20

And keep watch to see what he will say to me...

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 * Ps 34:2-9 * Eph 4:30—5:2 * Jn 6:41-51

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon.	6:30 PM	Rosary Group
	7:00 PM	Saturday Choir Practice
Tues.	7:00 PM	8:30AM Choir Practice
Thu.	6:30 PM	Bazaar Committee Mtg.
	7:00 PM	11:00AM Choir Practice
Sat.	11:00AM	Youth Music Workshop
	4:00 PM	Center Rental

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION

Wednesday, August 15th, The *Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Mother*, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore, we will have Mass at 7:00AM, 8:30 AM (*with School Children*) and 7:00PM.

Offering for July 28th & 29th, 2018

Regular Offering	\$ 8,945.15
Mailed in	\$ 975.00
Online Giving	\$ 586.95
Total Offering	\$10,507.10
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 50.00

Thank you much for your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING

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DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

As of 08 - 02 - 2018

Parish Goal	\$ 64,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 30,150.00
Total Paid	\$ 22,727.50
Total Number of Participants	130
Total Number of Households	1080

Thank you so much for answering the call to express God's Mercy and compassion through your commitment to this Year's DSF. Catholics throughout our arch diocesan community are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings, and giving gifts in Christ's name.

If you have heard Christ's call and have not yet responded, please consider offering your commitment today. With every parishioner's meaningful commitment, we will succeed in reaching our Parish Goal of \$64,000.00 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. You may use the pledge card that are at the entrance of the Sanctuary and drop in the collection basket or do it online @ www.archgh.org.dsf.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for the Infirm Priests Collection. Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. 5:00 PM** For Parishioners
+Pier Angela Nichols Gibson by
Seniors in Action
- Sun. 8:30 AM** +Patricia Houston by Her Family
+Elizabeth Thornton by Thornton
Family
+ Thomas Malone by Mrs. J.S. Stone
- Sun. 11:00 AM** Young Adults
+John Sinnette by Randle Sinnette

RCIA 2018-19/ LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Initiation of Adults is a process for initiating adults and children of Catechetical age into full communion with the Catholic Church. This formation process aims at bringing adult and youth conversation and faith to maturity, in response to God's initiative and in union with the church.

Individuals who have not been baptized, not received Holy Communion or Confirmation, are invited to Contact Parish Office or Mrs. Consuella Broussard at 713-747-6080 for registration and more information.

ZYDECO MATINEE

The Inner-City Catholic Association presents a Zydeco Matinee on Sunday, August 12th, 2pm-8pm at St. Monica's, 8421 West Montgomery Rd. \$15 Pre-Sale and \$20 @ the Door. Step Rideux & The Zydeco Outlaws; Nooney & The Zydeco Floaters and DJ Mac. For more info. contact: Phillip Isaac 832-725-7009.

CCE REGISTRATION

Register your children Now for 2018-2019 CCE/ Religious Education. Registration is on after each weekend Mass in Room 100, now through the month of August. The cost is \$20.00 for the first child; \$35.00 for the second; and \$50.00 for three or more children.

BAZAAR NEWS

This year our Annual Fall Gumbo Festival will be on October 26th, 27th & 28th.

The Bazaar Committee will continue meeting to plan for our 2018 Bazaar and Gumbo Festival. Our next meeting is Thursday, **August 9th**. The agenda will cover King & Queen Contest and Gumbo Cook-off. Raffle books will be mailed to all families August 13th. If you have moved since last year or are new to the Parish, please leave your address at the table in the Gallery. Each family will be asked to purchase or sell four books.

We are in need Good Stewards willing to give of their time and talents in helping make the Festival a success. Please consider joining the Festival Planning Committee for Thursday night planning meetings.

YOUTH MUSIC WORKSHOP

Our Youth Choir is hosting a youth music workshop, Saturday, August 11th, 11AM - 5PM, in Room 100. We have talented musicians willing to introduce young people to the joy of praise and worship through music. We encourage all our youth to come and take advantage of this wonderful experience. You will surely be enriched by this experience. Don't Miss it! Please go online to the Church's Website at www.stmaryshouston.org and complete the Registration and Parental/Guardian consent forms.

BIBLE STUDY- UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

How much do you know about the Holy Bible? Like to take a deep dive into the Holy Bible? Join our Third and final part of The Great Adventure Bible study series beginning this September. Many who attended the bible study last two years have shared how this bible study was a life changing experience and how much they learned and that they can't wait for the new one to start. We will start our regular Bible journey in September on every Wednesday at 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

This year we will be unlocking the mysteries in The Act of the Apostles. In this we will learn and explore into the world of the early Church, showing how, enlivened by the Holy Spirit she was empowered to carry out the work of Christ. The entire New Testament is seen with a new light once a reader understands the Acts of the Apostles. Registration is on Now after each weekend Mass.