


ARCHDIOCESE OF PALO – CATECHETICAL MINISTRY
Module 47 (July 25, 2021) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B
Theme: Jesus Satisfies All our Hunger
John 6:1-15
Fil - Mission Sunday



INTRODUCTION

Talk about doing certain project or task in the school, family or in barangay/community.
 Tell the joys and difficulties of completing the work.
 What made it easy or hard?
 In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to help him do a wonderful thing. But they don't think they can help.
 Let's listen carefully to the story and see how Jesus responds to his disciples



OPENING PRAYER

Loving heavenly Father we come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to see you in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen
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PHASE ONE REMEMBER THE STORY OF JESUS

1.1 Proclamation of the Gospel Story (John 6:1-15) Enthroned the Bible on a table with lighted candle)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 R. Alleluia, alleluia.
 A great prophet has risen in our midst.
 God has visited his people.
 R. Alleluia, alleluia.



LET US ALLOW JESUS TO SATISFY OUR HUNGER



Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.
 A large crowd followed him,
 because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.
 Jesus went up on the mountain,
 and there he sat down with his disciples.
 The Jewish feast of Passover was near.
 When Jesus raised his eyes
 and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,
 he said to Philip,
 "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?"
 He said this to test him,
 because he himself knew what he was going to do.
 Philip answered him,
 "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough
 for each of them to have a little."
 One of his disciples,
 Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,
 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
 but what good are these for so many?"
 Jesus said, "Have the people recline."
 Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.
 So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.
 Then Jesus 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 had their fill, he said to his disciples,
 "Gather the fragments left over,
 so that nothing will be wasted."
 So they collected them,
 and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments
 from the five barley loaves
 that had been more than they could eat.
 When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,
 "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."
 Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make
 him king,
 he withdrew again to the mountain alone

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

1.2 Brief Guided Silent Meditation / Personal

Let us spend a few moments of prayerful silence so that the Word of God may penetrate into our heart.

-What did Jesus feel when he saw the crowd? What did he do for them?
 (leave some moments for reflections)

1.3 Text in Context

In the last two Sundays we have reflecting on how Jesus sent his apostles on their first mission. On their return they went on the other side of the lake for a rest, but only to find out that the crowd whom they left followed them. Seeing them Jesus tenderly responded their immediate needs

1. When Jesus saw that the crowd was hungry, what did he want to do? (He wanted to give them food.)
2. What did Jesus ask his disciples? (Where could they get food to feed the crowd)
3. What did Philip say? (They didn't have enough money to buy food to feed all the people.)
4. What was Andrew's reply to Jesus? (That there was a boy with five barley loaves and two fish, but he said that this wasn't enough to feed so many people.)
5. Did Jesus think that this was enough? (Yes.) How do we know? (He blessed the food the boy had, and he fed more than five thousand people.)

PHASE II REFLECT the Story
of the Church
(Teachings of the Church)



In today's Gospel we see how Jesus responded at once to the hungry crowd. He knew well what to do but he posed a challenge of the unforeseen situation to his disciples.

We may include ourselves among the 5,000 hungry people wanting to hear the teachings of Jesus.
Can we imagine how Jesus feel seeing them? Let hear once again Jesus conversation with the disciples.

Jesus asked Philip, *Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?* Philip must have answered readily: *We need big amount of money for such a big crowd to provide food. Or if ever we have money, no fast food around to cater for them.* And here comes Andrew who replied in the same manner: *Here is a boy who gave 5 loaves of bread and two dried fish. Surely they are good for nothing for such huge crowd,*

With the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, Jesus made a miracle. The 5,000 people must have feasted over the food with much rejoicing. Perhaps some had taken-out food to bring home since there is much left over.

The feeding of the crowd happened in an instant with Jesus' action: *took the bread, gave thanks and distribute...* The miracle happened because it is God who did it all.
GOD TAKES THE INITIATIVE. IT IS GOD WHO WILL FEED HIS PEOPLE AND IT IS ALWAYS MORE THAN ENOUGH. It not us who does the giving. It is God's action.

Like the two disciples, we are carried by the human way of thinking based on reasons and what we see. We tend to block God's generosity to flow through us. We are now God's hands and feet towards helping others.
When was the last time I allowed God to feed someone through me?
Are there any instances, when I block God's miracle to happen?
What was my attitude? How can I be God's channel of grace to help others?

In this Gospel Story Jesus attends first to the basic hunger - food. Then he teaches them all about the love of the Father Jesus is a very good teacher. He is able to bring out other kinds of human hunger which are the values of the kingdom of God.
People all over the world today need nourishment which is not just to satisfy physical hunger. More than hunger for food, we have other kinds of hunger such as hunger for peace and justice, unity, good governance and healing both for humans and Mother Earth.

God is the source of the produce of the earth, peace, justice unity, good government and all that is good. He gives them to all in plenty. Yet, as we look around, many people are in want of them. Why? Let us examine our system or the way we decide and do things beginning from our family and community. We may prevent the good things like the food, peace, unity, good government to reach the homes of those who are in need. **Let God feed us because only Christ satisfies every hunger.**

We will see that many wonderful things can happen through each one of us. We are all invited to allow God's love to circulate.

Let us come to Jesus who said:
I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. (John 6:35)

Jesus is the Eucharist himself who satisfies the hungers of the world. *The Eucharist actualizes the covenant that sanctifies us, purifies us and unites us in the marvelous Communion with God. Thus we learn that the Eucharist is not only a reward for the good but also the strength for the weak and for sinners.*

The Eucharist doesn't end with consuming the body and blood of the Lord. Partaking in the sacrament also leads us to have solidarity with others.

The one who is fed and nourished by the very body and blood of Christ cannot remain unaffected when he sees his brothers suffering want and hunger. Pope Francis

PHASE THREE RESPOND – with/ in my personal
faith /community faith story

The Eucharist makes up the Church and the Church (we) draw/s life from the Eucharist. How do we show our being one (solidarity) with the many people who are suffering especially at this time, with the continuous rise of Covid-19 pandemic. What contributions can we offer to the works of charity organized in our parishes or bigger community?



CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer for the poor and needy

Lord God, You came to give honour to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged.
You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued.
You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute.
Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries.
Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance.
Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.
Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.
You came for the least, the lost and last of this world.
Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.
<https://www.lords-prayer-words.com>

BACKGROUND FOR THE CATECHISTS

CCC 1351 From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. This custom of the *collection*, ever appropriate, is inspired by the example of Christ who became poor to make us rich:
Those who are well off, and who are also willing, give as each chooses. What is gathered is given to him who presides to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources, prisoners, immigrants and, in a word, all who are in need

