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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel: John 6:1-15

God Calls Us to Share

The dream of ancient common people in scriptures is not about big things. They dreamed of eating three times a day like the rich people or just having plenty of bread. We see this in the story of Lazarus at the gates of the rich man, Dimas. By the time these commoners are thirty years old, they had rotten teeth and brittle bones. So, they dreamed of good food and banquets.

The readings of today must be seen in this context. In the first reading, Elisha was given 20 barley loaves by a generous man from Baal-shalishah. Elisha did not keep the precious food for himself but invited the generous man to share them with the hundred people who were with him, saying, "They will eat and there will be some left over." Then, in the second reading, Paul exhorts the Ephesians to preserve their unity by treating each other with humility, gentleness, patience and love.

In the gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the five barley loaves and two fish offered selflessly by a little boy who is eager and willing to share the little that he had. This is the only miracle that is mentioned six times by the gospel writers, proof enough that this miracle indeed happened and is not just a literary construct to bring home a message about sharing our goods or our gifts.

Both readings from the Old Testament and the gospel tell us that God does not multiply loaves automatically but there is first the generous deed of the person to share what he has: Elisha decided to share with the hundreds the loaves he has just received; the boy in the gospel story put at Jesus' disposal for everyone all that he had: five loaves and two fish. This indeed was a miracle. As I said, it is not just a literary construct or masterpiece. Yet there are details that have their own salient importance.

In the Feeding of the Five Thousand, two disciples are named: Philip and Andrew. They represent two types of faith. Philip represents the naturalistic faith that does not allow for miracles while Andrew represents supernatural faith that makes room for miracles and so makes miracles possible.

Jesus and his disciples had a problem. The large crowd following him were hungry and needed to be fed. Jesus turns to Philip and asks him, "**Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?**" Jesus probably knew that Philip could not imagine any other way of feeding the crowd except using money. That is why John adds that "**He knew well what he intended to do but he asked this to test Philip's response**". Philip's answer even confirms how good he was in budgeting: "**Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful**".

Just then Andrew, one of the disciples standing by, whose faith was more expectant than Philip's spoke up. "**There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?**" Andrew was realistic enough to know that five loaves and two fish were nothing before a crowd of 5,000 men in addition to women and children, yet he had enough faith to see that it was sufficient for a start. Expectant faith, therefore, does not make us fold our hands doing nothing. Rather it spurs us on to make our best contribution, our five loaves and two fish, knowing that without it there would be no miracle. A miracle is not God working for us; it is God working with us.

And of all people, it was a boy, not a dad or a mom, who brought the loaves and the fish. Didn't Jesus say that "only those who become like little children can enter the kingdom of God?" This can happen when believers, by believing, enable miracles to happen in their lives.

It is therefore clear that the bread belonging to one must become food for all. We can have a new world order only when people no longer base their relationships on selfishness, competition and search for power but in the sharing of their own goods. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand men, not to mention the women and children who were there, happened because in this world, there is no one who is too poor to be unable to give and too rich to be unable to receive.



**Cast into the Deep
Sharing Gifts and Promoting Harmony**

Fr. Rolly Astudillo

From its inception, the United States of America has been enriched by the gifts brought to its shores from countries and cultures the world over. Likewise, the Catholic Church in the United States, as manifested concretely in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, has been blessed by the traditions of Catholics from almost every nation on earth.

When I arrived at OLL on July 1, 2012, and for months after, I was amazed at the multicultural facet of this parish. We were mainly made up of immigrants (or our ancestors were) from all over Europe, Latin America and Asia. Yet, in September of the same year, a great social issue became an OLL faith-community issue that pitted one against the other: the Cell Phone Tower that was to be built above the Church beside the crossroad of Tujunga Canyon Blvd. and Apperson Street. Emotions were high, and I was asked, “Fr. Rolly, where do you stand on this issue?” I responded by saying that “I stand on the side of peace and harmony in this parish.”

This changed my outlook on what a priest should be. He has received the Sacred Sacrament of Holy Orders and in his role of sanctifying and administering God’s flock and what belongs to the Church, he is called to bring sacred “Order” into the Church so each one may live in harmony with one another, sharing the gifts God has given to each one, caring for each other and knowing how to celebrate our faith as a family and as a community.

