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August 2, 2026 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

setting, Johannes Brahms

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song,
Sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

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INTROIT

Isaiah 25:6a; Psalm 145:15-16

C: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines. **R: The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.** C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE

O'Connor

GLORIA

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come with minds that are hungry for truth, with souls that are thirsty for forgiveness and with wills that are seeking direction. You have invited us to the Banquet of Love. Feed us, refresh us, forgive us and gladden us. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL - *Traditional Mass*

Psalm 136:25-26

C: The Lord gives food to all flesh, God's love endures forever. **R: Praise the God of heaven, God's love endures forever.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Contemporary Mass* Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

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

R. (cf. 16) 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA Song of Songs 2:4

arr. Dodd/Elfman

Choir, then All:
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: He brings me into the banquet hall and His emblem over me is love. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13 - 21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over – twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 143 *Holy Spirit, Dwell Within Us*

Holy Spirit, dwell within us. Great Creator, come and teach us.
Send Your grace and consolation. Fill the hearts of Your creation.

Fill our minds, Your light releasing, love within our hearts increasing.
Firm in godliness, You strengthen mortal man with gifts from heaven.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

R: Lord hear our prayer.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE John 6:35

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness. Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight’s splendor; there with joy your praises render.
Bless the One Whose love unbounded this amazing banquet founded.
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder:
That the Bread of Life is boundless, though the souls it feeds are countless.
With the choicest Wine of heaven, Christ Himself to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Rebecca Elfman, soprano

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful Father, accept these gifts and purify our hearts so that we do not come to the Heavenly Feast unworthily. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Powell

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN *I Am the Bread of Life (verses as needed)*
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“I am the Bread of life; you who come to Me shall not hunger,
And who believe in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me unless the Father beckons.”

Refrain: “And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.”

“The Bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this Bread,
You shall live forever, you shall live forever.” *Refrain*

“I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
If you believe in me,
Even though you die, you shall live forever.” *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

Proverbs 9:5-6

Come, eat of My food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, may we continue to grow in the knowledge and love of You, feeding on Your word, breathing in Your Spirit, resting on Your promises, and walking in Your way. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Finish then Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Til in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

POSTLUDE *Little Prelude in F*

J. S. Bach

Lord, bless this day with joy,
love, and the strength to follow
Your will.
Amen.

Lectors:
8/2 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Eve Hughes
11:15 – David Rychleski
8/9 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski
9:30 – Dave Seliga
11:15 – David Rychleski

Wednesday, August 5th

7:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Next Sunday, August 9th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

4:00 pm Contemporary, *lower chapel*

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **macaroni and cheese** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Leon & Charlotte Stankowski, Stella & Stanley Kowalski from Children and Grandchildren.

Gerrity's Fresh Grocer Cards Available – Linda Seliga has graciously volunteered to sell \$25.00 Gerrity's Fresh Grocer Cards after both the 8:00 and 9:30 mass on Sunday mornings. All proceeds benefit the St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, August 3

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Thursday, August 6

8:30 am – Transfiguration of our Lord

Friday, August 7

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, August 8

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

Aug 3–7th – Youth Convocation, Jaffrey, NH.

Aug 22nd – 12th Annual YMS of R Golf
Tournament, Waymart

Sept 28 - 30th – PNCC Synod, Manchester, NH