



Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6:24-35

Manna for the Spirit

In our gospel today, we find an account of what happened after Jesus fed the multitude that we read about in last Sunday's gospel. The people keep on following Jesus after he performs the miracle of feeding the five thousand from five loaves of bread and two fish that he did because the spirit of compassion and sensitivity moved him.

After the miracle, the people follow Jesus because they want free bread and so Jesus tells the Jews not to look for bread that just answers the human need for food; they must work for food that satisfies a person's deeper human hunger – Jesus Himself who is the revelation of the Father. But they won't believe him; they are looking for signs that will help them to believe and they allude to Moses who gave their ancestors manna to eat in the desert. But Jesus tells them that "it was not Moses who gave them the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven . . . and gives life to the world."

When we put great emphasis on what is given and forget the giver, our sight falls short of the Divine element of life and that God is behind everything that we have. When we emphasize only what we receive, we just find satisfaction in what we eat and consume and forget the source of all these. This is what happened to the people of Israel in the first reading. This reading from Exodus is a story of the grumbling of the people who, after the first enthusiasm for their regained freedom, began to feel a sentimental yearning for Egypt: though they were slaves in Egypt, they had plenty of food.

We would expect God to react angrily and harshly to the grumbling of His people. But he doesn't punish them; instead, he gives them manna to eat. It was the Lord who provided this food for his people and not Moses.

That is also what we talk about in stewardship: not just to be at the receiving end of the Church but to be able to give back to God through the Church and to those in need. Let's make this parish more beautiful. Yes, it has the heart of beautiful people who can extend their time and talents. We also have this other need: sharing our treasures.

Human beings need two basic kinds of food to attain perfect happiness and satisfaction: food for the body and food for the soul. Both are necessary.

But what usually happens? Just as we heard from the Gospel, the crowd went looking for Jesus, not to listen to him but because they have been given bread; they were looking for him to solve their problems through miracles.

When Jesus multiplied bread to feed the hungry, he did not mean to say that the solution to the deep hunger of the human heart is to give people more bread. No. He multiplied bread only as a sign, a sign pointing to the higher spiritual food that he was providing for every human soul. The big problem that Jesus had with the crowds seeking him was that while Jesus spoke of spiritual realities, they misunderstood him to be speaking of material things. Because of this, he berated them saying, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give you."

I like the way St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "I declare and testify that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do . . . be renewed . . . and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

We have to recognize that today there is in our midst the false god of materialism that has seduced our society, promising satisfaction that leaves us ever more hungry. We hear the spiritual truth of the word of God but we understand it in terms of satisfying our personal desires. The cure is to follow the example of Jesus and flee the worldly attraction and promises of materialism. Then we can pray with St Augustine: "O Lord, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in You."

Cast into the Deep

Unity

Nelle Orsburn

When a person nears the end of his life, he makes sure that he has imparted to his loved ones the important messages, e.g., Take care of your little sister; don't forget to pray; Always keep the family together; etc. Before Jesus went through His Passion and Death, he also had some last wishes, "...*That they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us ...*" (John 17:20 -21). We may say that this is his last testament. This is then the dearest wish of the God who loves us immensely, enough to die for us so that we may share in His life for eternity.

"That they may all be one." It is interesting to note that Jesus did not say that they may all be one Church, or one nation or that all Catholics may be one. Thus, everyone is a candidate for unity: Jesus wants universal brotherhood among us.

Just as we want to fulfill our loved one's dying wish, all the more do we want to work for unity for this is our Savior's dying wish. But how? First and foremost, we must have unity with God. We must therefore "... *pray without ceasing...* (1Thess 5:17)." We must live our day in close communion with Him; by doing His will in every present moment; by loving one another; and when we sometimes fail, to be ready to start again in doing His will.

And what is His will? Scripture tells us, "Love God; love your neighbor:" not the lip-service kind of love but love in action. We must put ourselves as much as possible at the service of our neighbor. Chiara Lubich, foundress of the Focolare Movement whose charism is Unity, wrote "*If we want to achieve unity, we have only one right, only one right: to serve everyone.*"

Loving our neighbor also means making ourselves one with them, helping them in their need, taking on what is burdening them, meeting them where they are, taking on their pain.

Again, Chiara Lubich: "*Our unity with God, who dwells within us, requires total emptiness, the most heroic humility... our unity with others is achieved through humility.*"

In his book of prayers and reflections, In God's Reconciling Grace, Bernard de Margerie, referring to John 17:20-21, writes, "Lord Jesus, help me to make my own your prayer for the unity of your followers—and let this prayer be costly to me." Yes, it is not always easy to love, to make ourselves one with the other. But we have the best example of selflessness and humility -- Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

What should we do when unity with our neighbor becomes difficult? We must never break but bend, until love works the miracle of giving us one heart and one mind.

