

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Our God is a personal God who is concerned about each and every one and takes care of his people. He is like a benevolent Father caring for the needs of his children and planning a future for each one. The Bible presents us the story of a benevolent God who took care of his chosen people in the Old Testament. He gave people the bread sufficient to satisfy their hunger and made them comfortable. In the New Testament, we have the love of God manifested in Jesus. He leads them to faith and gives them his own body and blood as proper spiritual nourishment.

The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels. Jesus is on the mountain with his disciples and the feast of the Passover is near. There is a crowd of people who have followed Jesus to this location, attracted by the signs he was doing. A problem develops around the issue of food. The large crowd needs to eat but there are hardly any provisions available in its proximity. Jesus himself raises the issue, but only to test his disciples. He is fully in charge and he is aware beforehand how the problem is going to be solved. We also have the dialogue between Jesus and Philip, who always comes across as rather naive and simple. Jesus asks the question that is simple and natural, where will they as a community get food sufficient for all these people in the desert. Philip responds saying that two hundred denarii would not be enough for each to have a little, indicating a situation practically impossible in human terms. Andrew too comes into the picture. They also tell him those five barley loaves and two fish that are available are next to nothing in the face of what is needed. Jesus uses these limited things to feed five thousand persons and they had enough and more to eat. This may seem humanly impossible, but when God is pleased with his children, nothing is impossible. The source of the food is the little boy that gave up his food for Jesus to share it with the others. We also heard that the disciples obeyed Jesus and did whatever he asked them to do. They had faith in their master and their task was to obey.

God is a caring Father and He wants our co-operation to be part of His caring for all of us, His children. People of our time need to be encouraged to share, even when they think they have nothing to offer. Whatever we offer through Jesus will have a life-giving effect in those who receive it.

**God Bless You!**

**Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

In our Gospel today, John 6:1-15, Jesus provided plenty of food for the crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish. Parents may sympathize with Philip and Andrew when asked to find enough food to feed 5,000. Sometimes it may seem in our homes we may need to ask Jesus to multiply the food and material needs for our family. We have to strengthen our faith that Jesus will take what we have and make it enough to satisfy and fill our needs. We ask for this blessing when we offer to God the work of each day in prayer. Here is a short Morning Offering: *My God, I offer you, every thought, word and act of today. Please bless me, my God, and provide for my needs this day.*

+ Continue to discern whether you might be able to commit to teach Grade 4 or Grade 6. Thank you. ~ Sr. Marianna

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul			
Adult Envelopes	\$	1,200.00	
Loose		103.00	
Total		1,303.00	
Total from July 23, 2017		1,433.00	
Building Fund		70.00	
St. Stanislaus			
Adult Envelopes	\$	365.00	
Loose		188.01	
Total		553.01	
Total from July 23, 2017		441.00	
St. John			
Adult Envelopes	\$	464.00	
Loose		177.26	
Total		641.26	
Total from July 23, 2017		1,107.38	
St. Michael			
Adult Envelopes	\$	111.00	
Loose		37.00	
Total		148.00	
Total from July 23, 2017		208.00	

*(Totals include only the basic collection )*  
**2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal**

Contributor Status Report as of 6/29/18

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 8,945.00	\$ 2,234.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 3,371.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 3,576.00	\$ 1,673.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 2,509.00	PAID in FULL
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