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Pastor's Letter

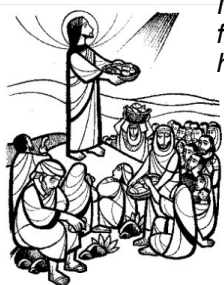
Five loaves and two fish

As in Jesus's time, so today, daily bread is still the main problem for most of humanity. And men today suffer not only hunger from the body, but also hunger of the spirit, hunger of the heart, hunger for fraternity and love. The disposition that Jesus demands, before performing this miracle, the order he gives, the condition he imposes is, above all, an act of trust, a gesture of surrender in his hands: he orders them to sit on the ground. While they are standing, they depend only on themselves. But in sitting down they are giving up all possibility of self-sufficiency. They will have no choice but to surrender to Him, to trust Him.

When they hear this invitation to sit, they struggle inside with restlessness, with fear, with pride. He asks them to calm down, to surrender to Him, to have confidence in Him. Some, in a true act of faith, sit - perhaps with their eyes closed. Then, they are followed by others. Many still hesitate until they decide to abandon themselves. And then there is an extraordinary moment, in which the 5000 sit down, in which all together make an act of faith. And when the bread begins to circulate between their hands, when each one take everything they want, and they see that there is still food, then no one is too surprised. Jesus has done the real miracle with them: the miracle of their faith and their love.

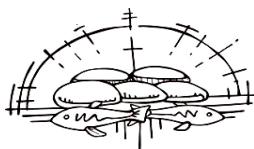
We are also given the same condition, the same requirement: Do we believe in Him? Do we believe that Christ is capable of satisfying our hunger? Do we believe that He can change our life, fill it, renew it? We have faith in every body, except in God. We want to believe, but we struggle to live by faith. We have faith in every one, except in God. We put our health in the hands of a doctor. We give our money to a banker. And we put our life in the hands of any driver, despite all the accidents that occur. Life would not be possible without trusting others. Only in God we do not trust, or trust very little. We are convinced that we know how to lead our lives much better than Him. But if our life takes a sharp turn, stops or accelerates more than normal, we get desperate, we are anguished.

Imagine a family trip in which all the children distrust their father who is driving the car: they criticize him all the way; they shout at him for anything ... it would be a horrible journey, and that is what we do many times with God. Faith always remains an act above our natural forces, a grace to which we must open ourselves. Faith is having enough light to be able to move with confidence in moments of darkness.



May Christ give us the grace of a deep faith, an unreserved gift, a total trust in him and in his love.

Source: Catholic Net



Carta del Pastor

Cinco panes y dos peces

Como en el tiempo de Jesús, así también hoy el pan de cada día sigue siendo el problema principal para la mayor parte de la humanidad. Y los hombres de hoy no sufren sólo hambre del cuerpo, sino también hambre del espíritu, hambre del corazón, hambre de fraternidad y de amor. La disposición que Jesús exige, antes de realizar este milagro, la orden que da, la condición que impone es, ante todo, un acto de confianza, un gesto de entrega en sus manos: les manda sentarse en el suelo. Mientras están de pie, no dependen más que de ellos mismos. Pero al sentarse están renunciando a toda posibilidad de bastarse a sí mismos. No tendrán más remedio que entregarse a Él, **confiarse** a Él.

Cuando oyen esta invitación a sentarse, luchan en su interior con la inquietud, con el miedo, con el orgullo. Él les pide que se tranquilicen, que se entreguen a Él, que tengan confianza en Él. Algunos, en un verdadero acto de fe, se sientan - quizá con los ojos cerrados. Luego, les van siguiendo los demás. Muchos vacilan todavía hasta decidirse, abandonarse. Y entonces hay un momento extraordinario, en el que los 5000 se sientan, en el que todos juntos hacen un acto de fe. Y cuando el pan empieza a circular entre sus manos, cuando cada uno toma todo lo que quiere, y ven que todavía sobra, entonces ya nadie se extraña demasiado. El verdadero milagro lo ha hecho Jesús con ellos mismos: el milagro de su fe y de su amor.

