

**For The Bulletin Of  
August 2, 2015**

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN SUMMER'S ORDINARY  
TIME**

***From Father Robert***

Every now and then we hear talk about developing a pill that would contain all the nourishment we would need. Take the pill and our food supply for the day is finished. The lure of such a pill would be that there would be no more hunger, we wouldn't worry so much about the weather's impact on agriculture, we would be freed from cooking and cleaning up. We hear about such a pill, but most of us react quite negatively, even after considering its benefits. We know that there is so much more to nourishment than simply giving the body what it needs to be an efficient living "machine." Eating includes being satisfied, engaging in a social event, choosing a variety of interesting tastes.

In today's gospel, the crowd is seeking Jesus. They have been fed with the bread and fish abundantly provided by Jesus (last Sunday's gospel about the multiplication of the loaves). They want more. What they were not prepared for was that the bread Jesus offers is so much more than food that satisfied their immediate hunger; it is so much more than a "pill" that takes care of nourishment needs.

The bread the crowd seeks is perishable. They eat this bread but become hungry again – they must keep procuring this bread. The bread Jesus offers is eternal. Those who eat this bread will never hunger again. They cannot procure this

bread because it is the Father's gift: the "true bread from heaven" that is Jesus Himself. There is a tension – a grave misunderstanding – between what the crowd seeks and what Jesus offers. What do we seek?

Do we seek only nourishment? Or do we seek the Bread only God can give – Bread that is abundant and Life-giving? God's abundance is a sign of messianic times, of God's reign being established, of eternal Life. Our sharing in this abundance is already a sharing in the fullness of Life to come. The "bread of God...which comes down from heaven...gives life to the world." We consume the bread from heaven so that the mystery of Life may consume us, drawing us to eternal life.

***Living The Paschal Mystery***

What we need to receive Eucharist fruitfully is a personal relationship with Jesus. This "bread from heaven" is ultimately a person, Jesus Christ. If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the Body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal Life for others. As God has "set His seal" on Jesus, so through baptism and confirmation has God "set His seal" on us. Jesus gives Himself as bread from heaven; we give ourselves to others as bread from heaven when we live our baptismal commitment by doing the ordinary things of every day as Jesus would – with care, compassion, love, generosity, and patience.

The very person of Jesus is *everything* for which we long. Jesus is the deep well of what's beyond our immediate satisfaction, the deep well that brings us face to face with our longing and

dissatisfaction. Just as the crowd followed Jesus across the lake, looking for Him to satisfy them, so must we follow Jesus as faithful disciples. We look for Him in our everyday lives – in the people and circumstances around us. Looking for Him, we can faithfully bring that divine Presence to others. The bread God offers us is the abiding Presence of Jesus among us, always reaching out to satisfy us with what is imperishable, what endures forever: eternal Life.

Today's gospel is a part of a six week series on the "Bread of Life" Discourse, and today is the second week of the series. How has today's reading challenged you?

- What I most seek in my daily living is....What most satisfies is...
- The tension (perhaps even misunderstanding) I feel about Jesus as the "bread of life" is...
- I encounter Jesus as the "bread of life" when...

***About Liturgy: Eucharist, Believing, and Action***

Believing in the Eucharist is more than believing in the Real Presence. Or, to put it another way, believing in the Real presence – the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ – demands something of us. Eucharist nourishes us, transforms us into being more perfectly members of the Body of Christ, so that we might live this holy mystery more effectively in our daily lives. As St. Augustine said in his famous Sermon #272, "if you are the Body of Christ and members of it, then it is that mystery which is placed on the Lord's table: you receive the mystery, which is to say the Body of Christ, your very self. You

answer Amen to who you are and in the answer embrace yourself. You hear Body of Christ and answer Amen. Be a member of Christ's body, that your Amen will be true."

Believing itself is an action – a commitment to a relationship. To say we believe in Jesus as the Bread of life and to say Amen to the Body and Blood we receive at communion is to make a commitment: that we live who we are, the Body of Christ, The only way our Amen to the Body and Blood of Christ can be true is for each of us to be Christ in our everyday actions. This is a tall order! On our own we could not do it. But Jesus Himself is our strength and helps us say our Amen.

