

Corpus Christi Sunday

Genesis 14:18-20

Ps 110:1-4

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17

Monday June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18

Ps 60:3-5,12-13

Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-36

Ps 48:2-4,10-11

Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 22

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Ps 119:33,34,36,37,40

Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 23

Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6

Ps 139:1b-3,13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66,80

Friday June 24

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Ps 23:1-6

Romans 5:5b-11

Luke 15:3-7

Saturday June 25

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19

Ps 74:1b-7,20-21

Luke 2:41-51

"Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away." This is

the message inscribed at a shrine near the northern end of the Sea of Galilee, built where Jesus multiplied a small amount of food to provide for the needs of everyone in the large crowd who had come to see him.

In front of the altar is a Byzantine mosaic of the loaves and fish, dating about 480 A.D. It's next to the rock upon which Jesus blessed the food. However, in the mosaic you can see only four loaves, not five. Why?

The fifth loaf is the bread of the Eucharist in which Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion at every Mass.

The Eucharist is more than the True Presence of Jesus. It's more than a communion with the Body of Christ that's become the whole Church community. It's a miracle of multiplication. Whatever we lack from God, it comes to us in Jesus through the Holy

Spirit, and when we participate in the Eucharistic celebration of Mass, we can (and should!) ask Jesus to multiply our insufficiencies into an abundance.

We can trust that he will give us all that we need, at the perfect time in whatever way we're able to receive it, albeit often through a growth process.



Do you have enough love in your life? Most of us would say no, because there is no one – except God – who is capable of giving us all the love that we

need: No one, regardless of how close to us they are, regardless of how loyal and trustworthy, regardless of how close to Christ they are.

The Eucharist is our earthly, direct connection to all the perfect love of God. The reason we don't feel the fullness of that love is because we don't fully understand how to unite ourselves to the Eucharist. To receive the Eucharist fully, we have to *be* the Eucharist fully. The Eucharist is love given in sacrifice for the sake of others. If you're not receiving enough love, give more love – be the love you want to receive. Be Eucharist for others.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Is God's love sufficiently filling in the gaps where others don't love you enough? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to give more love instead of focusing on getting more, then ask Jesus to multiply the love that you give so that it's more than enough for your needs as well as the needs of others.
2. Describe an experience of love being multiplied.
3. How did that experience prove: "Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away"?