También a nosotros se nos pone la misma condición, la misma exigencia: ¿Creemos nosotros en Él? ¿Creemos que Cristo es capaz de saciar nuestra hambre? ¿Creemos que Él puede cambiar nuestra vida, llenarla, renovarla? Tenemos fe en todo el mundo, excepto en Dios. Queremos creer, pero nos cuesta vivir de la fe. Tenemos fe en todo el mundo, excepto en Dios. Ponemos nuestra salud en manos de un médico. Entregamos nuestro dinero a un banquero. Y nuestra vida la ponemos en manos de cualquier chofer, a pesar de todos los accidentes que ocurren. La vida no sería posible sin confiar en los demás. Sólo en Dios no confiamos, o confiamos poco. Estamos convencidos de que sabemos conducir nuestra vida mucho mejor que Él. Apenas nuestra vida da un viraje un poco brusco, se para o acelera más de lo normal, nos desesperamos, nos angustiamos.

Imaginémonos un viaje familiar en el que todos los hijos desconfían de su padre que está manejando el auto: le critican por todo el camino; le gritan por cualquier cosa.. sería un viaje horroroso, y eso es lo que hacemos muchas veces con Dios. La fe sigue siendo siempre un acto por encima de nuestras fuerzas naturales, una gracia a la que tenemos que abrirnos. La fe es tener la luz suficiente para poder movernos con confianza en momentos de oscuridad.

Que Cristo nos dé la gracia de una fe profunda, una entrega sin reservas, una confianza total en Él y en su amor.

Fuente: Catholic Net

August 4

4:00PM (IC)
Lector: Natalie Johnson
E.M.H.C. Mike Duffy; Joan Field

August 5

8:30AM (IC)
Lector: Julie Beam
E.M.H.C. Volunteers



10:15 (SH)
Lector: Ralph Brugh
E.M.H.C. Richard & Marilyn Snyder
Servers: Joe & Justin Barr

12:00 PM Spanish (IC)
Lector: _____
E.M.H.C. Alicia Martinez, Mauricio & Celsa Loera; Lucy Alfaro; Lucero Delgado

6:00 PM (IC)
Lector: Volunteer
E.M.H.C. Volunteer

July Readings

Sat 28: Jer 7:1-11; Matt 13:24-30
Sun 29th: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 John 6:1-15
Mon 30: Jer 13:1-11; Matt 13:31-35
Tue 31: Jer 14:17-22; Matt 13:36-43

August 2018

Wed 1: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Matt 13:44-46
Thu 2: Jer 18:1-6; Matt 13:47-53
Fri 3: Jer 26:1-9; Matt 13:54-58
Sat 4: Jer 26:11-24; Matt 14:1-12
Sun 5: Exod 16:1-15; John 6:24-35



Mass Schedule
Immaculate Conception (IC)
Sacred Heart (SH)

July 28 Sat

4:00 PM (IC) Mass + Teresa Struzik 1 yr. anniversary req. by Barb Walker ; + Kathy Gleason req. by K. Hoban

July 29 Sun

8:30AM; (IC) Mass + Venessa Garcia req. by her mother + Kathy Gleason req. by K. Hoban

10:15 AM (SH) Mass + Dolores Glista + Dorothy Johnson req. by St. Vinc de Paul S

12:00 PM (IC) Mass + Geronimo de Jesus, Carlo Leal, Juan Angel, Fidel Reyes; Marino, Juan, Mariano y Modesta Prudencio;

Celestin Marcial ; Luis, Lipe y Lucio Grescencion. Req. By Family

6:00 PM (IC) Mass Por las almas del purgatorio req. by Teresa Gomez Sanchez

July 30 Mon

9:00PM Communion Service

July 31 Tues

9:00 AM (IC) Communion Service

9:00 AM (SH) Communion Service

6:00 PM (IC) NO MASS

August 1 Wed

9:00 AM (IC) Comm. Service + Adoration until 7.00 PM

August 2 Thur.

