

Bread of Life

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

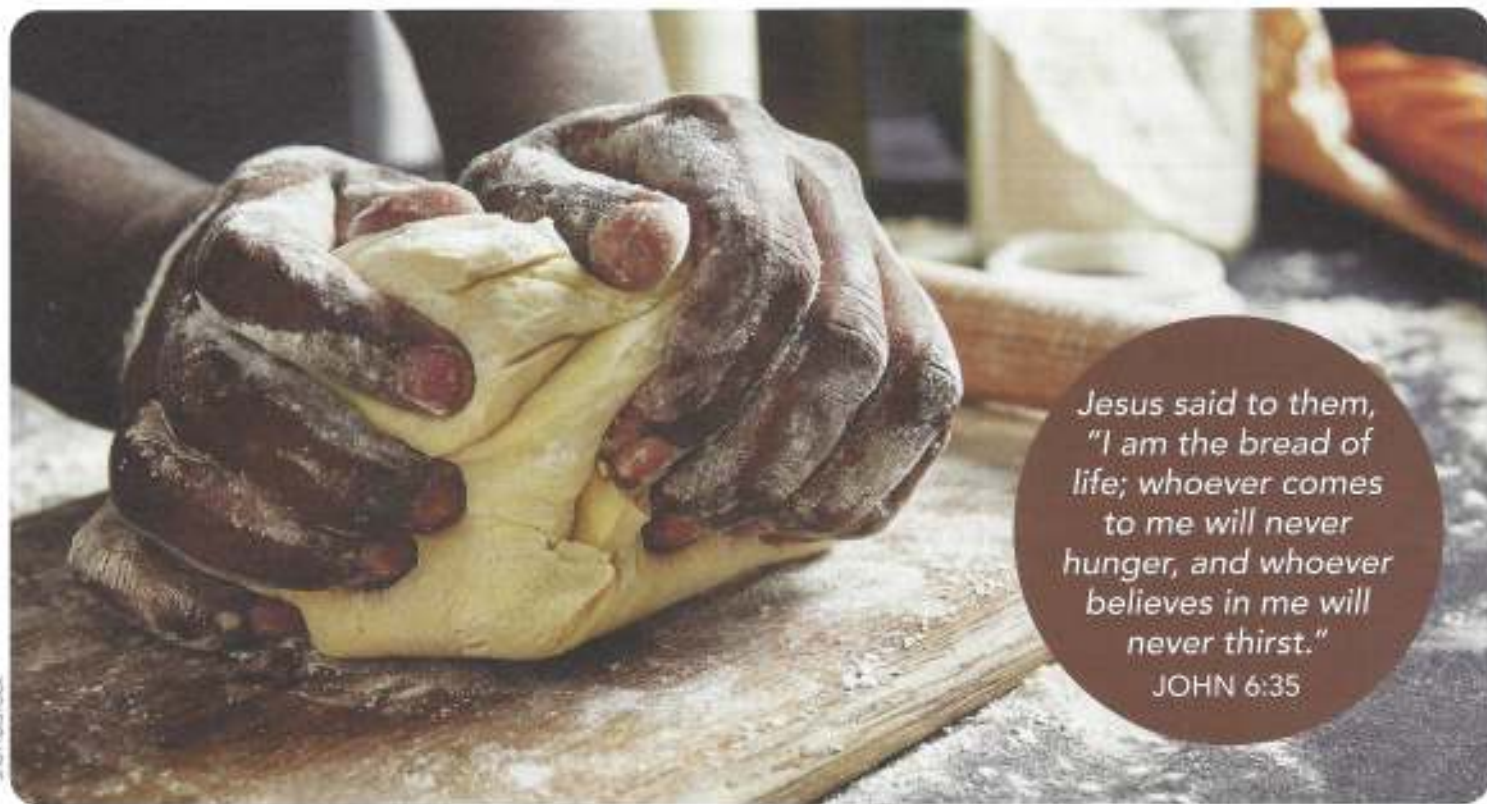
Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
- ★ Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.



Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of
life; whoever comes
to me will never
hunger, and whoever
believes in me will
never thirst."

JOHN 6:35



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St. Thomas More Catholic Church



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15
AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

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Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -
5:00 PM (will resume 8/15)

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of Aug. 2, 2021**

Monday

Tuesday

**** 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****5:30PM**HT Mass/Rosary**

Thursday

****9:00AM**HT**

Friday

**** 9:00AM**STM**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Betty Newhallen

† Jerome Pangreic

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

† Richard Guerrini

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of Aug. 7-8, 2021**

Saturday:

****4:00PM**STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

Online masses ONLY available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)

Offered For

† For The Parishioners

† Dec Memb Romanelli Fam

† Tony Taylor

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity -	\$705.00
St. Patrick -	\$475.00
St. Thomas More -	\$473.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday	12pm - 2pm
Saturday	3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)	

Church Volunteers



Always looking for Volunteers at all 3 parishes. Be a part to help Grow Our Churches!

Thank You to all our Parishioners , Area Businesses & Clubs who help support our churches with their Time, Talent & Treasure!

****Last Chance Mass****

Last Chance Mass in Dalzell will begin again on Sunday, August 15th at 5:00pm.

Fundraising Updates

Contact church office with any ideas for Fundraising events.



The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

August is often considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary. Most notably, during August, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption (August 15). More info catholicculture.org

*Father,
You prepared the heart of the Virgin Mary to be a fitting home for Your Holy Spirit. By her prayers, may we become more worthy of Your glory. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Aug. 7th 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Patrick in the chapel

Sunday Family Connection

In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:24-35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because he has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that he has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life.) Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that he has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist.

Dear Padre,

My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?

Popular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney,
Priest

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Nm 20:1-13

Mt 16:13-23

Friday

AUGUST 6

Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

Saturday

AUGUST 7

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

AUGUST 8

Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51