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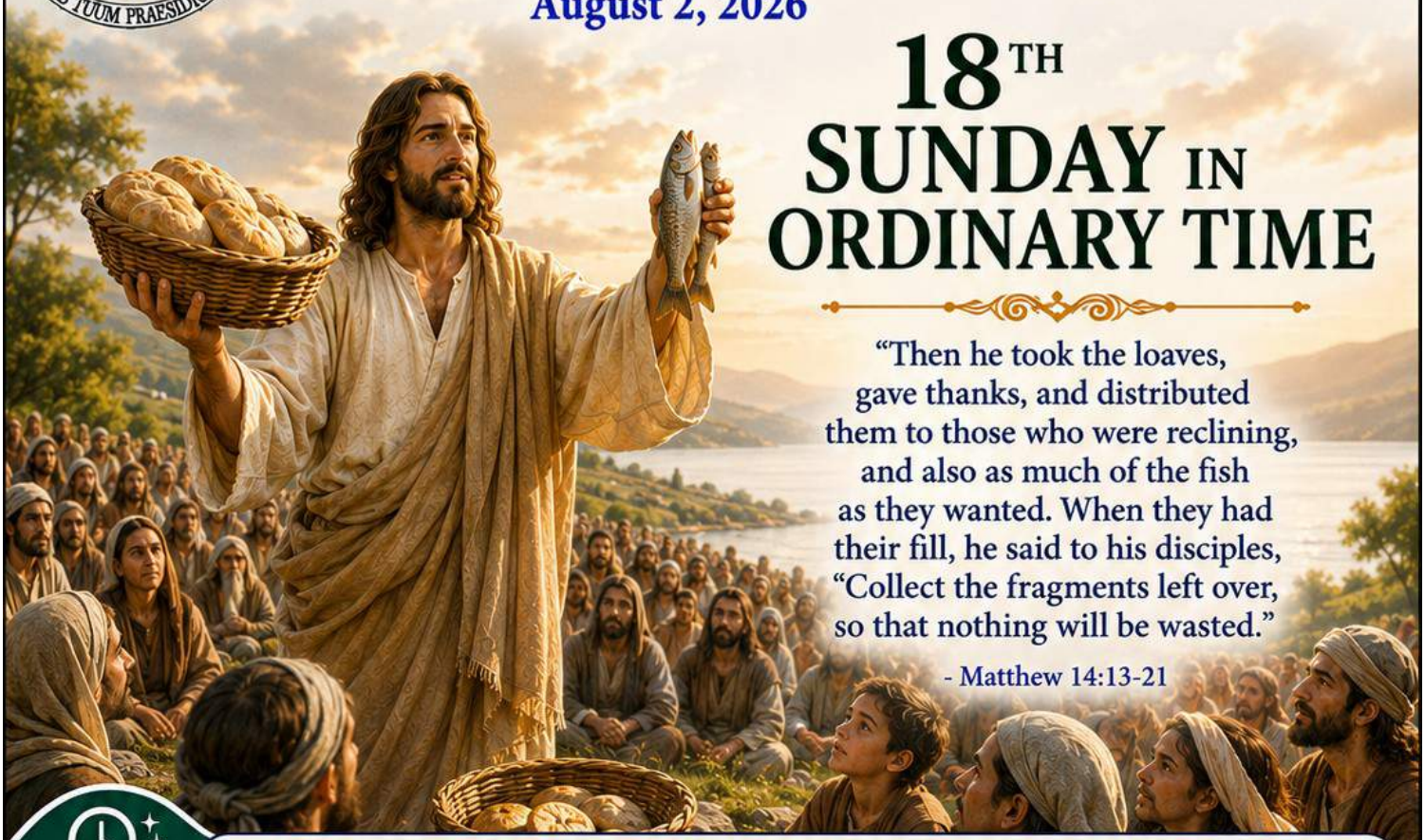

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Then he took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Collect the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

- Matthew 14:13-21

OFFICE HOURS: Sun: 8AM-1PM; Mon/Wed 9AM-1PM; Tue/Thurs: 9am-2:30PM; Fri/Sat: CLOSED

