

July 28th 2024 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B John 6:1-15

⁶⁻¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'
¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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Today we see Jesus taking up his position on the other side of the sea, sitting on the hillside with his disciples. He lets the people come to him of their own accord. They followed him because they were 'impressed with the signs he gave by curing the sick and the miracle he worked feeding the 5,000.' These signs invite us to reflect in faith on how through Jesus, God reveals his abundant love for his people ourselves included. In communion with Jesus, the Bread of Life, the deepest hungers of our hearts are satisfied. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for leading us to a deeper relationship with you. You showed us by your curing of the sick and many other signs that you are someone we can place our trust in. This trust brings great hope and joy to our hearts.

Forgive us Lord for the times we close our minds to the signs that we are given each week in the gospel that shows us that in Jesus God reveals his abundant love for us all. .

Help us Lord to know that Jesus who satisfied the deep hunger in people is someone we can place our trust in. Let us remember our small gestures and gifts can do amazing things just like the small boy with the five barley loaves and two fish. .

