



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

235 North Front St. New Bedford, MA 02746

THIS WEEK THE CHURCH CELEBRATES...

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat., July 24th—17th--Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Bill Regula
Req. Regula Family

Sun., July 25th—17th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 PM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Monday, July 26th—Sts. Joachim & Anne

7:30 AM +William J. Hoder

Tuesday, July 27th—Weekday

7:30 AM +Furtek Family
Req. Andrea St. Germain

Wednesday, July 28th--Weekday

7:30 AM +Alice & +Fred Nazarchyk
Req. Laura & Kathy Rusinoski

Thursday, July 29th—Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

7:30 AM +Nina, +Lou, +Sandra, +Alex Konopka

Friday, July 30th—St. Peter Chrysologus

7:30 AM +William J. Hoder

Saturday, July 31st—St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:30 AM +Anna Lesniak
Req. Family

Sat., Aug. 1st--18th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Helena Bodzioch
(birthday & anniversary)
Req. Daughter, Ann

Sun., Aug. 2nd—18th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Jennie Kondziolka
Req. Daughter, Nancy

Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26th), the grandparents of Jesus. There is no recorded history of Blessed Mother's ancestry; even the names of her parents, Joachim and Anne, are from a third-century legendary source. But their holiness and the holiness of so many previous many generations can be inferred from Blessed Mother's strong character, her continuous practice of prayer, and her devotion to her family and to her Jewish faith.

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (July 29th). When, after Lazarus' death, Jesus told Martha, "*I am the resurrection and the life,*" then asked, "*do you believe this?*" Martha's profession of faith was, "*Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God.*" Jesus then raised Lazarus from the dead in plain sight of the Jews.

On an occasion when Martha was preparing a meal for Jesus and complained that Mary wasn't helping her, Jesus told her that, by listening to His words, Mary had "*chosen the better part.*"

St. Peter Chrysologus (July 30th), bishop and Doctor of the Church and called Chrysologus ("golden-worded") because of his practical and easy-to-understand sermons. He eliminated every trace of paganism and other abuses in his diocese. He was known to say, "*Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ.*"

St. Ignatius of Loyola (July 31st), mystic, who founded the Jesuits. After reading a life of Christ, he began writing his *Spiritual Exercises*. His personal spiritual life centered on the foundations of Christianity, namely, the Trinity, Christ, and the Eucharist—and doing everything "for the greater glory of God".

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OUR SUMMER POLISH FOOD SALE will take place this coming Saturday, July 31st, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in our parish hall.

Available for takeout will be our famous hand-made frozen pierogi (potato, cabbage, cheese), golabki, and cabbage soup.

DZIEKUJE BARDZO to all the wonderful volunteers who came together this past week to prepare another great supply of potato pierogi and cheese pierogi. Without them, next Saturday's food sale could never happen. May God bless and reward each one!

THE PORTIUNCOLA PLENARY INDULGENCE will be available next Monday, August 2nd. Just a "heads-up" that one requirement is sacramental confession eight-days before or after August 2nd.

OLPH BINGO in air-conditioned comfort—a nice way to spend a relaxing summer evening with friends! Doors to the parish hall will be open at 4:30 this Thursday and every Thursday afternoon, and bingo will start at 6:45. Plan to enjoy something from our kitchen before settling down for the games.

THE ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION will be the second collection at next week-end's Masses. This worldwide collection helps support the work of the Holy See, including assisting Pope Francis with the funds needed to carry out his charitable works that benefit those on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

Pope Francis has instituted **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** as an annual Church-wide celebration on the 4th Sunday in July, *i.e.*, nearest the liturgical memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Sts. Joachim and Anne.

