

Sunday Gospel Reflection:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 *“Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them”*



Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

1. Take a quiet moment and imagine Jesus looking on you with compassion?
2. What are the greatest hungers of people in your family and community?
3. In what ways can you assist Jesus in feeding these hungers?

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

Special Petition: For those who are homeless or do not have enough to eat.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.