

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 5, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

The Scriptures today invite us to open our minds and hearts to the lavish love of our God.

When the Israelites asked for food in the desert, God gave them exactly what they needed. Their grumbling didn't put him off; he fed them with manna and quail. God only asked them to trust in his loving care for them.

When crowds of people gathered around Jesus, he not only fed them; he gave them more than they could eat. God's only desire in both instances was to show his lavish love in such a way that it would move people to trust him with their lives.

When the people asked Jesus what they were to do to accomplish the works of God, he gave them a simple answer: believe in the one sent by God – believe in me. Then Jesus identifies himself: I am the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world. All who come to him will never hunger or thirst.

All of us believe that Jesus is the bread of life for us. We desire to place our trust and confidence in God's loving care for us. We have also found that there is a challenge involved in this trusting. The challenge comes in our willingness to embrace God as he is, and not as we might like him to be. Confidence in God's loving Providence means accepting with our whole being that God will provide for us, but not always as we might want or expect. Hoarfrost on the ground in the early morning was not what the Israelites expected, but it was bread from heaven as God had promised.

Are we courageous enough in our faith to say to God: "Give us this bread always" and then meet the challenges of letting Jesus, the bread of life, live in us as each day unfolds?



**Congratulations!**

Please join all of our Oblate Priests and Brothers, as we offer our most sincere congratulations to our confrere, Most Rev. Barry Strong, OSFS, on his new appointment as Superior General!

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **852**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Exodus 16:2 – 4, 12 – 15

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Ephesians 4:17, 20 – 24

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 6:24 – 35

**"2018 50/50 OLS RAFFLE"**



Raffle tickets are on sale after all the Masses, this raffle will support our church.  
~ 1 tickets for \$5.00 ~  
~ 5 tickets for \$20.00 ~

***Drawings will be held every time total ticket sale reaches \$1000.00.***

The winner will take home \$500.00 and the church receives the remaining \$500.00. This raffle will continue throughout the summer. A winner will be notified immediately following the drawing. So buy your tickets today to win.

**OUR 4th WINNER** – John Cochol of Maryland



Teen RCIA class will be held at 10:30 am, every Thursdays in the Hall for the summer.

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**The Sacrament of Penance**



*Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.*

**"Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs."**

~ St. Francis de Sales

**CHURCH MORTGAGE** –

***Total Principal + Interest \$126,822.88***