***About Liturgical Music: Singing The Music for the Communion Procession, Part II***

The General Instruction to the Roman Missal, No. 86, indicates the second purpose of the Communion Music is to show our gladness of heart as we receive Communion. The Music for the Communion Procession expresses the joy we experience in being called to the messianic table to fast on the Body and Blood of Christ. It expresses the joy we experience in being drawn beyond our individual selves to become the one Body of Christ. Appropriate music expresses praise, thanksgiving, and joy in being fed and filled, gratitude for being healed and forgiven, gladness in being one in Christ.

This purpose is especially important to keep in mind during the festal seasons when we often sing a seasonal song at this time. Music of expectation during Advent, nativity carols during Christmas Season, music filled with alleluias

during the Easter Season easily accord with expressing our joy of heart at approaching the banquet of eternal Life. Even during Lent, music we sing during Communion that expresses sorrow or penance carries an undercurrent of joy, for it is at the table of the Lord that we are fully forgiven, reconciled to God and one another, and made whole.

### *Upcoming Events*

This Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. you are invited to join **Frances Rojek and myself** in an information meeting regarding expanding the Team of our RCIA Process. The meeting will take place in our parish hall. All that is necessary is your faith and your relationship with Jesus. Come and see how you can help us welcome new members into our faith community.

Next weekend, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, is our annual **“Back Pack” Sunday** for the children of our adopted parochial school of St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg. Please see the flyer in today’s bulletin listing the supplies needed for children in grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please be sure to list the Grade for which you have purchased the back pack and supplies on the outside of the back pack. Many thanks for your generous participation.

The **Second Quarter Financial Report** will be presented by our Finance Council at each liturgy next weekend, August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. A significant part of the report will be an update on the status of our Building Program and information regarding the Great Hall. I hope you will be present.

This month’s “concert” is actually a **“Cabaret”** on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., featuring the musicians of our Music Ministry. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes a Champagne Reception in the parish hall following the performance. Tickets are available at the table in the Gathering Plaza after each liturgy.

The Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal will once again take place the weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. A Guest Missionary will be with us to present the Appeal. Envelopes for the special collection may be found on the credenza at the back of the church beneath the Icon of St. Paul. Your generosity to the support of the Missions is greatly appreciated.

### *Knights of Columbus News*

Let us congratulate our Brothers who advanced in their Degrees last Sunday afternoon here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. **Kelly Ouimet** made his 2nd Degree and his schedule wouldn't allow him to stay for the 3rd.

Making their 3rd Degree -  
**Ernie Ameral - Mike Clarke - Sean Dunleavy - Kenny Lane - Mike Manalac - Pat McConnell - Kirby McNesby - Antonio Quintanilla**

Thanks go to those who came and supported them and did the food preparation, serving, and cleaning up, and also the registration. If not for these gentlemen it would not have been the success that it was:

**Don Benson - Clem Bushman - Rich Confetti - Peter Lozano - Jose Palomino - Jose Perez - Bob Plurkowski - Steven Rojek -**

**Dave Simpson - Bill Stuhlreyer -  
Armando Vasquez - Mark Webster -  
Daniel Womack.**

And to **Tom Bilskemper** who was part of the 2nd Degree Team.

Here's a note from **Frank Silva** - Grand Knight from the Immaculate Heart Council in Brentwood:

Thank you WFS we had a great time. Your Degree team was impressive. St. Ignatius of Antioch was a wonderful host today. Your team knows how to put on a Degree. Thank you again! Vivat Jesus. Fms, Gk

There were a total of 27 who made the 2nd Degree and 35 who made their 3rd, from all over the Diocese.

***Thank You from Contra Costa  
Interfaith Housing***

Dear Father Robert and Parishioners,

Thank you for renewing your commitment as a member faith community. Together, we are helping more than 950 formerly homeless and very low-income residents remain stable in affordable housing and access services to help rebuild their lives.

Recently, Jenny smiled widely as she plunger her little hands into the wet soil, ready to plant her bundle of basil in the new vegetable garden at Lakeside Apartments. She giggled with Maria as they patted the soil down around their freshly planted herbs.

Thanks to St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic church's gift of \$500, children living in our permanent, affordable housing programs are learning about

healthy living, as well as sharing a fun and necessary resource with neighbors and working together as a team. Your support and involvement helps to make this and our life changing programs possible.

Your partnership is essential and making an impact to end the cycle of poverty and homelessness in our community. Research shows that permanent, affordable housing paired with the kinds of support services CCIH offers including case management, mental health counseling, employment support, parenting classes, and after school Homework Clubs, reduces the rate of homelessness and the use of high-cost crisis services.

