

Dear Padre,

Recently a visiting priest went completely off script during the eucharistic prayer at Mass. Is this allowed?

The eucharistic prayer is the summit of the entire Mass, culminating in what it means for the Church to celebrate the Eucharist. *The Roman Missal* offers ten options in English: Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, 3, and 4; two for reconciliation; and four for various needs. Also, an additional three are available for Masses with children.

Not all of these options appear regularly in missalettes.

In exercising his office of celebrant, the priest is allowed to offer brief explanations, such as before the preface to the eucharistic prayer, but never during the prayer itself (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 31).

In general, “the Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred

Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass” (*GIRM* 24). The mystery of the Mass “is too great for anyone to permit himself to treat it according to his own whim, so that its sacredness and its universal ordering would be obscured” (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 11).

Overall, presiders desire a meaningful ritual experience for those hungering and thirsting for holiness to encounter the living presence of Christ. If some actions and proclamations by presiders appear misguided, they’re seldom due to a lack of genuine pastoral care.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Obedient to Jesus’ commands, the Church organized the eucharistic liturgy into moments which correspond to the words and the actions performed by him on the eve of his passion....In the eucharistic prayer, we give thanks to God for the whole work of redemption, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2018



Calendar

Monday AUGUST 3 Weekday Jer 28:1–17 Mt 14:22–36
Tuesday AUGUST 4 St. John Vianney, Priest Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22 Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14
Wednesday AUGUST 5 Weekday Jer 31:1–7 Mt 15:21–28
Thursday AUGUST 6 Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 2 Pt 1:16–19 Mt 17:1–9
Friday AUGUST 7 Weekday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7 Mt 16:24–28
Saturday AUGUST 8 St. Dominic, Priest Hb 1:12–2:4 Mt 17:14–20
Sunday AUGUST 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a Rom 9:1–5 Mt 14:22–33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21



They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.
MATTHEW 14:20

A Free Meal, but with Demands

When God invites you to a meal, you never have to pay. It might be free, but it does have its demands. In fact, you are expected to open yourself to a total transformation. In the first reading, Isaiah mentions the renewal of an everlasting covenant. Perhaps a small dinner fee might be easier to handle.

This reading is quite tender. The needy are invited to a meal of grain, wine, and milk. Their neediness might explain why the meal is free. The invitation is magnanimous: “Come to me...that you may have life” (Isaiah 55:3). The Gospel story of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves reveals the same magnanimity. Jesus feeds all those who have followed him, no questions asked. This story follows a long tradition of miraculous feedings, which include the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Elisha multiplying bread (2 Kings 4:42–44). It’s natural to wonder just how that bread and those fish were able to satisfy so many, but there is another aspect of the story that should not be overlooked. The words, “He said the blessing, broke

the loaves, and gave them to the disciples” (Matthew 14:19) will appear again in the account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26). Though this was the ritual performed at the daily Jewish meal, the eucharistic allusion is unmistakable.

Perhaps it is the psalm response that throws light on the primary focus of the readings. There the graciousness and kindness of the Lord are acclaimed: “You open wide your hand / and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think of the good things in your life that have been given to you free of charge. How grateful are you?
- ★ Think of the times God has used you to bless others. How grateful are you for this?



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

The central theme of today's readings is that God takes care of our physical and spiritual needs if we put our trust in Him. He shares with us Jesus as our Savior and spiritual food, in Word and in Eucharist, thus preparing us for the Heavenly banquet, and challenges us to share our blessings with others.

In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish exiles in Babylon, assuring them of their return to homeland and promising them that Yahweh their God alone can and will provide for their spiritual and physical needs. He will pardon their sins and will offer them participation in His eschatological banquet. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), has us sing, "The Hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs," in praise of the mercy, forgiveness and maternal care of a loving and providing God. In the second reading, Paul argues that since God's love for us is so immense and infinite, "nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord." In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates God's caring love for us by feeding the people, spiritually by his preaching and physically by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish, which the apostles had brought for their lunch and which they gave Jesus to feed the people. This miracle shows the Divinity of Jesus, the providing care of God and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd. It is a Messianic sign, presenting Jesus as the new Moses who fed the Israelites in the desert and the new Elisha who miraculously fed the starving people of Gilgal (2 Kings 42-44). The Eucharistic wordings used, and the promise made by Jesus on the following day, that he would give his body and blood as food and drink (John 6:25-70), make the miracle a prefiguring symbol of the Holy Eucharist.

We need to nourish our souls with Jesus in Word and Sacrament. We nourish our souls with the Word of God (by listening to God through reading the Bible) and with the Bread of Life (by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion). We need to find time to be with Christ both in personal and family prayer and in Adoration of the Eucharist whenever this is available. One way of listening to God is to read a passage in the Bible until it speaks to the heart, then stop to reflect on the message God is conveying to our hearts. The next step is to respond to God by prayer, which is talking to Him, as to a friend in conversation, telling Him everything and asking Him for whatever we need. We need to be "Eucharistic ministers." We too, can perform miracles in our own time and place, by imitating the four "Eucharistic actions" of Jesus: take humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others in God's love, break away from our own needs and selfish interests for the sake of others, give with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. C. P. Varghese

Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
08/03	Monday	No Mass Today		
08/04	Tuesday	No Mass Today		
08/05	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
08/06	Thursday	No Mass Today		
08/07	Friday	No Mass Today		
08/08	Saturday	5.30 PM	Bayard	Jinnohn
08/09	Sunday	8.00 AM	Dalton	Robert Ernest
08/09	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	People of God

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

MAY - AUGUST:
MASS TIME

Tuesday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 10.30 AM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$395.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$50.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 445.00
MASS STIPEND	
DONATION	\$54.00
TOTAL	\$ 499.00
BUILDING FUND	
HEAT/AC	\$50.00
APPEAL	\$30.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- The GIDCCW biennial convention at North Platte for August 14&15 is a sure event. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. Contact Carolyn or Teresa for more information.

SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

MAY - AUGUST:
MASS TIME

Friday — 6:00 PM
Saturday — 5.30 PM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$65.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$10.00
SUBTOTAL	\$75.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 75.00
BUILDING FUND	

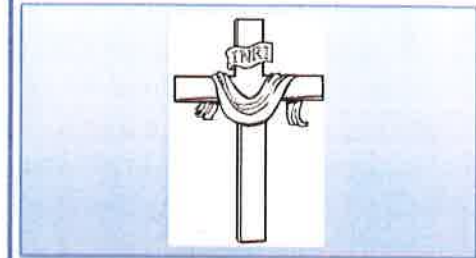
- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
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SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

MAY - AUGUST:
MASS TIME

Thursday — 6:00 PM
Sunday — 8.00 AM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$430.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	
SUBTOTAL	\$ 430.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 430.00
BUILDING FUND	

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