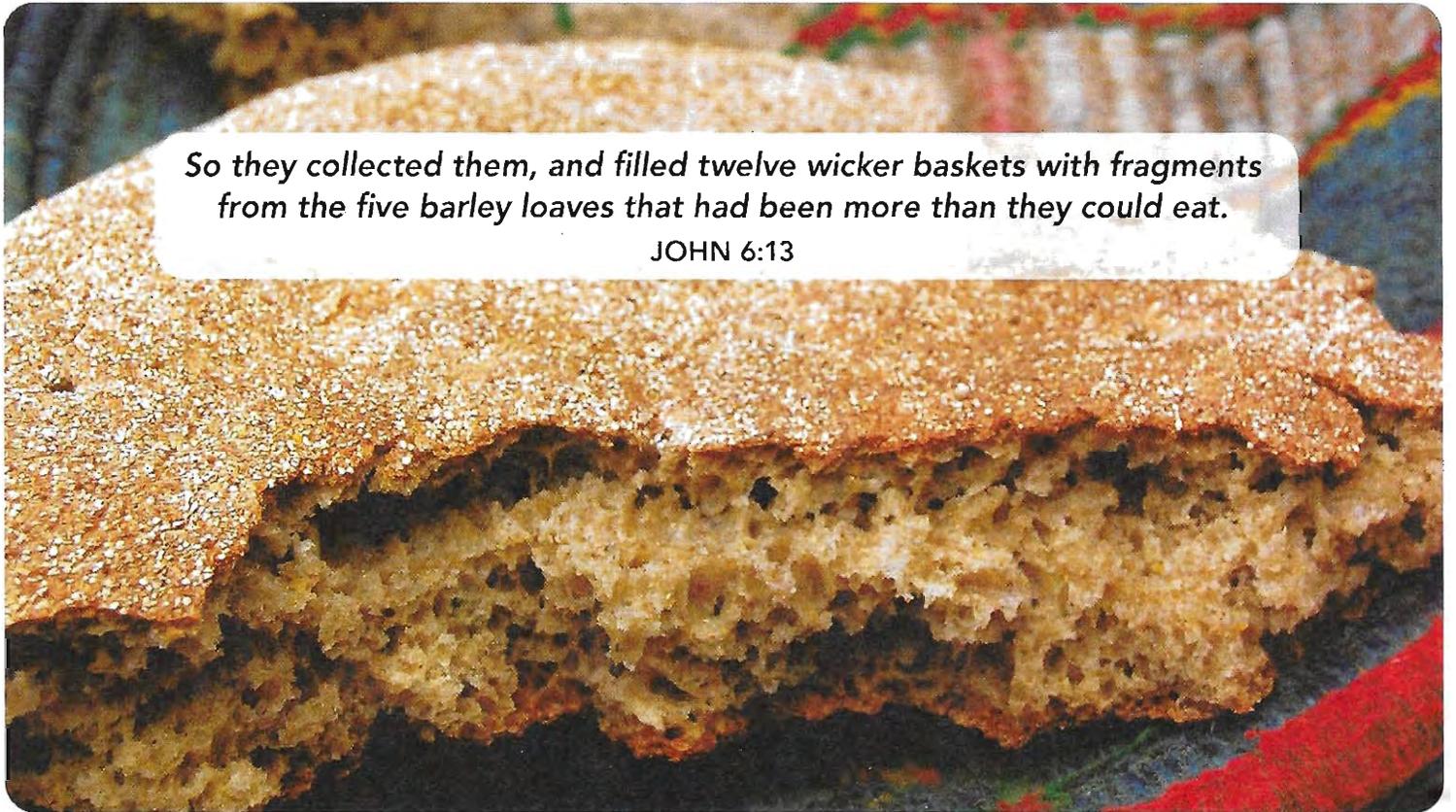
The Holy Father chose this year's theme, "*I am with you always*," from St. Matthew's Gospel, as "*a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation, and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith.*"

On this occasion, a plenary indulgence may be obtained by grandparents, the elderly, and all the faithful who participate "*motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity.*" The conditions are: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

The plenary indulgence may be obtained on this day also by the faithful who devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or who are sick, abandoned, disabled, etc.

Additionally, the plenary indulgence may be obtained by those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons and who unite themselves spiritually to the sacred activities of the Day, offering their prayers, pains or sufferings to God.

Happy World Day to All!
Father Conrad



So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

More than Enough

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of

vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God’s generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don’t just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha’s unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God’s generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * *Through which people in your life has God cared for you and met your needs?*
- * *How does God work through you to meet the needs of others in your life?*

Dear Padre,

Previously, this column said Mass should be offered in several languages so everyone can participate. There's an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of the vernacular. There's one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

Fundamentally, the Mass is meant to be inclusive, by its very nature! The primary purpose for eucharistic celebrations in both the ordinary form (vernacular) and extraordinary form (Latin) is to give glory to God in communion as God's people. This bears mentioning, since the Church's allowance of both forms of one Mass isn't meant to be divisive—although in practice, it can be.

Jesus and his followers likely spoke Aramaic, so the earliest communal gatherings to break bread were celebrated in their native tongue. Likewise, the Mass in its early development was offered in the vernacular—Greek. When Latin became the pervasive language of the people, the Mass switched to Latin. Thus, Mass in the vernacular is not a “barrier.” On the contrary, in allowing the Mass to be celebrated again in the language of the people, Pope Paul VI intended it “as a help in witnessing to and strengthening the unity of all” (Promulgation of the *Missale Romanum*, 1970).

Our unity as believers in one God, one Church, and one Mass is predicated on far more than a uniform language.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The Church] is not a fortress but a tent able to enlarge her space and give access to all. Either the Church “goes forth” or she is not a Church; either she is on a journey always widening her space so that everyone can enter, or she is not a Church.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 23, 2019

Calendar

Monday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

JULY 27

Weekday
Ex 33:7–11;
34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

JULY 28

Weekday
Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

JULY 29

St. Martha
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Friday

JULY 30

Weekday
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,
34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest
Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

AUGUST 1

Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35