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HOLY MASS
Saturday
5:00 PM
(Vigil Mass)

Sunday
7:30, 9:30
and 11:30 AM

Weekday
12:00 NOON

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION
SATURDAY
4:00 - 5 PM
- Adorno Father

HOLY ROSARY
Daily at
11:30 AM

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
Daily after Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every First Friday
of the Month
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.
- Matthew 10:40

pastors message

My dear parishioners,

Before we begin another busy week, perhaps we should ask ourselves one simple question. "What do I have that I can place into the hands of Jesus?" Most of us immediately think of what we lack. We tell ourselves that we do not have enough time, enough money, enough energy, enough patience, or even enough faith. Yet the Gospel this Sunday teaches us that God has never waited for abundance before performing His miracles. He begins with what we are willing to offer.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus has just learned of the death of John the Baptist. He withdraws to a deserted place, carrying grief in His own heart. Yet when the crowds find Him, He does not send them away. Instead, "his heart was moved with pity for them," and He healed their sick. Even in His own sorrow, Jesus chose compassion over convenience. He reminds us that love does not wait until life is easy. Love reaches out, even when the heart itself is hurting.

As evening approaches, the disciples become anxious. They see thousands of hungry people and only five loaves and two fish. Their solution seems practical. "Send the crowds away." Jesus responds with words that continue to challenge every Christian today. "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves."

Those words are addressed to each one of us. How often do we look at the needs around us and quietly assume that someone else will respond? Someone else will visit the lonely. Someone else will help the struggling family. Someone else will teach the faith to the next generation. Someone else will forgive first. Yet Jesus places the responsibility into our own hands. He does not merely ask us to admire His compassion. He invites us to become instruments of it.

The disciples' offering seemed insignificant, but Jesus simply asked that it be placed into His hands. He blessed it, broke it, and gave it back to the disciples to distribute. What seemed so little became more than enough. Everyone ate. Everyone was satisfied. Twelve baskets were left over. This is how God continues to work. He does not ask us to begin with greatness. He asks us to begin with generosity.

A smile offered to someone who feels invisible. A visit to a homebound parishioner. A meal shared with a grieving family. A prayer for someone carrying a heavy cross. These may seem like small acts, but in the hands of Christ they become instruments of healing, hope, and grace.

As I reflect upon our own parish family, I thank God because I see this Gospel lived every day. Last weekend, we welcomed a Passionist Missionary who shared with us the beautiful ministry of bringing Christ's love to the poor in Kenya. His witness reminded us that although many people possess very little materially, they are rich in faith and hope. I was deeply moved, not only by his inspiring message, but also by your extraordinary response. Once again, you opened your hearts with remarkable generosity. Your support of the Passionist Mission Appeal was far more than a financial offering. It was an expression of your faith. It was a declaration that the suffering of people halfway around the world matters because they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for responding with such kindness and generosity. As your pastor, I am truly grateful, and I thank God for the privilege of serving a parish whose people understand that faith always expresses itself in love.

That same generous spirit is evident week after week through our Social Concerns Ministry. Time and again, you respond generously to appeals for food, clothing, financial assistance, and support for families facing difficult circumstances. Many of you volunteer quietly behind the scenes, expecting no recognition. Others give faithfully from your blessings, trusting that God will use your gifts to care for those in need. Every donation becomes another loaf. Every volunteer becomes another pair of hands. Every act of kindness allows Christ to continue feeding His people. You may never know whose burden you have lightened or whose hope you have restored. God knows, and every gift offered in love becomes part of His miracle.

The miracle of the loaves points us directly to the Eucharist. Every time we gather for Mass, Jesus takes ordinary bread and wine and transforms them into His very Body and Blood. The One who fed the multitude now feeds us with Himself. The Eucharist is God's greatest gift because Christ does not merely give us something. He gives us His very life. Having received Christ, we are sent into the world to become bread for others. We are called to feed hungry hearts with kindness, lonely souls with friendship, broken lives with forgiveness, and discouraged people with hope. Every Mass ends with a mission because the miracle must continue beyond the walls of the church.

