

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 08 August 2021

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Origins and roots are important. People get to know us by our backgrounds. Our names, physical appearances, and family histories tell about who we are. The readings today focus on origins. They suggest that roots condition our ways of thinking and acting.

In the ninth century B.C. the Israelite prophet Elijah defeated Queen Jezebel's pagan prophets on Mount Carmel. She was determined therefore to get rid of Elijah. He fled to his roots at Mount Horeb or Sinai. The destination was no accident. At Horeb the people of Israel discovered their destiny as God's people. Elijah entered into the experience of his ancestors and thus gained strength to speak out on behalf of God. The author of Ephesians offers a Christian way of life based on God's action in Jesus. In this outlook, an injury to one's neighbor is an injury to the Holy Spirit dwelling in the neighbor. In making his recommendations for forgiveness and compassion, the author urges Christians to reassess their roots. Since the Christian identifies with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, the Christian must act in a way that reveals such a grandiose pedigree. Bread continues to be a symbol of the person and work of Jesus in today's gospel. As bread sustains life, Jesus will sustain all who approach him in faith. Jesus seems to possess merely human credentials as Joseph's son, but Jesus is actually the manifestation of God. To acknowledge Jesus as the living bread is the ultimate expression of God's love in Christ's death and glorification.

We reach out to the homeless because we see God's image in all people. We reject violence as a settlement for conflict because we accept the gospel of the Prince of Peace. We uphold our neighbor's reputation because that person is a brother or sister in Christ. We do all of these Christian works because we have our roots in the divine origin of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

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“Stop Murmuring.” Elijah is running for his life from King Ahab and Jezebel because he told the truth. He was fed by an angel of the LORD for his forty-day flight. This story is context for the third-Sunday-in-a-row conversation between Jesus and the crowd on bread of life. Perhaps, with a sigh, Jesus says: “Stop murmuring.” Though what I say may be hard to believe, it is true, it is real. I Am living bread. Eat me and live for ever.

1. What do I believe concerning what looks like bread is more than bread?
2. How does eating this living bread affect my life?
3. After sharing in Communion, how can I affect the lives of others?

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity– 15 August 2021

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab. Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16. 1 Corinthians 15:20-27. Luke 1:39-56.



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Wed 6:00 pm

Fri 6:00 pm

Becoming Food

The prophet Elijah is weak from hunger, but the angel of the Lord feeds him with a hearth cake and a jug of water. Elijah is no longer hungry, but what is more important, “strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights.” There was work to do, a journey to be made, and the food made it possible.

When Jesus talks about the bread that he is giving, he compares it to manna, which performed a role similar to Elijah’s food: it enabled a journey to take place (out of the desert and into the promised land). So it is obvious that Jesus intends the bread of life not just to satisfy hunger but also to make possible the accomplishment of a task, the completion of a journey.

In one sense, this journey is on the road to salvation: “bring us to our promised inheritance,” we pray in the opening prayer. Jesus has to have something else in mind also, because he talks about not just feeding but also becoming food: “the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”

We are to sacrifice ourselves, as Jesus on the cross and in the Eucharist, for the sake of the poor ones, the lowly and the afflicted. The Eucharist challenges us to become their food, so that they may complete the journey “to the mountain of God.”

According to the Christian message, man's relationship to his neighbor is bound up with his relationship to God; his response to the love of God, saving us through Christ, is shown to be effective in his love and service of men. Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated.

For love implies an absolute demand for justice, namely a recognition of the dignity and rights of one's neighbor. Justice attains its inner fullness only in love. Because every man is truly a visible image of the invisible God and a brother of Christ, the Christian finds in every man God himself and God's absolute demand for justice and love.

Synod of Bishops, [Justice in the World](#), 1971: 34. -- Gerald Darring

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Aug 8	8:00 am	SP	Virgil Arado
Wed Aug 11	6:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Fri Aug 13	6:00 pm	SP	General Intention
Sun Aug 15	8:00 am	SP	Richard Stone

LiturgicalMinisters

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug 8 8 am	J Galey	B Morse	Pe Widowski	Vol	*S Pobst, R Weeks
Aug 15 8 am	M Slife	X Gruszezyk	M Nelson	Vol	*S Widowski, P Widowski

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Aug 1, 2021

Envelope \$ 1580.00 (27), Loose 117.00 Masses \$50
Total \$ 1747.00 (collection counters are needed to continue this church ministry – see Laurie Coleman)

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Aug 8	Sunday Mass at SP.....	8:00 am
Tue Aug 10	Combined Parish Council @Harrisburg....	6:00 pm
Wed Aug 11	Mass.....	6:00 pm
Thu Aug 12	Faith Alive Volunteers of St. Paul.....	9 am-3 pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	4pm-7:30 pm
Fri Aug 13	Faith Alive Volunteersof St. Paul.....	9 am-3 pm
Sat Aug 14	Faith Alive Volunteers of St. Paul.....	9 am-12 noon
Fri Aug 13	Mass.....	6:00 pm
Sun Aug 8	Sunday Mass at SP.....	8:00 am

Congratulations to Fr. Steven Beatty who has been appointed Vicar General of our Diocese of Belleville.

Birthdays

Aug 8 Patsy Bishop
Aug 9 Charles Koester
Aug 10 Joan Galey
Aug 12 Emily Taylor



REMEMBER NEW ST. PAUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact with Fr Christian for urgent needs is phone 618-303-4997 or at the parish office at Harrisburg, 618-253-7408. The phone in the office at St Paul at 618 658-4501 will be monitored for messages or requests, as well as our e-mail spccil@frontier.com

WONDER WHAT THOSE BOXES ARE OUT IN THE FOYER? This is a Cross Catholic initiative promoted by the Belleville Diocese Council of Catholic Women. You may either take a box to fill with items for children in the Caribbean and Central America or donate items in the designated container in church entrance. Feel free to pick up a flyer and sheet of suggested items. Please return any filled boxes by the last Sunday of October.

DRAWDOWN RAFFLE TICKETS are now available for sale before and after Sunday Mass. Our “Early Bird” Drawing will be September 19. So, buy your raffle ticket early. You might win!

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED Our St. Paul’s Faith Ali ve work weekend is August **12-14**. Friday and Saturday is “Bag Day”. All clothing that can be put in plastic bags provided at the store is only \$1. This includes clothing, belts, shoes and purses. A sign up sheet for volunteers is on the church foyer bulletin board. Or, contact Madonna Slife at 618 967-5164 or Arlene Dueker at 618 5597803.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be Thursday August 12 from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. There is a sign up sheet for Adoration coverage on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be August 18 at 6 pm. Wednesday Mass will be at 5:30 pm that Wednesday.

STOP YOUR TAX DOLLARS FROM FUNDING ABORTIONS.
The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. is in danger of expiration without renewal. The Belleville Diocese web page has more information and an online petition. Or contact your local representative thru ilcatholic.org

VOCATION CORNER August 8th- John’s Gospel today gives us the “Bread of Life” discourse. We are reminded that the Body of Christ – the Living Bread from Heaven – is “my flesh for the life of the world”. We embrace this at every Liturgy when we receive the Eucharist. This is possible for us through the hands of the Priest during every Consecration. We need to encourage young men to consider being “that Priest” who gives us the opportunity to receive the Eucharist each day.