



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. *Mt 14:19c-21*

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Sacraments

Baptism – On an individual basis by appointment.
Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation – By appointment

Matrimony – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

Adult Choir: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Family Mass 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)
Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)
Mon. - Fri. 12:00 NN (SMMC Chapel)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Prayer Group
(Rectory Chapel)

Holydays – As announced

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.



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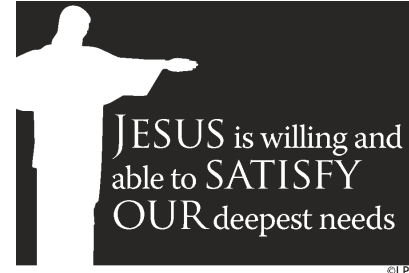
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"He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."
In the midst of his own sorrow at the murder of his
cousin and friend, John the Baptist,
Jesus had wanted to be alone.

We can imagine how he might have been dealing with his
sadness, perhaps shedding some tears and most likely
praying to his Father in heaven.

Yet his privacy was not respected at this difficult
moment.

Instead, a crowd of more than five thousand people
found out where he was and "followed him on foot from
their towns."

Anyone else might have been annoyed in this situation.
But Jesus was compassionate.

Rather than wallowing in his own emotion, he thought of
the men, women, and children who had made the
journey to this remote location to be near him. "His
heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their
sick."

Imagine the sick people who came to see Jesus.
Imagine their hopes, their expectations, and the sacrifices
they made to be in his presence.

Jesus understood all of this.

His emotions turned in their direction now as the sight of
them touched his heart.

And he cured them. And then, he fed them.

Not only those who were sick, but all those present.

First, the miracles of healing.

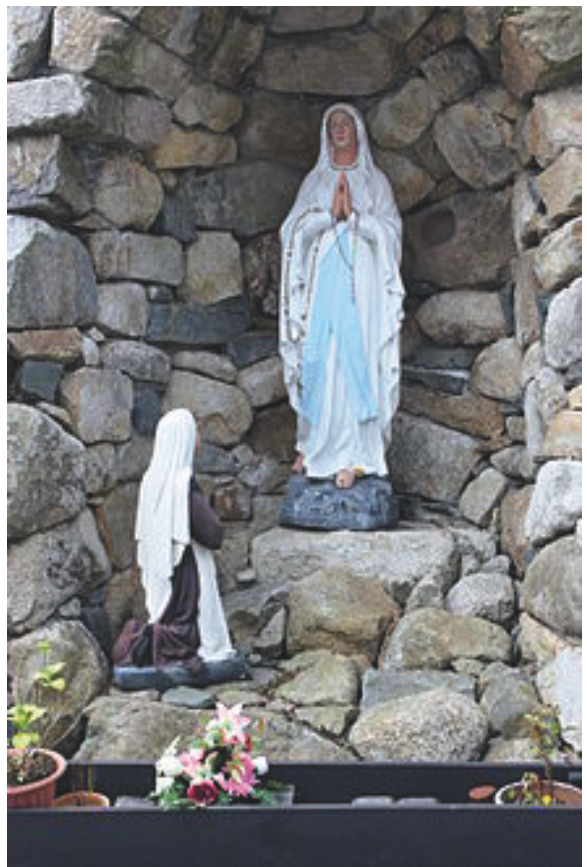
Then, the miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish.
What an experience it must have been to be among this
crowd!

This Jesus of compassion and healing, this Jesus who
provided for his people until they "were satisfied," this is
our Jesus too.

His sacred heart is also moved by seeing us, by
recognizing our weaknesses, hopes, and desires.

Jesus remains the same.

He is willing and able to satisfy our deepest needs.
The question is whether we, like the crowd that day,
will make the journey to find him.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The Propagation of the Faith invites you to witness the miracle of *Fatima* as told through the eyes of Sister Lucia, one of the three Shepherd Children of Fatima!

Starring Sonia Braga as Sister Lucia, this private, pre-screening will be held in the parking lot of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish 920 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA.

Show time is 8:30 pm on Sunday, August 9th.

Our Master of Ceremonies is Bishop Robert Reed of Catholic TV.

An offering of \$50 per car, as a gift to the missions, helps to continue the lifesaving, faith affirming work of the

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Hurry! Go to www.propfaithboston.org to reserve your space now!

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

The Propagation of the Faith is pleased to announce a raffle to benefit the Missions!

With special thanks for the generosity of Marian Pilgrimages,

We are offering a chance to win an all-inclusive pilgrimage for two to Fatima and Lourdes in 2021. Tickets are \$100 each – only 250 tickets will be sold for this prize package worth over \$6,200!

The trip is a 10 day, 9 night visit to two of our faith's holiest sites!

All meals are included, as well as airfare, accommodations, tour guides – even driver tips! The lucky winner will be announced before the benefit screening of *Fatima*, the Movie.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith will host this private screening on August 9th at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham at 8:30 PM

MOVIE ATTENDANCE IS NOT NECESSARY TO WIN THE PILGRIMAGE!

MASSES

Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday at 10 am
until further notice

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat.** and a **10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing. **PLEASE OBSERVE.**
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,



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