

**WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD
WILL LIVE FOREVER!**

*Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



San Ignacio de Loyola Parish

August 9, 2015

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

The Jews murmured” because they could not get beyond their limited perception of who they thought Jesus was to the mystery about himself he reveals: “I am the bread of life”,

the Bread “come down from heaven”,

the Bread to whom we must come

the Bread gives us a share in his “eternal life”,

the Bread in whom we must believe,

the Bread who gives Self “for the life of the world”.



Such mystery! Who can believe it? Who can afford not to believe it?

Words to reflect upon: we must come, we must believe

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
1 Timothy 2:1*

Let us pray together today for the chronically ill:



Sylvia Tasner, Jerry and Albert Vega, Fr. Vega, Rudy & Sonia Méndez, Maggie and Don Maziarz and Peter and Leida Fiorito. *Let us join our hearts this week as a true Faith*

Community in mighty prayers that the Spirit of God will strengthen and direct the hearts of the bishops preparing for the October Synod of the Family toward a discernment of the needs of our families and of Gospel solutions for these needs.

Tickets are on sale after Mass every Sunday for the “Gala” fundraiser that will be held on August 29, 2015. The cost is \$50 per ticket; proceeds will be used for the repairs of the church. Both Fr. Larry and Fr. Vega will be honored at the event.

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**On the Care of our Common Home
The Issue of Water**

(27) The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem of poverty.



(28) Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance...

Water poverty especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts which impede agricultural production.

(29) One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor.

(30)... there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatize this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. **Yet access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.** Our world has a grave social debt toward the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. **...there is little awareness of the seriousness of such behavior within a context of great inequality.**

(31) Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century. **248**

Teilhard de Chardin was right when, in the 30's he wrote: “the era of nations has passed. The task we now have ahead of us, if we do not perish, is to construct the Earth”. Caring for the Earth with tender and fraternal affection in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and of Francis of Rome, we can follow “walking and singing” as the encyclical concludes, full of hope. We still have the future and we will shine.

Leonardo Boff

THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET

Every culture has its priorities.

The developed West is beginning to understand it must respect the planet. But it is one thing to “go green” and quite another to respect the human person. The stupidities of the developed world—the noise that masquerades as music, the intense interest in epicurean delights, the unending search for pleasures of every description—turn eyes and minds from the needs of people, real people, who are suffering. Facts of life: There are just too many people living in absolute poverty. There are just too many people lacking education, lacking shelter, lacking water.



Pope Francis' lovely encyclical **Laudato Si'** in no uncertain terms connects abuse of the environment with abuse of the poor. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople as having stated previously in one way or another that the earth and its people are on a collision course. The chorus speaks: Something's got to give.

Phyllis Zagano, July 1st, in The National Catholic Reporter

We are Blessed!

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day

If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...

You are ahead of 700 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you can read this message you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Blessed are you Lord, Giver of All Gifts

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Do you know any “imitators of God”?
What kinds of things do/did they do?



AUGUST 15TH



THIS SATURDAY IS THE
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY INTO HEAVEN.

LET US PRAY:
MOTHER OF THE LIVING
GOSPEL, WELLSPRING OF
HAPPINESS FOR GOD'S
LITTLE ONES, PRAY FOR US.
AMEN. ALLELUIA!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of
the universe, for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly
joined to everything that is.

This Saturday is the birthday of Archbishop Oscar Romero, martyred in el Salvador in 1980. Let us pray on his words:

A Step Along The Way

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promises.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