There have been many times when I have had to put this into practice. Once, on the last night of our retreat, we were putting together a variety show, and I was in charge of managing the stage, coordinating stage sets and microphone needs. There wasn't much time to prepare and the overall coordinator struck me as being very laid back while I have a tendency to be a perfectionist. At first, I felt a little agitated that I did not have a good understanding of each act and their stage needs. But I remembered that it is better to be "... *less perfect, but in unity rather than perfect but in disunity...*". I was able to love again and do the set changes in peace and out of love for the actors and the audience. In the end, it all came together, and the audience and players loved the experience. Indeed, "*perfection does not lie in ideas or in wisdom but in charity.*" (Chiara Lubich)

How beautiful to live in harmony, with genuine love for one another!

CONVINCE ME THROUGH FAITH

In mid-July, a week-long conference was held in Ontario, CA, on the 50th Anniversary of Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae: On the Regulation of Human Births*. The encyclical raises several controversial issues, including:

- Population growth
- The person of woman and her place in society
- The value of conjugal love in marriage
- Harmony between husband and wife
- The sense of responsibility of modern man
- Responsible parenthood
- Right conscience and the correct hierarchy of values
- Our duties toward God

...and many others. However, the primary issue upon which all the other issues arose should not be controversial; the issue is the prevention and termination of human births. *Humanae Vitae* discusses abortion and contraception in clear and sober terms, addressing the moral responsibilities of marriage partners, educators, scientists, governmental authorities, and the Church, its priests and bishops. Though the encyclical is relatively short, it is too long to cover here. All Christians should shoulder the responsibility of reading it.

On a more general note, we might ask an abortion supporter what arguments he could give to defend abortions. His first response might be: "I feel a woman should have the right to..." and what follows could be any one of several "rights," such as to make her own decisions, or to control her own body, or... well, you get the point. Your response should be, "Feelings don't prove anything." Feelings are, well, just feelings. We cannot always help what we feel but, then, our intelligence has to get in gear and evaluate the feeling.

So, he might then begin to give you "reasons" why he supports abortion, and tell you that reason supports his stance on abortion. You might challenge him to support his reason and convince you that it is right reason. Now, how can he support this? He cannot say that he "feels" his reason guides him correctly; we have already swept the "feeling" ploy aside. So, he will begin to give you reasons why his "reasons" were reasonable. But, anyone even slightly familiar with logic knows that you cannot support the legitimacy of reason by reason. We call it a "circular argument."

He has, then, one more alternative, and it is a good one—Faith! Reason based upon feeling is nonsense; reason based upon reason is circular. Therefore, we must base the legitimacy of reason on faith. Unfortunately for our opponent, he must ask himself, "Faith in what?" The only answer can be something that produced reason in man
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and is superior to it, superior in the area of intelligence, which is the category in which reason should operate. That eliminates evolution, which is mindless materialism, and other non-intellective sources. It leaves the Divine Intelligence, God, as the source and support of human reason.

As we all know from experience, human reason does not work perfectly, but let us assume for a moment that it does. Reason itself cannot create truths; it begins with truths and works in steps to unveil other truths. If the truths we base our reasoning on are faulty, we cannot expect the outcome to be solid. So, where do we get the truths on which to base our reasoning? Again, we cannot base it upon feelings nor upon reason. Each of these fail as we have seen them fail above. We are left, again, with Faith in the Divine Intelligence, God.

God is the Author of Life. In his encyclical, Pope Paul VI quotes a telling line from Pope John XXIII: "Human life is sacred; from its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God." Whoever works to oppose the creating hand of God is endangering his immortal soul.

All Catholics (indeed, all Christians,) need to work together as one to defeat this moral sickness of abortion in our culture. "Hence, with all our heart," Pope Paul writes, "we renew to you the heartfelt plea of the great Apostle Paul: *'I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.'*"



Gender divides in childhood can perpetuate abusive behaviors

Published on 7/30/2018

Parents of young children have likely heard the phrase "boys will be boys" many times — usually to excuse so-called "typical boy" behaviors. But this rationalization can extend dangerously through adulthood, to excuse sexual assault and harassment. The messages received by young children have lasting effects. Boys hear that they need to hide their emotions, so if they are abused, they're less likely to come forward. Girls hear that boys can be rough or rude, and learn to tolerate rather than push back. Eliminating this gender divide early may help combat sexual abuse and assault.

For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Training Boys vs. Girls" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

JOIN US!

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



Register Now!!!

Name: _____

Email _____

Will Attend Tues Wed (Encircle one)

Qty _____

Total Payment _____

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.

Together In Mission

OLL Parish results as of July 24, 2018

Parish Goal:	\$52,999.00
Amount Pledged:	\$58,172.00
Amount Paid:	<u>\$50,134.78</u>
Difference:	(\$2,864.22)

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

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.	

