

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: John 6:1-15

“Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated.”



Feeding the Five Thousand

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2** A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5** When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” **6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7** Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s

brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. A large crowd was searching for Jesus. What is the hunger within you that leads you to Jesus?
2. Jesus asks his disciples to feed the crowd. How is the church called today to feed the crowd?
3. At the Eucharist, as we are gathered around Jesus, in what ways does he feed us?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: For those who are struggling in life, that they will be fed in the way they need.

5. Lord’s Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.