Today's Gospel also reminds us that there are still hungry people around us. Not everyone hungers for food alone. Many hunger for love, acceptance, purpose, peace, and the assurance that someone truly cares. Jesus continues to ask each of us, "What do you have?" He is not asking us to compare ourselves with others. He simply asks us to offer whatever we have, trusting that He will multiply it beyond our imagination.

As we continue our journey together as one parish family, let us never underestimate the power of small acts done with great love. Let us continue to be known as a parish where generosity is natural, compassion is sincere, and every person is welcomed with the love of Christ. Let us continue placing our five loaves and two fish into the hands of Jesus. He has always been able to do extraordinary things through ordinary people who trust Him.

Thank you for your faithful witness, your generous hearts, and your love for God and for one another. Every time you pray, every time you forgive, every time you serve, and every time you give, you become part of Christ's ongoing miracle. May the Lord who multiplied the loaves continue to bless you and your families abundantly, and may Immaculate Conception Church always be a place where God's love is received with gratitude and shared with joyful generosity.

With my prayers and affection for each of you, I remain,

Fr. Manolo

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Romans 10:17

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HERE'S WHAT YOU GAIN BY STAYING CONNECTED:

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW
Get the latest news on Mass times, events, and parish announcements.

GROW IN FAITH
Receive prayers, reflections, and inspirational messages to nourish your spiritual journey.

FEEL CONNECTED
Stay close to the parish community and share our journey of faith, hope, and love.

PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENTS
Receive important information and resources for your spiritual life and family.

FIND WAYS TO SERVE
Discover ministries, outreach programs, and opportunities to share your gifts with others.

RECEIVE TIMELY REMINDERS
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THREE EASY WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED:

SOCIAL MEDIA
Be part of the conversation!

Follow us for parish life, photos, videos and real-time updates. Know what's happening and experience the joy of our community.

- ✓ Parish activities
- ✓ Ministry highlights
- ✓ Inspirational messages
- ✓ The universal Church

EMAIL
Be Informed!

Receive weekly newsletters, event invitations, faith resources and important announcements delivered directly to you.

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- ✓ Special parish notices

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Stay Connected. Grow in Faith. *Be Part of Our Parish Family!*

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Visit our website ICCMAHWAH.ORG

CALL THE OFFICE at 201-327-1276

LET'S STAY CONNECTED AND CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER!

DO YOU KNOW *someone who needs a* PASTORAL VISIT?

Help Us Bring Christ's Love to Those Who Cannot Come to Church

> *"I was sick and you visited me."*
> MATTHEW 25:36

Many members of our parish family are quietly carrying the burdens of illness, aging, loneliness, or recovery at home. Some may no longer be able to attend Mass. Others may simply be waiting for someone to remember them.

YOU CAN HELP.

If you know a family member, friend, neighbor, or fellow parishioner who could benefit from a pastoral visit, please let us know. One simple phone call can bring the comfort, peace, and healing presence of Christ into someone's home, hospital, rehab center, or nursing facility.

You may be the one God is calling.

Sometimes those who need spiritual care are reluctant to ask for help.

Your phone call may become Christ's answer to someone's prayer.

A PRIEST IS AVAILABLE TO:

- Celebrate the Sacrament of the ***Anointing of the Sick***
- Hear ***Confessions*** and offer God's mercy
- ***Pray*** with those who are ill or approaching surgery
- ***Visit*** those in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, or at home
- Provide ***spiritual support*** during serious illness or at the end of life

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ARE AVAILABLE TO:

- Bring ***Holy Communion*** to the homebound each week
- ***Visit*** those who can no longer attend Mass
- ***Pray*** with the sick and their families
- Help our homebound remain ***connected*** to the life of the parish

WHO SHOULD BE REFERRED?

Someone who is:

- Homebound because of illness or age
- Hospitalized or in rehabilitation
- Living in a nursing home or assisted living facility
- Recovering after surgery or serious illness
- Unable to come to Mass regularly
- Wishing to receive Holy Communion at home
- In need of the Anointing of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation

TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE FOR A PASTORAL VISIT
— PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE —
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NO ONE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY SHOULD FACE ILLNESS, AGING, OR LONELINESS ALONE.

