

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Weekly Bulletin

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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH THEME FOR THE YEAR

LET US REJOICE, FOR NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD - cf Is 61.2

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays

8:00am-5:00pm

Saturdays

8:00am-12:00pm

Sundays

8:00am-2:00pm

SUSPENSION OF USED CLOTHING RECEIPTS

The Parish has suspended receipt of used clothing as part of efforts to fight the spread of the Corona Virus. We will duly inform you appropriately when we commence again.
God bless you.

VITUS DERY EDUCATION FUND (VDEF)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR VDEF SCHOLARSHIP

The Parish Priest of Christ the King Catholic Church wishes to announce to Parishioners that applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Vitus Dery Educational Fund (VDEF) scholarship awards.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be:

1. An active parishioner of Christ the King Catholic Church with minimum of six (6) months registration with the Parish
2. Not more than 26 years' old
3. Must show proof of support or contribution to the development of the parish or a society within the parish.
4. Must have gained admission to an educational institution within any of the categories below:
 - a. Public Primary
 - b. Public Junior High School (JHS)
 - c. Public Senior High School (SHS)
 - d. Public Vocational and, or Technical School
 - e. Public Tertiary Institution
 - f. Catholic Tertiary Institution

HOW TO APPLY

- Submit an Application Letter
- Fill a VDEF application form and attach
 - * Proof of admission and
 - * Previous Performance Report(s) or Transcript(s)
- Application with all the supporting documents must be deposited at the Parish Office of Christ the King Church addressed as follows:

The Parish Priest

Attn.: VDEF Educational Board
Christ The King Catholic Church
Accra

DEADLINE

Deadline for submission of applications is 31st July, 2020.

Please Take Note

- The Board shall exercise its discretion in the selection of beneficiaries.
- The Fund shall support not more than two beneficiaries from a family.
- Assistance will not be offered to those applying to private educational institutions.

Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell, SVD

I express my deepest gratitude to you all for your prayers, visits and all support. By the grace of God I am fine and resting. By medical advise, I only receive visitors between 12.00 midday - 1:00pm each day and this is to enable me have enough rest. Please contact the front desk if you wish to visit me. God bless you all for your love and care..

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COMMENTARY ON READINGS

First Reading: The prophet tells us that human beings experience a certain hunger and thirst that only God can satisfy. It is therefore useless to look anywhere else for satisfaction. (**Isaiah 55:1-3**)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 97)

“The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.”

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works. **Res.**

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **Res**

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth. **Res.**

Second Reading: Paul tells us about the great love of God that not only gives us life, but also, sustains that life with the food of the Eucharist; the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 8:35, 37-39**)

Gospel: God has compassion for us and through the free gift of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us the opportunity to turn our lives around, from death to life in Christ. (**Matthew 14:13-21**)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY, YEAR A

Monday	St. Waltheof Jer 28:1-17 / Ps 119 / Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday	St. John Mary Vanney Jer 30:1-2. 12-15. 18-22 / Ps 102 / Mt 15:1-2. 10-14
Wednesday	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome Jer 31:1-7 / Jer 31 / Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Dn 7:9-10. 13-14 / Ps 97 / Mt 17:1-9
Friday	St. Sixtus & co, / Cajetan Na 2:1-3; 3:1-3. 6-7 / Dt 32 / Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	St. Dominic Hab 1:12 -2:4 / Ps 9 / Mt 17:14-20

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

19TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, YEAR A
1 Kgs 19:9a. 11-13a / Ps 85 / Rom 9:1-5 /
Mt 14:22-23