Believing that every moment is a special grace for the Catholic Church in Our Lady of Lourdes, on July 29, 2013, we formed the Evangelization Team which I shepherd. The members of the Team began by developing a charter, defining what we would do together as a parish in order to make Our Lady of Lourdes the center of Evangelization. Their task and mission can be found in the name of the Evangelization Team: The Parish Formation and Worship Development Commission. The following year, the Fellowship Ministry was established to bring everyone together to build a Community of Communities of Christ’s Disciples by seeking to establish avenues where we can live in harmony with each other because a Parish that is complete and whole brings about the fulfillment of the gifts of God to everyone, to every culture, diverse as it is but “sharing one faith, one baptism, one Lord.”

Harmony is central to the lives of families, communities and cultures in Our Lady of Lourdes. Harmony embodies the realities of order, well-being, justice and love as seen in human interaction and is not seen simply as the absence of strife. The test of harmony lies in the acceptance of diversity and richness.

Typically, harmony binds generations together and I’m amazed at how many closely knit large families we have in Our Lady of Lourdes. Most of the time, harmony is characterized by a deep spirit of courtesy – a recognition that human solidarity derives from all persons’ common relationship to God, who is the source of all life.

Harmony is authentically Christian and intrinsically American, Asian and Hispanic that draws its inspiration and strength from the harmonious relationship of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All of us bring peace and grace as a treasure to be offered to the Church and to the world, but these gifts can bear fruit only when we are able to live and work in harmony. This makes it easier to contribute to building relations of respect and peaceful coexistence with those who belong to other cultures, religious traditions and even with non-believers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18 for July 29, 2018

The psalm's refrain, "**The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs,**" encapsulates not only Psalm 145, but the readings of the day surrounding it. In the First Reading, we hear of God's gift of multiplying food for the hungry followers of Elisha. In the Gospel we hear the same in the miracle of the loaves and fish. The Second Reading offers the same message in a different way. Paul encourages the Church in Ephesus to keep its faith in God who offers it guidance to the most perfect gift, everlasting life with Him in His kingdom.

"Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord." (v. 10) The psalmist uses "works" as an allusion to all of God's creation, whether the lights that sparkle in the magnificent heavens, the creatures that roam the dusty earth, or all creation in between. The term encompasses descriptions the psalmist used earlier in the song: "the splendor of your glorious majesty... your wondrous works, ...the power of your terrible deeds... your abundant goodness." We, too, are the wonderous works of the Lord, and His power and goodness has molded us from a wayward people to a people capable of living according to the natural law He has infused in us.

"Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might." (v. 11) God expects us not only to satisfy our needs through His creation, but to evangelize the His word beyond our insular community to others throughout the world. We start by keeping God's word alive among ourselves. Growing bolder as we grow in wisdom, we have the mandate to spread the gospel to all people. All God's creation must come to know the goodness not only of His mercy but of His justice. God's majesty awes man with both its splendor and its power.

"You give them their food in due season." (v. 15) The plan of God's beneficence is unknown to man. What man wants today is sometimes delayed and sometimes withheld. If our request is proper, and God withholds it, He does it to prevent harm. God makes the decisions; it is His Providence. Providence is God's act so that the course of the world culminates in the end to which He directs it.

"You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." (v. 16) God does not turn away from any of his creations. He remains our father, the father of all. The most tragic distinction between us rational creatures comes from our own desires. We desire rightly or wrongly, wisely or imprudently, virtuously or shamelessly. We should be careful to call upon the Lord "in truth" and desire the right thing.

"The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works." (v. 17) What is meant here? There is no unfairness in the Lord. Whether He gives or takes away, we have no ground for complaint. We can do our best to pray and live clean lives, to nurture the virtues, to be charitable to others, and yet sorrows and hardships fall upon us. Who among us

knows the eternal plan of God? When we feel hardships strike, we must remember the words of our Lord praying on the Mount of Olives:

"Father, if you are willing, remove this chalice from me; nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." (Luke 22:42) Jesus suffered for our redemption, and we have no complaint when we suffer for our eternal reward.

"The Lord is near... to all who call upon him in truth." (v. 18) We need to call upon Him daily. In verse 2, the psalmist sang, "Every day will I bless you." To which, St. Augustine responded, "If thou cease, thou has lied in saying, 'every day.'" The Lord is near us every day. How should we, who can never sufficiently praise him, occasionally turn away? And, how can we call upon Him "in truth" if we have lied in our daily prayer, not only by neglect, but by inattention when in the act of prayer?

What does it mean to call upon the Lord "in truth?" Augustine listed many things we call upon the Lord to provide: sufficient food, wealth, a good wife or husband, the health of our family, a peaceful existence... The list is endless. Sometimes the Lord gives; sometimes He delays; sometimes He withholds. Do we truly know what is good for us, or the schedule of God's Providence? If the Lord gives, are we satisfied? If we ask for any of these things, and the Lord gives, do we rest back in satisfaction because He has given us our true desire?