Together, let us ensure that every member of our parish family experiences the healing presence, compassionate love, and faithful accompaniment of Christ through His Church.

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WHEN: 2 TIMES A MONTH

- 1st Sunday of the month after 11:30 AM Mass
- 3rd Sunday of the month at 7 PM

LOCATION: MARIAN HALL

PURPOSE:
Provide a consistent opportunity for anyone to grow their faith and apply Catholic teaching to everyday life. It will be an open discussion between participants, rather than a lecture.

Deepen your faith. Build friendships.

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL BELONG.

Be transformed by His Word.

We can't wait to see you there!

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A LOVE THAT LASTS FOREVER.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' Day

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Grandparents are the heart of the family— keepers of our stories, guides in our journey, and prayers in our quietest moments.

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your continued support through the **Social Concerns Ministry** and **ICAPs.**

Together, we serve.
Together, we make a difference.

From the bottom of our hearts, we **THANK YOU** for your ***extraordinary generosity, compassion,*** and faithful support.

Your gifts have made a real and lasting difference in the lives of so many.

COLLECTION FOR THE CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

You help put food on the table and hope in the hearts of many families.

COLLECTION FOR THE VETERANS AFFAIRS

Your support honors those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK COLLECTION

You equip our children with the tools they need to learn, grow, and succeed.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION BY THE PASSIONIST FATHERS

Your overwhelming support reaches beyond our borders and brings Christ's love to those in need.

Your generosity is a reflection of God's love at work through you.

God bless you abundantly!

Because of you, lives are changed. Hope is restored. Faith is strengthened.
Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
4:00 p.m. **Confession**
5:00 p.m. Stan & Clare Chmielowiec by John & Jeanne Chmielowiec

Sunday, August 2 - 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
7:30 a.m. Genevieve Siuta by Darryly & Laura Zack
9:30 a.m. Richard Twiss by Family
11:30 a.m. Margaret Flaherty by The Family of Pat Flaherty

Monday, August 3
12:00 p.m. Birthday Intentions of Nancy Aquino by Veronica Aquino

Tuesday, August 4 – Saint JohnVianney, Priest
12:00 p.m. Nancy Bruno McCrimlisk by The McCrimlisk Family
4:00 p.m. **MASS WITH PRIESTS, Bishop Michael Saporito - Main Celebrant and Homilist**

Wednesday, August 5 – The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
12:00 p.m. Benvenito Cinco by Pat Bender

Thursday, August 6 – TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD
12:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Mark, Cupo, Kozlik & Kosnar Families by Rose Marie Mark

Friday, August 7– Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Compannions, Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest
10:00 a.m. **Adoration**
12:00 p.m. The Zack Family by Darryl & Laura Zack

Saturday, August 8 – Saint Dominic, Priest
4:00 p.m. **Confession**
5:00 p.m. Mary Chmielowiec by John & Jeanne Chmielowiec

Sunday, August 9 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
7:30 a.m. Babuin Family by Darryl & Laura Zack
9:30 a.m. Living and Deceased members of the Mark, Cupo, Kozlik & Kosnar Families by Rose Marie Mark

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Our Deceased Loved Ones whose funerals were held at ICC
JULY John and Agnes Cahir, David Murray, Michael Garzone
AUGUST Pat Kamp, Fidelia Ebu-Mordie, Jocelyn Martin Husslein, Caroline D'Anna, Thomas Vincent Lawler, Mila Miravite, Judy Solga,
OCT Joseph Berardi, John M. Casey, **2026 FEB** John Remo, Jennie Blandi, Mary Mulligan, **MAR** Robert Fleisch, Thomas Carberry, Nancy Walsh, Julie Brazil Watson **APR** Bruce Lin, Marie Keys **JUN** Rita Hetzel, Kathrin Antonelli, **JUL** Rogelio Bermudez, William Keough, Donna Duffy, Carmela Belgovine

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