REFLECTION

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

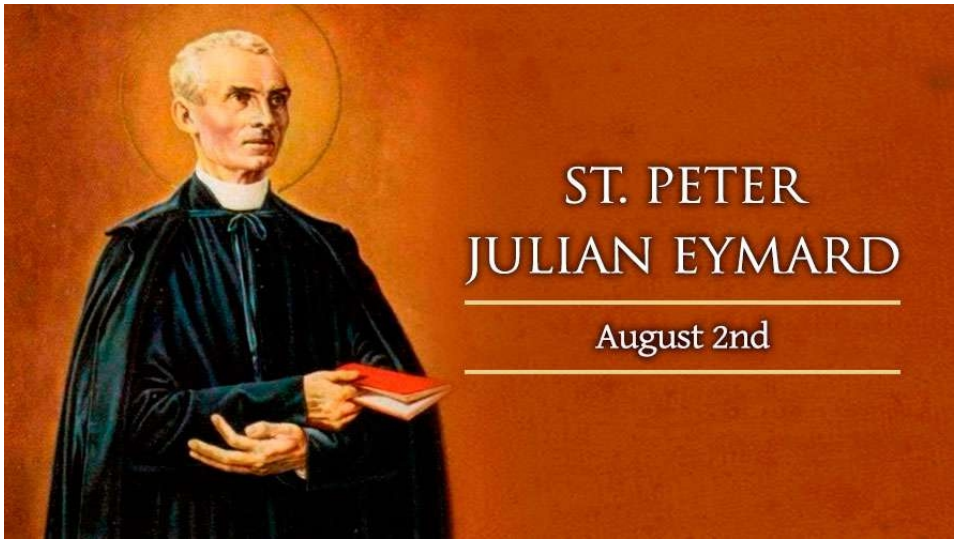
We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

FAMILY CONNECTION

In our family life we can sometimes hear echoes of the disciples' excuses: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Sometimes this echo is heard from children squabbling about the last piece of cake. Sometimes it is heard in our concern about the limits of the family's income or possessions. Sometimes this echo is heard in our complaints about the seemingly endless demands for our time and attention. Jesus understood these feelings and taught us to see beyond our limitations. Jesus modeled for us a compassion that reaches out to others, even when we would rather withdraw into ourselves. Jesus taught us that God blesses compassion offered to others with his grace. Today's Gospel reminds us that with God there is not only enough, there is an abundance!

Talk together about some of the stresses and demands for time and attention that your family members might feel. Acknowledge that we sometimes have to make difficult choices about how to use our time, talents, and treasure. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:13-21. Notice how much Jesus cared for the crowds, healing the sick even though he wanted to withdraw to a quiet place. Notice how the disciples responded to Jesus' instruction to feed the crowd; they noted their limited supply of food. Jesus blessed this limited supply of food, and it was enough to feed the entire crowd, more than 5,000 people, and there were leftovers! Pray together that Jesus will grant us compassion like his so that we will offer whatever we have to others with compassion and generosity. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. PETER
JULIAN EYMARD

August 2nd

St. Peter Julian Edward In 1811, Peter was born in a small town in the diocese of Grenoble, France. He worked with his father making and repairing knives until he was eighteen. Peter spent his free hours studying. He taught himself Latin and received instruction in the faith from a helpful priest. In the back of Peter's mind was a longing to become a priest. When he was twenty, he began his studies at the seminary of Grenoble.

Peter Julian became a priest in 1834 and served in two parishes during the next five years. The people realized what a gift he was to them. When Father Eymard asked his bishop's permission to join a new religious Order called the Marists, the bishop gave his consent. Father Eymard served the Marists as spiritual director of the seminarians.

In 1845, he became the superior of his Order at Lyons, France. But even though Father Eymard fulfilled many diligent responsibilities all his life, he is remembered especially for something else. Father Eymard had a glowing love for the Holy Eucharist. He was very attracted to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He loved to spend time daily in adoration. One feast of Corpus Christi (the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus), Father Eymard had a powerful religious experience. As he carried the sacred Host in procession, he felt the presence of Jesus like

warmth from a fireplace. The Host seemed to surround him with love and light. In his heart, he spoke to the Lord about the spiritual and material needs of all people. He begged that the mercy and love of Jesus touch everyone, as he had been touched through the Eucharist.

In 1856, Father Eymard followed an inspiration that he had prayed about for several years. With the approval of his superiors, he started a religious Order of priest-adorers of the Holy Eucharist. They became known as the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament. Two years after the Order of priests was begun, Father Eymard began an Order of sisters, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Like the priests, these sisters had a special love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. They devoted their lives to adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Father Eymard started parish organizations to help people be prepared to receive First Communion. He wrote several books on the Eucharist that were translated into different languages. The books are still available in English today.

