

# Dear Padre,

Previously, this column said Mass should be offered in several languages so everyone can participate. There's an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of the vernacular. There's one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

**F**undamentally, the Mass is meant to be inclusive, by its very nature! The primary purpose for eucharistic celebrations in both the ordinary form (vernacular) and extraordinary form (Latin) is to give glory to God in communion as God's people. This bears mentioning, since the Church's allowance of both forms of one Mass isn't meant to be divisive—although in practice, it can be.

Jesus and his followers likely spoke Aramaic, so the earliest communal gatherings to break bread were celebrated in their native tongue. Likewise, the Mass in its early development was offered in the vernacular—Greek. When Latin became the pervasive language of the people, the Mass switched to Latin. Thus, Mass in the vernacular is not a “barrier.” On the contrary, in allowing the Mass to be celebrated again in the language of the people, Pope Paul VI intended it “as a help in witnessing to and strengthening the unity of all” (Promulgation of the *Missale Romanum*, 1970).

Our unity as believers in one God, one Church, and one Mass is predicated on far more than a uniform language.

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
JULY 26  
Sts. Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34  
Mt 13:31–35

**Tuesday**  
JULY 27  
Weekday  
Ex 33:7–11;  
34:5b–9, 28  
Mt 13:36–43

**Wednesday**  
JULY 28  
Weekday  
Ex 34:29–35  
Mt 13:44–46

**Thursday**  
JULY 29  
St. Martha  
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38  
Jn 11:19–27 or  
Lk 10:38–42

**Friday**  
JULY 30  
Weekday  
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,  
34b–37  
Mt 13:54–58

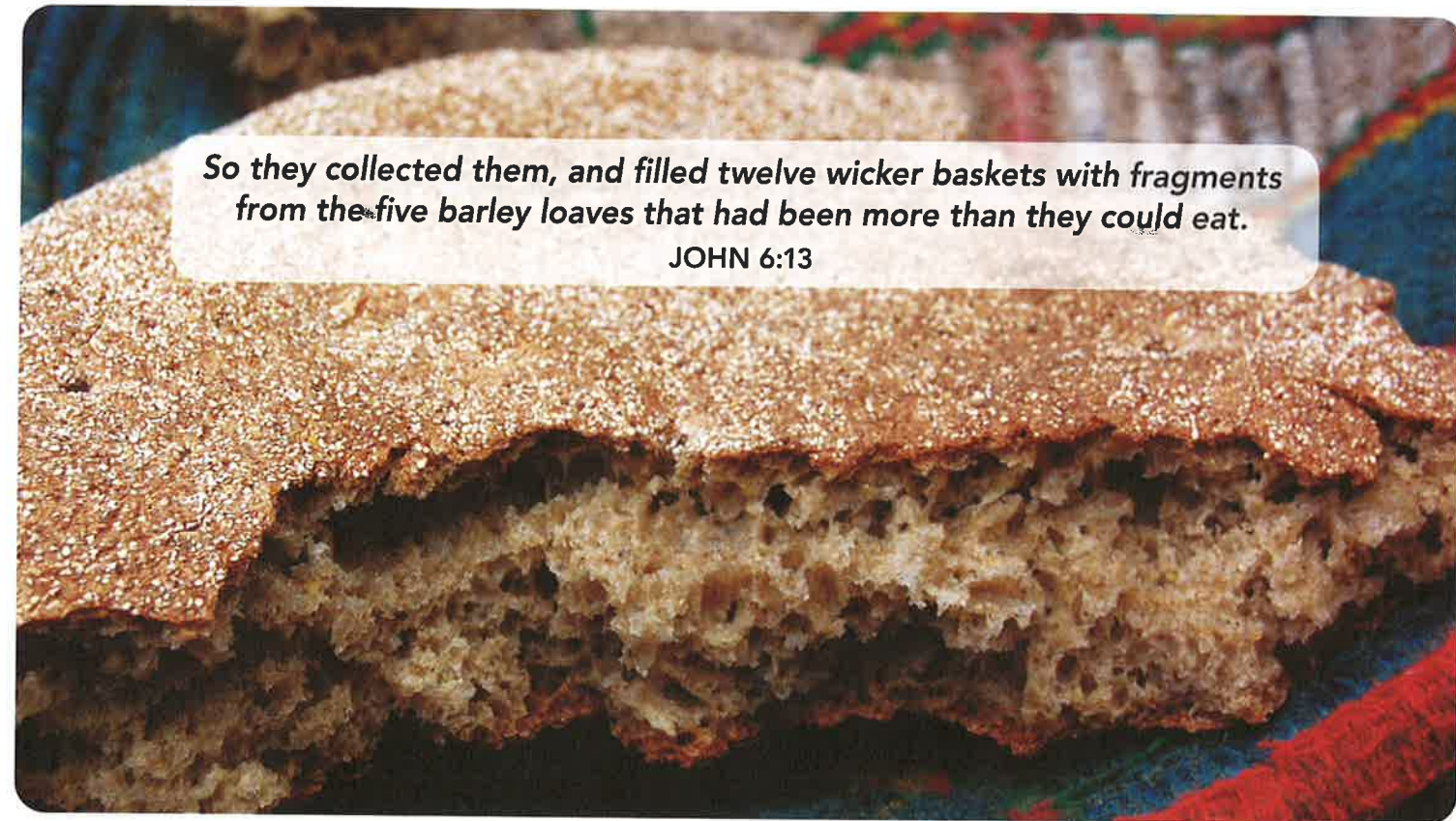
**Saturday**  
JULY 31  
St. Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest  
Lv 25:1, 8–17  
Mt 14:1–12

