

Year of  
Consecrated Life



2 August 2015

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

PARISH PRIEST'S SUNDAY

# WHAT MATTERS MOST

When faced with serious material and physical problems, we instinctively turn to God to complain, to seek help, to plead, to bargain, or to seek pardon and mercy. In our short-sightedness we often fail to realize that many times, we are much too concerned about material things and have all but forgotten our spiritual needs. This is one of the reasons why St. Paul today admonishes us to shed off “the old self” and to put on “the new self” – the person whose priorities are determined by the values of the Kingdom. Jesus, in the Gospel, teaches us to set our hearts not on material food, but on the food that gives eternal life.

Today as we celebrate Parish Priest’s Sunday, we are also invited to grow in the appreciation of all the good that parish priests do for their flocks. Let us take this opportunity to show our gratitude to our parish priest and his assistants for being instruments of God’s care for us. Let us pray that they may be inspired by their patron saint, John Mary Vianney.



## INTRODUCTORY RITES



### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

**O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

### Greeting

**P** –Blessed be Jesus, the great Prophet of the Father. May his grace be with you all!

**All**–And with your spirit!

### Penitential Act

**P** –As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins. *(Pause)*

**P** –Lord Jesus, you are the true bread from heaven. Lord,

have mercy!

**All**–Lord, have mercy!

**P** –Lord Jesus, you admonish us to work for the food that endures for eternal life. Christ, have mercy!

**All**–Christ, have mercy!

**P** –Lord Jesus, you give life to the world. Lord, have mercy!

**All**–Lord, have mercy!

**P** –May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All**–Amen!

### Gloria

**All**–Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, al-

mighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen!

### Collect (Opening Prayer)

**P** –Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All—Amen!



**First Reading** Ex 16:2-4,12-15

*As the Israelites felt the hardness of desert life, they grumble against Moses and Aaron. This passage narrates how God provided for their needs by sending them quail and the mysterious food called “manna,” which foreshadows the Eucharist.*

**R** —A proclamation from the Book of Exodus

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “Would that we had died at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our flesh-pots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!”

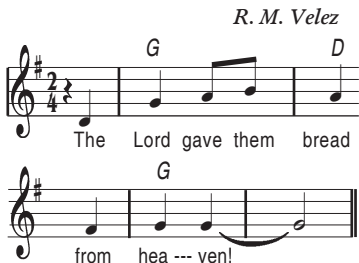
Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: ‘In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the Lord, am your God.’ ”

In the evening, quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning, a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes, like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, “What is this?” for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, “This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord!  
All—Thanks be to God!

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 78

**R** —*The Lord gave them bread from heaven!*



\* **What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, we will declare to the generation to come, the glorious deeds of the Lord and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.** **R.**

\* **He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.** **R.**

\* **Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.** **R.**

**Second Reading** Eph 4:17

*20-24*  
In this brief passage, St. Paul speaks of the radical change that a person must undergo when one becomes a member of the Lord’s Mystical Body, the Church.

**R** —A proclamation from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. That is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

The Word of the Lord!  
All—Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Acclamation**

All—Alleluia! Alleluia!

**One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God!**  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Jn 6:24-35

*The Lord gave manna, the bread from heaven, to the Israelites as they traveled through the desert. To those who believe in him, Jesus promises the true bread from heaven, the Bread of Life, that is himself.*

**P** —The Lord be with you!

All—**And with your spirit!**

**P** —A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to John

All—**Glory to you, O Lord!**

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.”

So they said to him, “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.” So they said to him, “What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*” So Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven. My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

**All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

**All**—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

### Prayer of the Faithful

**P**—Knowing that God is a great Provider and always offers sustenance to His people, let us now present our petitions to Him,

confident that He will grant them. Together let us pray:

**All—Lord, hear us!**

**C**—For the Catholic Church, the pilgrim people of God: May she bring her faithful to the heavenly kingdom as the visible instrument of the love of the Lord, who cared for the Israelites in their journey in the desert. Let us pray! **R.**

**C**—For the Holy Father, the bishops, and all other spiritual leaders: As dispensers of God’s manifold gifts, may they always nourish and strengthen their flocks. Let us pray! **R.**

**C**—For those who are attracted by our consumeristic world: May they overcome the allurements of material gains and work for food that gives eternal life. Let us pray! **R.**

**C**—For our parish priest and his assistants: May they enjoy good health and experience the solidarity and affection of all parishioners. Let us pray! **R.**

**C**—For all Christians: May we put away our “old self” and our sinful desires and instead, strive to live a life of purity and holiness. Let us pray! **R.**

**C**—For all of us: May we all have a reverent love for the Eucharist and strive to receive Jesus in Holy Communion regularly. Let us pray! **R.**