9:00 AM (IC) Communion Service

9:00 PM (SH) Communion Service

August 3 Fri.

9:00 AM (IC) Mass

8:00 PM (IC) Mass (Sp) + Adoration Men

Sp. Int. Familia Saucedo Delgado Req. by Teresa Gomez Sanchez

August 4 Sat

4:00 PM (IC) Mass + Mary, Terry, Genevieve Wesaw & Paul Jack. Req. by Glenna Jach.

August 5 Sun

8:30AM; (IC) Mass

10:15 AM (SH) Mass + Rita Butler (1st Aniv) req. by her mother; Sp. Int Daughters of Mary.

12:00 PM (IC) Mass + Por las almas del purgatorio. Req by Teresa Gomez Sanchez.

6:00 PM (IC) Mass + Por las almas del purgatorio. Req by Teresa Gomez Sanchez

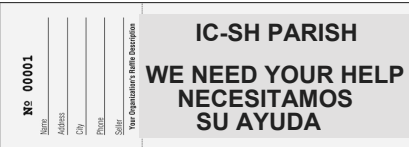
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MASS STIPEND OFRENDA/ MISAS

The stipend of the Mass is \$10.00; this amount is established by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Please call the parish office or put your petition in the basket.

El estipendio para ofrecer la Santa Misa es de \$10.00; esta cantidad esta establecida por la Diócesis de Kalamazoo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial o ponga su petición en la canasta.



We need everybody's help with our Parishes Raffle !! The 1st prize, \$5,000; 2nd prize, \$2,000; and 3rd prize \$1,000. The profit of this raffle is for renovation of bathrooms and pews in Sacred heart and for new classrooms parish hall at Immaculate Conception For any questions please contact Mr. Rick Lara at 269-519-4414

!Necesitamos la ayuda de todos con la rifa rifa parroquial ! 1er premio, \$ 5,000; 2do premio, \$ 2,000; y 3er premio \$ 1,000. Lo recaudado de esta rifa sera para la renovación de baños y bancas de Sagrado Corazon y para nuevas aulas / salón parroquial en Inmaculada Concepción. Para cualquier pregunta contactar al Señor Rick Lara al 269-519-4414



The Sanctuary light at

Immaculate conception will shine from Sat. the 28th to Sat. August 4 in memory of **Rita Butler**. and at Sacred Heart the week of August 4 to Friday the 10th in memory of **Dolores Glista**

Weekly Collection July 21-22

Immaculate Conception

1st Collection: \$ 2,964.48
BAA: \$ 551.75
Food Sale: \$ 723.75

Sacred Heart

Collection: \$ 1,553.10

BAA- Bishop's annual appeal

Let's be generous

Seamos generosos



BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL 2018/2019

	IC	SH
Goal:	\$ 25,609	\$17,169
Received:	\$ 8,273	\$ 5,045
Balance:	\$ 17,336	\$12,124



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Prayer Intentions:

Camila Crespo, Gonzalo Victoria, Liz Kurtzman, Juan Franco, Cristian Arizpe, Juan Reyes, Maria Aviles, Constance Pensinger, Ginny, Prodigios Villegas, Andy Rivers, Georgia Sikich, Joan Wolf, Higinia Cortez, Felipe Gomez; Petra Castillo, Ken, Anna Hudson, Peg White, Esteban Saucedo Ariola. Rose Greter. Lucy Alfaro.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." Mt 1:28

RCIA Interested in becoming Catholics, or receiving 1st Communion or Confirmation sacraments for the first time please call **Anthony Gettic** at (269) 491-6520 or the parish office for more information. Classes are on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM



Collaborative Website

http://ichartford.com

PARISH COLLABORATIVE CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:

Sacred Heart: Tuesdays 9:30 -10:00 AM
Immaculate Conception: Saturdays 3:00—3:45PM