The answer should be "No!" We have not yet requested what we *truly* desire; that is, we have not asked "in truth." The saints, many of whom lived in rejection, poverty, or ill health, asked "in truth." The martyrs who gave up all earthly goods including life itself asked "in truth." What we truly want is eternal happiness in the house of God. As Augustine expressed it: "If God is good, who hath given thee what thou hast, how much more blessed wilt thou be when He hath given thee Himself!"

Cell Phone Snapshots May Not Be So Innocent

Nearly everyone has a cell phone and that may be great for communication and connection, but it also gives rise to concerns about who may be taking photos of you or your children without your knowledge. You can't police the behaviors of others around you, but you can avoid taking pictures of your own children in public, and posting photos online that give away the locations of your favorite parks and hangouts. If your children have phones, monitor the photos they are taking and sharing, too. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Camera Phones: Unseen Dangers" or for more tips and information visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

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JOIN US!

OLL LECTORS' TRAINING COMING UP

We invite you to become a part of one of the most important Ministries at Our Lady of Lourdes. In this Ministry, we are called to proclaim the Word of God, an awesome responsibility. This is more than just reading, it is **proclaiming**, speaking for the Lord. As with any Ministry, we must be witness to our faith.

Requirements to become a Lector:

1. You should be fully initiated and a practicing member of the Church. This includes being current on all sacraments, including baptism, first communion and confirmation. If married, you must be validly married in the Church.
2. You must be a registered member of Our Lady of Lourdes
3. You should attend Mass regularly and be in good sacramental standing with the Church so that you can participate fully in the Eucharistic celebration.

Come and experience and be inspired by our training sessions at OLL Church:

Monday September 10	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Monday September 17	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Monday September 24	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday September 29th	6:00 - 7:00 pm

immediately following 5:00 pm Mass.

RCIA—Christian Initiation of Adults

Want to be friends with Jesus? The Rite of Christian Initiation aims to do just that. The RCIA journey endeavors to make Jesus more familiar to you and to bring you closer to Jesus. The journey can eventually lead to all the Sacraments which bond the two-way relationship between you and Christ. So, if you're not Baptized, or Baptized in another Christian faith or even Baptized Catholic, but haven't made you First Communion or Confirmation, come on by on the first and third Mondays of each month in the parish office at 7:00 pm and start to develop a friendship you're not going to find on social media.

For more information call Jim Lank at (818) 367-4757 or email at jimclank@gmail.com or if you're more comfortable in Spanish contact Blanca Nava at (818) 858-7991.

Father Robert Barron's

E U C H A R I S T

Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

Join us in The Eucharist, Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based study program.

This will be a 4-week study program on Tuesdays at 9:00 am or Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Classes will start on the first week and end on the last week of September.

The course fee is \$20 payable to Our Lady of Lourdes. There is a limited number of scholarships available if needed.

Register Now!!!

Name: _____

Email _____

Will Attend Tues Wed (Encircle one)

Qty _____

Total Payment _____



Together In Mission

OLL Parish results as of July 10, 2018

Parish Goal:	\$52,999.00
Amount Pledged:	\$58,007.00
Amount Paid:	<u>\$49,635.78</u>
Difference:	(\$3,363.22)

Thank you for your generous support. We look forward to meeting the pledged amount and successfully completing our campaign.

What's on the Calendar?

MASS SCHEDULE Confession Schedule

Monday - Thursday	7:45 am
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday Vigil for Sunday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 - 10:30 am
	8:30 am - en Español
	12:30 pm
	6:00 pm

**Confessions every Saturday
3:45—4:50pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

In the Church In the Chapel

First Friday of the month	8:30 am	11:00-5:00 pm
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CONFIRMATION

Confirmation sign ups will begin on July 14th and 15th after all the masses on the patio and will continue July 21st and 22nd. The last day to register will be at the parent meeting on August 18th.