**C**—Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (Pause)  
Let us pray! **R.**

**P**—Father in heaven, faith in Your Son Jesus is Your gift to us. Help us to put our trust in him ever more completely, that his life in us may grow from strength to strength. You who live and reign forever and ever.  
**All—Amen!**



### Preparation of the Gifts

**P**—Pray, brethren . . .

**All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name,**

**for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

**P**—Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All—Amen!**

### Preface IV

**P**—The Lord be with you!

**All—And with your spirit!**

**P**—Lift up your hearts!

**All—We lift them up to the Lord!**

**P**—Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All—It is right and just!**

**P**—It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity’s fallen state, and by his suffering, canceled out our sins; by his rising from the dead, he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

**All—Holy, holy, holy . . .**

### Memorial Acclamation

**P**—The mystery of faith!

**All—When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again!**



**All—Our Father . . .**

**P**—Deliver us, Lord . . .

**All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever!**

### Sign of Peace

#### Breaking of the Bread

**All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2x)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### Communion

**P** –This is the Lord Jesus who feeds mankind with the Bread of Life. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his supper.

**All**–**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### Communion Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)*

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed**

**with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

### Prayer after Communion

**P** –Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All**–**Amen!**

### CONCLUDING RITES



**P** –The Lord be with you.

**All**–**And with your spirit!**

**P** –Bow your heads and pray for

God's blessing. *(Pause)*  
May almighty God make you generous and brave.

**All**–**Amen!**

**P** –May He strengthen your faith so that you will persevere in good works.

**All**–**Amen!**

**P** –May He direct your steps to himself, and show you how to walk in charity and peace.

**All**–**Amen!**

**P** –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All**–**Amen!**

**P** –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All**–**Thanks be to God!**

## PARISH PRIEST'S SUNDAY

About eleven years ago, at the end of the First National Clergy Congress held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, Metro Manila, the participants expressed the wish that the Sunday closer to the feast of St. John Mary Vianney be called "St. John Mary Vianney Sunday."

This is surely a praiseworthy way to honor the patron of all parish priests and, actually, of all priests. But this great Saint is already honored on his feast day (August 4). The ones who are not sufficiently recognized and honored, instead, are the "un-canonized candidate saints" whom we call "Parish Priests." We feel that, for too long, these spiritual shepherds of ours have been somehow taken for granted. Most parishioners know very little about their own parish priests and their assistants, i.e., about their responsibilities, the sacrifices they make in the fulfillment of their pastoral duties, their aspirations and needs. We believe that, as members of their flock, we should know more about them, and do more for them.

We have *special days* devoted to *special people* – mothers, fathers, grandparents, teachers, . . . and so on. Why should we not devote a day (a Sunday!) to honor and fete our parish priests and show them our gratitude? They surely DESERVE it. Many of them might even NEED it – like all human beings, our parish priests need to be acknowledged, affirmed, encouraged and, most of all, feel that they are LOVED.

This is why we insist, and invite as many as we can to join us, in calling the first Sunday of August "**Parish Priest's Sunday.**" It is a beautiful and long overdue way of showing our appreciation and love for our spiritual shepherds.

To one and all our spiritual fathers:

**HAPPY PARISH PRIEST'S SUNDAY!**

## "GOD'S GIFT TO THE YOUNG" An Exhibit on Don Bosco's 200<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary

### Catch us at the following Ayala Malls!

August 1-7	Trinoma (Quezon City)
August 12-19	Glorietta 3 (Makati City)
August 22-28	Market Market (Taguig City)
September 3-9	Alabang Town Center (Alabang)
September 22-28	Ayala Center (Cebu)
October 1-7	Abreeza (Davao)
October 10-16	Centrio (Cagayan De Oro)
January 5-11	Marquee Mall (Angeles City, Pampanga)
January 13-19	Harbor Point (Subic)
January 25-31	Bonifacio High Street (Taguig)
February 8-14	The District (Imus, Cavite)

Find out more about St. John Bosco and how his Salesians are making a difference in the Philippines!

Visit our Word & Life Publications booth and avail of BIG discounts!



**WORD & LIFE  
PUBLICATIONS**

Don Bosco Compound, A. Arnaiz Ave. cor. Chino Roces Ave., Makati, Metro Manila

Postal Address: P.O. Box 1820, MCPO, 1258 Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines

Tel. Nos. 894-5401; 894-5402; 892-2169 • Telefax: 894-5241 • Website: [www.wordandlife.org](http://www.wordandlife.org)

• E-mail: [marketing@wordandlife.org](mailto:marketing@wordandlife.org), [wordandlifepublications@gmail.com](mailto:wordandlifepublications@gmail.com) • FB: Word & Life Publications

• Editorial Team: Fr. S. Putzu, G. Ramos, R. Molomog, D. Daguio, V. David

• Illustrations: A. Sarmiento, B. Cleofe • Circulation: F. Edjan