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 1  
Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15  
Eph 4:17, 20–24  
Jn 6:24–35

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
2 Kgs 4:42–44  
Eph 4:1–6  
Jn 6:1–15



So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

## More than Enough

**T**wo stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of

vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Through which people in your life has God cared for you and met your needs?
- ★ How does God work through you to meet the needs of others in your life?

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The Church] is not a fortress but a tent able to enlarge her space and give access to all. Either the Church “goes forth” or she is not a Church; either she is on a journey always widening her space so that everyone can enter, or she is not a Church.

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**Facing the "Impossible?"**

"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." [John 6:9-10a](#)

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an "impossible situation?" Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it's easy. Jesus' miracle speaks to His commitment to "feed us" in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it's symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God's will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God's idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

*Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
7/26	Monday		No Mass Today	
7/27	Tuesday		No Mass Today	
7/28	Wednesday		No Mass Today	
7/29	Thursday		No Mass Today	
7/30	Friday		No Mass Today	
7/31	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Robert Ernest
8/1	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Donna and Mark
8/1	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Don Loxterkamp

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617 P STREET  
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**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER : MASS**

**TIME**

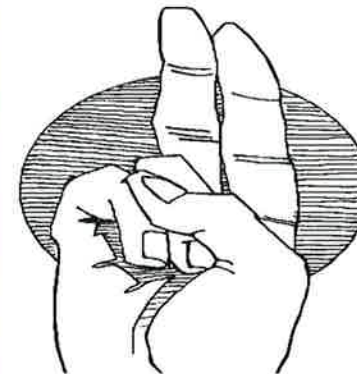
Tuesday — 6:00 PM  
Sunday — 10.30 AM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$585.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$60.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 645.00
MASS STIPEND	
CANDLE MONEY	\$14.58
TOTAL	\$ 659.58
WEITZEL MEMORIAL	\$530.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3,615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- 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.



**SACRED HEART  
1003 AVE B  
BAYARD NE 69334**

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :**

**MASS TIME**

Friday — 12:00 PM  
Sunday — 8:00 AM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$200.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$15.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 215.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$ 215.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,165.00
BALANCE	\$1,742.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

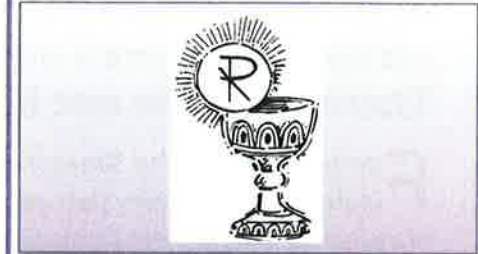


**SAINT MARY'S  
718 FRANCIS ST  
DALTON NE 69131**

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER :**

**MASS TIME**

Thursday — 6:00 PM  
Saturday — 5:30 PM



**OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH**

ADULTS	\$710.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$14.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 724.00
MASS STIPEND	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$ 754.00
HAL BROWN MEM.	\$285.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