September

2018 Bishop Barron's Eucharist
5 session Study Program

October

2018 Parish Picnic

December

2018 Advent Retreat

**Watch for additional details on these
upcoming events**



Mass Intentions July 28 thru August 3, 2018



Saturday July 28

5:00 pm Lois Balash † -- *1st Month*
Ronald Lising †
Guillermo P. Garcia †—*Birthday*
Remembrance
Emily Luyun † & Gloria Nocom †

Sunday July 29

7:00 am

8:30 am Lizette Macias—*Birthday Thanksgiving*

10:30 am Mary Normandie †
Shirley Ballister--*Healing*

12:30 pm Sang Kim †

6:00 pm Bobbie Kirk †

Monday July 30

7:45 am Jacinto Cagatao †
Dennis Eklund †
Flor Calon—*Birthday Thanksgiving*

Tuesday July 31

7:45 am Dennis Eklund †
Vanessa Martires—*Birthday*
Thanksgiving
Eleanor Graf—*Birthday Blessings &*
Thanksgiving

Wednesday August 01

7:45 am Hector Castaneda †
Esperanza Alejo †
Celso Punit †—*Birthday Remembrance*
Dennis Eklund †

Thursday August 02

7:45 am Dennis Eklund †
Vargas-Enriquez Families-*Good*
outcome & Blessings

Friday August 03

8:30 am Pascual † & Guadalupe Monge †
Precioso Borja †
Manuel Mendoza †--*6th Death*
Anniversary
Dennis Eklund †

en Nuestra Parroquia

Minsterios Hispanos

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Clases Pre-Bautismales	Cecilia Rico	818-359-9610
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Lectores	Andrea Mata	818-601-2805
RICA	Guadalupe Cueva	818-216-0154

“Todo lo puedo en aquél que me conforta” (Flp 4,13)

Hay momentos en que nos sentimos contentos, llenos de fuerza, y todo parece fácil y ligero. Otras veces nos asaltan dificultades que amargan nuestros días. Pueden ser los pequeños fallos al amar a las personas que tenemos al lado. O sobreviene una enfermedad, apuros económicos, desilusiones familiares, dudas y tribulaciones interiores, la pérdida del trabajo, situaciones de guerra..., situaciones que nos abruma y parecen no tener salida. Lo que más nos pesa en estas circunstancias es sentirnos obligados a afrontar solos las pruebas de la vida.

Pocas personas como el apóstol Pablo han vivido con tanta intensidad alegrías y dolores, éxitos e incomprendimientos. Pero él supo perseguir con valentía su misión sin caer en el desánimo. ¿Era un superhéroe? No, se sentía débil, frágil e inepto, pero poseía un secreto, y así se lo comunica a sus amigos de Filipo: «Todo lo puedo en Aquel que me conforta». Había descubierto en su vida la presencia constante de Jesús. Incluso cuando todos lo abandonan, Pablo nunca se siente solo: Jesús permanece cerca de él. El secreto de Pablo puede ser también el nuestro. Todo lo puedo cuando acojo y pongo en práctica las palabras del Evangelio, pues me hacen atisbar el camino que estoy llamado a recorrer día a día, me enseñan cómo vivir, me dan confianza.

<http://www.focolare.org/es/news/2016/10/28/parola-di-vita-novembre-2016/>



Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

¿Quiere ser amigo de Jesús? ¿Quiere experimentar el gran amor de Dios? ¿No ha sido bautizado? ¿Ha sido bautizado en otra fe cristiana? ¿No ha hecho la 1ª Comunión o Confirmación? ¿Se quiere casar pero le falta un Sacramento de iniciación? ¿Quiere clases en español? Decídase y venga todos los jueves a RICA, empezando el 6 de septiembre en el Salón Parroquial de 7:00pm a 9:30pm. Las inscripciones están abiertas para todos los adultos y jóvenes. Desarrolle una amistad que no va a encontrar en las redes sociales.

Para registrarse y más información, llame a Guadalupe Cueva al (818) 216 0154 o envíe un correo electrónico a cuevagr@gmail.com también puede llamar a Marcos Quero al (818) 572 7534

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Confirmación

El letrero de confirmación comenzará el 14 y el 15 de julio después de todas las misas en el patio y continuará los 21 y 22 de julio. El último día de inscripción será en la reunión de padres el 18 de agosto.



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Greeter Ministry	Paul Robich	818-352-2821
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Ministry of the Sick	Eleanor Graf	818-897-6143
Music	Ania Balon	818-224-9363
Parents Club	Gina Escandon	818-645-7228
Pasture	Gena Beierschmitt	818-352-1550
RCIA-Adult Formation	Jim Lank	818-400-5418
RICA-Spanish Adult Formation	Guadalupe Cueva	818-216-0154
Religious Education	Flor Zano & Lona Barone	818-353-3053
Respect Life	Joan Noyes	818-425-6251
Sacristans	Raquel Rose	818-633-0813
Usher Ministry	Ben Menicucci	626-808-1696
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