Father Eymard lived at the same time as the saint whose feast we celebrate on August 4—St. John Vianney. The two men were friends and each highly admired the other. Father Vianney said that Father Eymard was a saint and added, "A community of priests devoted to adoring the Eucharist! How fine! I will pray for Father Eymard's work every day." St. Peter Julian Eymard spent the last four years of his life in severe pain. He also suffered because of difficulties and criticism. But Father Eymard continued his life of adoring the Eucharist. His witness and his sacrifice helped many others find their call in his religious Orders. He died on August 1, 1868, at the age of fifty-seven. Pope John XXIII proclaimed him a saint on December 9, 1962.



We can ask St. Peter Julian Eymard to help us grow in love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. We can ask him to help us learn from him how to adore the Holy Eucharist.

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SACRED TRADITIONS

INTRODUCTIONS

In the month of August, we celebrate in unity with the entire Catholic world the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a wonderful celebration that should draw our minds to, among other things, what shall happen to these earthen vessels when Jesus Christ comes as King and Judge. In any discussion on this solemnity, one cannot but realize the numerous references to things not directly in Sacred Scripture. However, this should not be a surprise as the Church's teachings are based on both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Today, the objective in this Tuesday Teaching Corner would be to expatiate on what Sacred Tradition is.

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WHAT IS SACRED TRADITION?

In this discussion it is important to keep in mind what the Catholic Church means by tradition. The term does not refer to legends or mythological accounts, nor does it encompass transitory customs or practices which may

change, as circumstances warrant, such as styles of priestly dress, particular forms of devotion to saints, or even liturgical rubrics (the inscriptions in red one finds in liturgical books like the Missal). Sacred or apostolic Tradition consists of the teachings that the apostles passed on orally through their preaching. These teachings largely (perhaps entirely) overlap with those contained in Scripture, but the mode of their transmission is different. Sacred Tradition is part of the deposit of faith preserved for us by the Church throughout two millennia. Because Tradition is the word of God, it is authoritative, and we capitalize the word. As Ghanaians, this idea should not be too difficult to understand as we can all attest to the word of mouth always preceding the lettered word.

Sacred Tradition falls into the “Four D's”: ***Dogma*** are truths proposed by the Church as being part of or necessarily connected to Revelation in a binding, definitive way, which comprise the unchangeable part of the deposit of faith (the Holy Eucharist, for example); ***Doctrine*** is what the Church believes, teaches, and confesses on the authority of the Word of God (Jesus Christ), the understanding of which can develop over time but never change (the structure of the Mass and teachings in the documents of Vatican II, for example); ***Disciplines***, which are widely practiced but changeable (as in meatless Fridays and priestly celibacy); and ***Devotions***, which are often a matter of personal preference or matter of duty and station in life (as in a daily rosary). Doctrines, disciplines, and devotions are part of the growth in insight into the realities and words being passed on. As the Holy Spirit guides the Church “into all truth” (John 16:13), she “penetrates it more deeply, applies it more.”

BIBLICAL REFERENCES

Paul illustrated what tradition is: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures.

Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed” (1 Cor. 15:3,11). The apostle praised those who followed Tradition: “I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I have delivered them to you” (1 Cor. 11:2).

The first Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching” (Acts 2:42) long before there was a New Testament. From the very beginning, the fullness of Christian teaching was found in the Church as the living embodiment of Christ, not in a book. The teaching Church, with its oral, apostolic tradition, was authoritative. Paul himself gives a quotation from Jesus that was handed down orally to him: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Other Christian faithful tend to say Jesus condemned tradition. They note that Jesus said, “And why do you transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?” (Matt. 15:3). Paul warned, “See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ” (Col. 2:8). But these verses merely condemn erroneous human traditions, not truths which were handed down orally and entrusted to the Church by the apostles. These latter truths are part of what is known as Apostolic Tradition, which is to be distinguished from human traditions or customs.

Happy Sunday!

PRAYER TO THE END THE CORONA VIRUS

Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all creation, we come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 - a. Email: info@christthekingparishaccra.org
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1. Pick up a registration form at the Parish Office
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NB:

1. The form must be completed and submitted in hard copy at the Parish office.
2. Already registered parishioners who need to update their records can also use same procedure.

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