

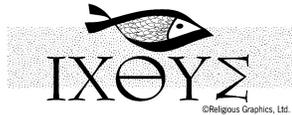
PARISH CALENDAR

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

You are just, O God;
Your judgement is just!

Saturday, July 28	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 29	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 31	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Aug 1	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Aug 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Aug 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Aug 4	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Ex:16:2-4, 12-15: In the midst of human grumbling and doubt, God remains faithful
Eph:4: 17, 20-24: Put away your old self and let Jesus' loves define you
Jn:6:24-35: The bread of life does not perish but endures forever.

Living Catholic in the 808 My Fourth and Walnut Moment Part II

*"In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut. . . I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world? Thomas Merton, **Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander**.*

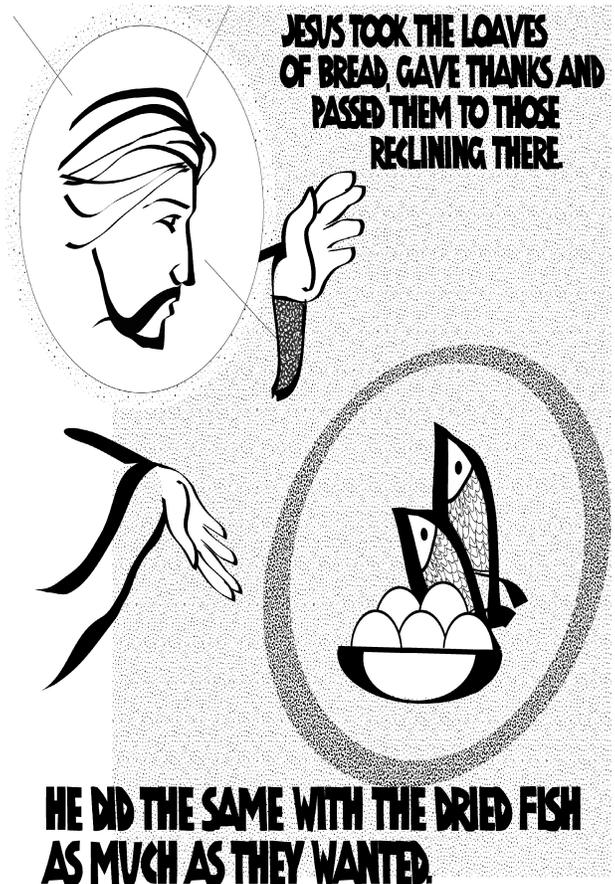
Last week, I shared my own "Fourth and Walnut" moment, the time I became aware that we are all one — we are connected at our deepest core, not divided.

How has this experience changed me? Well, unlike before, where the world revolved around me and whatever I was focused on at any given moment, now God regularly and routinely "bonks me on the head" with reminders that the "other" is actually my other self — they are me and I am them. God won't let me forget!

Hopefully, my experience has made me less judgmental, less likely to see myself as "better" than others. And it has definitely made me more grateful for my blessings and so much more aware that I've done nothing to deserve a home, a car, a job, my health, people who love me.

*How has God woken you from your "dream of separateness?"
How has this experience changed you?*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. C. I. A - Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion, confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's RCIA program will begin **Sept 9, 2018**.
- 2) RCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Trailer or church.
- 3) RCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
- 4) RCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass: a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent) b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent) c. RCIA Scrutinies (during Lent) If you or someone you know is interested, please call our RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"

2018 ANNUAL LIFE SYMPOSIUM - Na Mo`olelo Ola:

Living Stories: This symposium addresses the educational component of the USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and will address serious issues as we look through the lens of Holy Scripture, Church teaching, and personal (life stories) testimonies. This symposium is suggested for parents, grandparents, educators, clergy and religious, youth and young adults, ministry leaders, medical professionals, and adult laity because each of us are called to a continuing commitment to preserve the sanctity of life. The symposium will on **Friday, August 17th @ the Kroc Center in Kapolei / Time: 8:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m.** To register, go online to: <http://catholichawaii.org/diocesan-offices/respect-life/education/> or call the Respect Life Office at 203-6722. Registration deadline: July 31. Cost is \$25 (Lunch is included)

WORD OF LIFE: "To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." **Pope Saint John Paul II's February 13, 1982, Homily** www.usccb.org/maggies-story
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WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 29 Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs: 4:42-44; Ps: 145; Eph: 4:1-6; Jn: 6:1-15

Jul 30 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jer: 7:1-11; Dt: 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt: 13:31-35

Jul 31 Tue: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Jer: 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt: 13:36-43

Aug 1 Wed: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer: 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59: 2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt: 13:44-46

Aug 2 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Jer: 18:1-6; Ps: 146: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt: 13:47-53

Aug 3 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Jer: 26:1-9; Ps 69: 5, 8-10, 14; Mt: 13:54-58

Aug 4 Sat: Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jer: 26:11-16, 24; Ps: 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have – exercising good stewardship – releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and out other resources in his name?(International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)

Reflection

Of all the Gospel stories, this one is told more frequently than any other. (By contrast, the story of Christmas is told once in Luke's Gospel; the story of the magi is told only once, by Matthew; the events surrounding the Resurrection are uniquely told by each of the evangelists.) The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is told no fewer than six times.

Clearly the story is of enormous importance to the early Church. Why? Because the taking, blessing, breaking, and giving of bread is a eucharistic story, one that is essential to the formation of the Church. These actions are identified with Jesus Christ crucified and risen and present among us. The Last Supper uses these same words and intends the early Church to form around Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Before the early Church had a name it had the celebration of the Eucharist.

Of course, the story would be told, acknowledged, absorbed, repeated, and raised to a place of prominence in the life of the Church. How could it be otherwise? No Christian hearing the story could possibly miss the allusion to the Eucharist.

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PRAYER THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

When you go to receive communion, what are you thinking? Are you preparing to actually touch Jesus? If He was standing there in front of you, how would you approach Him? You do not see Him as He is, but He is there just the same. I find this a hard thing for the human mind to wrap itself around, but if we truly believe, with Faith, we can accept His presence and act accordingly.