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

"Beginning Experience" is part of an international ministry for those men or women who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. A "Beginning Experience" weekend will be held on September 14-16, 2018, at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino, CA. This weekend helps a person move from the darkness of grief and loss into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. "Beginning Experience" is recognized by the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

To register for this weekend or obtain more information, contact:

Peg Setti at (818) 767-1007 or
Maria Rojas (Spanish) at (310) 365-0186

Questions can also be sent by email to:
beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com

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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Feast of the Assumption of Mary August 15, 2018

Schedule of Masses:

August 14:	7:00 pm Mass—Vigil of the Assumption
August 15:	7:45 am (English)
	6:00 pm (English)
	7:30 pm (Spanish)

Seniors 55+ Group

(for single, separated, divorced and widowed women)

Join us on **Saturday, August 25** for the 5 p.m. Mass followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:50 p.m. Call the parish office and leave your name, email and phone number so we know how many to expect for dinner.

Join us on Saturday, **September 22** at the Glendale Center Theatre for **Always Patsy Cline** at 8:00 p.m. Meet at the hospitality patio at 4:30 p.m. to carpool to dinner in Glendale before the play.

Mail or drop off your check payable to OLL for \$28 to the parish office before August 18.

CONFIRMATION

You still have time to sign up for Confirmation!



The last day to register will be at the parent meeting on August 18th.

Mass Intentions August 4 thru August 10, 2018



Saturday August 04

5:00 pm
Precioso Borga †
Maximiana Catilo †
John † & Gen Scapatucci †—
Wedding Remembrance
Anita C. Santana †
Hamoy Family--*Thanksgiving*

Sunday August 05

7:00 am

8:30 am Zoila Ortiz †

10:30 am Maris Belen Arroyo †
Shirley Ballister--*Healing*

12:30 pm Deceased Members of the
Viggianelli Family †

6:00 pm

Monday August 06

7:45 am
Dennis Eklund †
June Enrique Besoain—*Successful
Surgery*

Tuesday August 07

7:45 am
Dennis Eklund †
C. J. Benis †

Wednesday August 08

7:45 am
Dennis Eklund †
Kristine Graf—*Birthday
Blessings*

Thursday August 09

7:45 am
Dennis Eklund †
Guerrero-Enriquez Families-
Special Intentions & Blessings

Friday August 10

8:30 am Dennis Eklund †

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**



en Nuestra Parroquia

Minsterios Hispanos

Acolitos & Ujieres	Claudia Yesenia Navarro	818-205-8767
Clases Pre-Bautismales	Cecilia Rico	818-359-9610
Comunidad Hispana	Irma Velasquez	323-447-2290
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Cursillos	Blanca Nava	818-858-7991
Eucaristía	Ma. Zoila & Ezequiel Mendoza	818-723-7096
Grupo de Oración	Yolanda Oliva	818-793-9683
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

Las diferencias de género en la niñez pueden perpetuar comportamientos abusivos

Publicado el 7/30/2018

Los padres de niños pequeños suelen repetir la frase de que “los varones son varones” para justificar ciertas conductas masculinas. Pero este entendimiento podría ser un modelo peligroso para la etapa adulta, ya que esos argumentos podrían justificar el abuso sexual y la violación. Recuerden que los mensajes que les transmitimos a los hijos tienen un efecto duradero. Además, cuando los niños aprenden que los “varones” no deben mostrar sus emociones, esto podría ser peligroso en caso de un abuso sexual, ya que ellos no querían contar lo sucedido. Y cuando las niñas escuchan que los varones tienen que ser duros y poco corteses, ellas también aprenden que ellos deben ser tolerados en vez de rechazados. Eliminando la diferenciación de género en la crianza de los hijos/hijas podría ayudar a combatir el abuso sexual y las violaciones. Si quiere la copia completa del artículo de VIRTUS sobre el “Entrenando a varones y hembras”, o para más extremidades e información visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/Protecting/pages/Virtus-Current-Online-articles.aspx>.

Confirmación

El letrado 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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Filipino Ministry	Bobby Rigoroso	714-350-4509
Health	Eloisa de Guzman	818-281-4818
Greeter Ministry	Paul Robich	818-352-2821
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Knights of Columbus	Chuck Naudet	626-375-1256
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Liturgy/Wedding Coordinator	Michelle Laforce	818-515-5068
Wedding Coordinator-Spanish	Jenny Aguilar	818-470-0532
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Ministry of the Sick	Eleanor Graf	818-897-6143
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Parents Club	Gina Escandon	818-645-7228
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RCIA-Adult Formation	Jim Lank	818-400-5418
RICA-Spanish Adult Formation	Guadalupe Cueva	818-216-0154
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