

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 4, 2024  
Give peace, O God,  
to those who wait for you.

 **Masses For The Week**  
**Sun 04 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
08:00 am +Vicente & Maria Soto (Priscilla Reyes)  
**Thr 08 St Dominic, Priest**  
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)  
+Javier Mancha (Zamora Family)

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*In raining down bread from heaven upon the whole Israelite community, the Lord wanted them to “know that I, the Lord, am your God.” Similarly, when Jesus reveals to the crowd that he is “the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world,” he reveals that “on him, the Father, God, has set his seal.” When we believe in Jesus as the one sent from God, we “learn Christ,” as Saint Paul says, which means we discover that the “truth is in Jesus” and have our minds renewed by God’s own righteousness. In the Holy Eucharist, we find nothing less than Jesus himself, the bread of life. We believe, we adore, we consume—never to hunger again.*

**The Sanctuary Candle**  
  
**This Week will be Burning in Memory of**  
+Diana G. Reese (Celia Crowder)

**Good News!**  
August 4, 2024  
*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 / John 6:24-35  
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Besides the meals we eat, we also feed various other hungers throughout the day. Try “fasting” from your smartphone or computer for a day—no texting, no emails, no surfing the internet. If you are a news junkie, try going a day without your fix of the latest word from Washington or a sports update. At a creativity workshop, I was once given an assignment of not reading for an entire week, not even a cereal box at breakfast or the day’s TV schedule. The goal was to discover what I would do with all my extra time. Think about what feeds our daily hungers and interests.

What, then, does it mean to say that Jesus is our bread, that he is the one who feeds us and quenches our thirst? To come to him, to have faith in him, to follow him, is to live as he lived. When we do so, we find that our lives take on new meaning. Living as people who forgive feeds our hunger for peace with one another. Generosity breeds generosity; as we meet the needs of others, we find that others also meet our needs, and slowly the world begins to care and heal. Surrendering to God’s ways opens us to a wellspring of strength previously unknown. With Jesus as our bread, we find ourselves fed beyond our trivial hungers. ●

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**I am  the living bread**  
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**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
Thursday, August 15, Mass at 6:30pm.  
**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**  
Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, and Armando Colchado.

**CCD REGISTRATION SET TO BEGIN**  
Registration will take place on August 18 and 25 after the 8 a.m. Mass. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**  
**To Register Your Child(ren) in our Parish’s CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):**

- Parents must be active [**already have been coming to Mass with child(ren)**] and registered members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. *If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active for one year to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.*
- Parents must bring a copy of the child’s **Baptismal Certificate** and **First Communion Certificate** to Registration.

**NO CERTIFICATES.  
NO REGISTRATION!  
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays  
From 9:15 am to 11:00 am  
beginning on September 8**

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**  
Any adolescent [(**already have been coming to Mass with parent(s)**)] who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.

 **OPENING MASS FOR THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2024  
6:00 PM  
SAN AGUSTÍN CATHEDRAL**  
Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Diocese of Laredo and the beginning of the 25th anniversary year.  
**DIocese OF LAREDO  
25 YEARS  
ADELANTE UNIDOS**

*the Body of Christ*  Amen  
**Last Sunday’s Collection**  
Envelopes: \$ 3,000.00  
Loose: \$ 43.00  
Children’s Envelopes: \$ 00.00  
**Total Sunday Collection: \$ 3,043.00**  
**Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,737.12**

**Dear Padre**  
August 4, 2024  
**Are Catholic statues the same as “graven images”?**  
God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4–5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7–9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7–9).  
Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love. In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.  
Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God’s grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us. ●  
The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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*You should not be working for perishable food but for food that remains unto life eternal, food which the Son of Man will give you; it is on him that God has set his seal.*



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