Thanks to St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church, not only do little girls like Jenny and Maria have a stable home, but also they have positive childhood memories and role models – staff, volunteers, and neighbors. They are learning to grow not only tomatoes, but stable and healthy lives. They are helped with homework after school and supported by consistent volunteers who share their victories and frustrations. This summer, they have the opportunity to learn a new instrument at music camp, conduct fun experiments at science camp, and create their own masterpieces during art camp. And in between, Jenny and Maria will check on their growing garden, tending and caring for it as they are being tended and cared for with your support.

We remain truly grateful for your support and involvement to help formerly homeless and working poor families realize their dream of a stable home and healthy community.

With sincere appreciation,  
*Louise Bourassa*  
Executive Director

### ***Thank You***

...to our volunteer parishioners who come early every Saturday morning to clean and prepare the church and parish hall for the weekend and the week ahead: **Carole Miller, Jun Bajet, Mercy Osborne, Angela Bueno, Rose Salamanca, and Emilia Freking.**

...to our volunteer parishioners who come early Saturday morning and throughout the week to clean and maintain the bathrooms in both the church and parish hall: **Robert Goncalves, Mary Ewing, Steve Rojek, Gino Ramos, Geri Abaya, and Harlan Young.**

...to our volunteer Receptionists who provide such a necessary service each day of the week: **Mary Ng, Harlan Young, Yvette Young, Karen Oliver, Barbara Jackson, and Rowena Cayaban.**

### ***Retrouvaille***

***September 18 - 20***

***East Bay/Tri-Valley Area***

***Jeff & Donna Heusler 510-276-4118***  
***[retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org)***

A lifeline for marriages, *Retrouvaille* is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. *Retrouvaille* consists of a weekend experience combined with post-weekend sessions. The program provides the tools to help put marriages in order again. The main emphasis is on communication between husband and wife.

The program offers the opportunity for couples to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. The program is highly

successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

To register or obtain more information, click here, or call Jeff & Donna Heusler, see above.

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Assistant Controller - Chancery Office***

The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Oakland is seeking an Assistant Controller to assist in planning, directing, and coordinating the financial accounting and reporting activities of Diocesan Central Services. In addition, this position is an integral component to ensuring the parishes' compliance with various fiscal and operational policies and procedures of the Diocese of Oakland.

This position is full-time, E-7 classification, with full Diocesan benefits. Position is open until filled. If interested please submit letter of intent, resume and application to:

Helen Giuntoli, Controller  
2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100  
Oakland, CA 94612

[hgiuntoli@oakdiocese.org](mailto:hgiuntoli@oakdiocese.org)

### ***Office Manager - St. Callistus Parish, El Sobrante***

St. Callistus Parish office is seeking a part-time Office Manager. The Office Manager assists the Pastor in the leadership, personnel, facility and financial management of the parish by managing the implementation and maintenance of policies and procedures required by the Diocese and by civil law. Responsibilities include

but are not limited to bookkeeping; direct and supervise other employees; and attend parish staff, financial council and diocesan meetings. Good organizational and multi-tasking skills required. This position part-time, 18 hours per week, non-exempt and is classified as S-3 according to the diocesan salary guidelines.

Please send resume to:  
Pastor, St. Callistus Church,  
3580 San Pablo Dam Road,  
El Sobrante, CA 94803 or by email:  
[st.callistus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.callistus@sbcglobal.net).

**Director of Children's Catechesis –  
St. Jerome Parish, El Cerrito**

St. Jerome Parish in El Cerrito is searching for a coordinator for Children's Catechesis who will be responsible for implementing a religious education program to provide formation education and sacramental preparation for children in 1 grade, including Reconciliation and First Communion. Together with the Pastor, the coordinator will ensure that the curriculum, volunteers, and implementation of all aspects of the program support the teachings of the Church and the parish education goals.

Qualifications: Must be a practicing Catholic with an informed understanding of Vatican II and how it applies to the mission of the parish; BA in Religious Studies or strong minor in this field; current Master Catechist Certification; 3-5 years of experience in parish children's catechesis; an ability to generate enthusiasm and interact with a variety of groups, including parents, young children and middle school

teens; flexibility in work hours as well as familiarity with computer applications including Microsoft Office, Excel, Outlook; can use email as a normal means of contact with families as well as the office phone; good management, communication and presentation skills.

