

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Year B**

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Readings: 1) Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2) Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

3) John 6:24-35

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: God gives us the strength to follow him.

In today's reading, In Exodus, God sends manna and quail in response to the Israelites' complaint that they are starving in the desert. The letter to the Ephesians reminds us of the importance of turning to the Holy Spirit to be strengthened and renewed so that we continue to grow in holiness. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that he is the bread of life.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

Trusting that God watches over us and provides for what we truly need, let us offer our petitions to him.

For the Church, may she continue to follow Christ's example and provide for the poor in their physical as well as spiritual needs,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all world leaders, may they work tirelessly for peace and justice,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those suffering mentally or physically;

Especially:

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead,

Especially: Manuel Dabrowski,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those gathered here, may we work to build up the kingdom of God in our own communities,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause),

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

Lord God, you showed your mercy and cared for the needs of your people even when they questioned your guidance. Hear now our prayers, and in your mercy grant them according to your will. We pray through Christ our Lord.