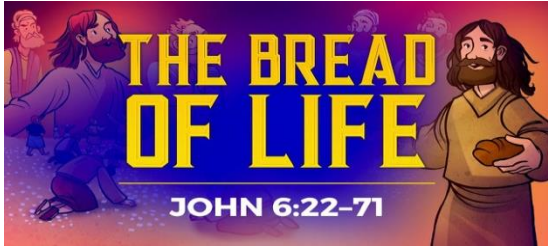



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Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time (4)

Date July	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor
SAT 27	SHJ	5pm	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family
SUN 28	SJM	9am		Fennel Family [RIP] <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	SFA	11am		Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory <i>Jules Hubert</i>
TUE 30	SFA	9am	For Forgiveness of Sins (1296)	Elisabeth Marter [RIP] <i>Mary-Kim Marrin</i>
WED 31	SFA	9am	St. Ignatius of Loyola Exposition & Benediction	Hubert Family Members [RIP] <i>Jules Hubert</i>
	SJM	3:30pm	LW&C	
August THR 01	SFA	9am	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Karin Toffelmier [Int] <i>Kateri Bamford</i>
FRI 02	SJM	9:15am	LW&C	
SAT 03	SHJ	5pm	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Betty and Michael Brodeur [RIP] <i>Pete Brodeur</i>
SUN 04	SJM	9am		Ernie Finkle [RIP] <i>Mary Hunt</i>
	SFA	11am		Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family

Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Jul 27 Sun, Jul 28	Lector – A. Bourgeois	Lector – A. Kostya Usher – B. Kerby
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Aug 03 Sun, Aug 04	Lector – K. Foster	Lector – D. Kerby Usher – J. Forestell

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Parish Income June 2025

Spiritual Income: 961 persons attended Mass in June
Financial Income: \$10,825.05 for Parish Upkeep were donated in June

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If the multiplication of the loaves sounds familiar, it's because it is! It's the only miracle story found in all four Gospels, and for good reason. Jesus multiplies the meager offering of a boy with five barley loaves and two fish and feeds a large crowd with food left over. The story is symbolic of the food which is readily available through Jesus in the Eucharist. The crowd in the Gospel which had been following Jesus was tired, worn out, and hungry. Don't we all feel discouraged now and then? When we do, Jesus makes Himself available to us in the Eucharist; He provides daily food to nourish and sustain. When we eat this life-giving bread, we are strengthened and fortified as was the crowd in the Gospel, as we heard: "They had more than they could eat." Trusting in the bounty of God can be a challenging thing. Think about Philip in today's Gospel – looking out over the massive crowd gathered, he thought, "there's no way we'll be able to feed all of these people." And he was right! He couldn't and we cannot. But the Lord can. And if we are to "live in a manner worthy of the call [which we] have received," we must strive to live like the Apostles with complete trust in Jesus, and not rely on our own notions of what's possible and what's not. The miracle here was not that everybody was hiding fish and bread and they shared it. No, the Gospel is clear that Jesus takes the little which we can offer and multiplies it beyond our wildest imagination. That's the beauty of Gospel readings like this. Ordinary people who are following Jesus may be curious about His message, or they may know someone healed by Him and want to see if He's for real. He teaches, they listen, and then something amazing happens. Let us always remember that no effort on our part is too small for God – no kindness too ordinary. He magnifies the good which we do. All that we need to do is trust in His bounty and give to Him freely of what we have. Let's make an effort this week to try and emulate the boy in today's Gospel. Give what we have over to Jesus and say, "I trust you to make something out of this." Small acts of kindness, showing gratitude, or sharing our blessings can lead to bigger things than we think possible. We will never know the echoes of the good that we do, as it ripples out and touches other lives, but we can trust that in His love for us, God will use our good deeds for tremendous ends.

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