This position is classified as an M-2, non-exempt, part-time, 20 hours/week.

More information and a complete job description can be obtained from the Pastor, Fr. Fernando Cortez,  
[saintjeromechurch@comcast.net](mailto:saintjeromechurch@comcast.net).

**Ministry Coordinator – St. Augustine  
Parish, Oakland**

St. Augustine Parish is seeking a full-time Ministry Coordinator. Candidate must have strong spiritual leadership skills; excellent interpersonal, management, communication, public speaking, presentation and writing skills as well as ability to multi-task. Candidate must be able to organize and implement events and have flexibility in work hours. This position requires weekend work. A more detailed job description can be obtained from the parish.

This position is classified as M-2 or M-3, depending on experience/qualifications, with benefits. Position is open until filled.

Please send your cover letter, application and resume to:  
Pastor, Saint Augustine Parish,  
400 Alcatraz Ave,  
Oakland 94609

**Funeral Assistant - Holy Angels/  
St. Joseph Cemetery, San Pablo**

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is seeking a Catholic individual to assist with the delivery of funeral services to families. This position is part-time and includes some evening and weekend work. Candidate must be professional, detail oriented and well organized. Strong communication skills are also required; bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred. Valid driver license is required.

Please email letter of interest and resume to: [JoAnnaD@cfcsoakland.org](mailto:JoAnnaD@cfcsoakland.org).

**Mission Promoter – Maryknoll  
Mission, San Francisco Bay Area**

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers share the Good News of God's love by accompanying and serving marginalized people throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. Maryknoll serves the Roman Catholic Church locally in the U.S. by fostering a "culture of mission" and supporting "communities of missionary disciples" through its mission education programs. Maryknoll is seeking a Mission Promoter to work out of its San Lorenzo Mission House in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This is a full-time exempt position with medical, dental and other benefits. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Target start date: October 1 or sooner.

To apply please send an email with cover letter and resume with the subject heading "San Francisco Position" to: Deacon Matt Dulka, [resume@maryknoll.us](mailto:resume@maryknoll.us).

**Associate Director for Lay Ministry  
Formation – Diocese of Sacramento**

The Diocese of Sacramento is looking for a driven, energetic, passionate bridge builder to supervise and coordinate programs to recruit and train the next generation of lay ministry leaders for the Diocese. Responsibilities include coordinating formation and training programs for lay ministry leaders and Master Catechists in English and Spanish, creating a campaign to promote formation opportunities to young adults, providing on-going training, orienting and supporting Catechetical leaders.

The ideal candidate will be bilingual (English/Spanish), have at least five years' experience coordinating formation programs for a diverse group of ministers, experience supervising a staff, an understanding of and ability to work well with Catholics from different cultures and ideologies, and a Master's Degree in Theology, Catechesis, Pastoral Ministry or related field (or a BA and extensive experience).

Opening is immediate, starting date is negotiable. Full time, exempt, salaried position with full benefits.

Email cover letter and resume to: Kevin Staszko, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Sacramento at [kstaszko@scd.org](mailto:kstaszko@scd.org).

**Regional Coordinator for Youth and  
Young Adult Ministry – Redding**

The Diocese of Sacramento is seeking a passionate, self-starter to coordinate youth and young adult ministry in the Northern Counties of the Diocese of Sacramento. Home base of position is in

Redding. This position requires extensive travel and evening and weekend availability. Ideal candidate will have at least 5 years of experience in parish ministry, experience working with youth in both the Hispanic and Anglo communities, and experience working with rural parishes. A bilingual candidate (English and Spanish) is preferred, but not required.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to:

Kevin Staszko, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis, at [kstaszko@scd.org](mailto:kstaszko@scd.org).

**Associate Director for North State Revitalization, Redding**

The Diocese of Sacramento seeks an enthusiastic, bilingual leader to direct the effort to revitalize the parishes in the Northern Counties of the Diocese through evangelization, lay leadership development and training, and the formation of small faith communities. Home base of position is in Redding. This position requires extensive travel and evening and weekend availability. Ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing with at least 5 years of experience in parish ministry, experience working with the Hispanic community, and experience working with rural parishes. Candidate must be bilingual (English/Spanish).

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to:

Kevin Staszko, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis, at [kstaszko@scd.org](mailto:kstaszko@scd.org).