

18th SUNDAY YEAR B 2021.

FURTHER FEEDING.

Last Sunday, the 17th Sunday of the year was a week of stocktaking, self-evaluation, and balancing as we entered the second phase of the church calendar year.

It talked about the physical food and generous feeding. In our reading today, they are calling us to reflect on further feeding on our journey here on earth.

The first reading from the book of Exodus talks about God continually feeding the Israelites in the desert in spite of their stubbornness and lack of trust. They had doubt in God and almost lost trust and confidence in the leaders, Moses and Joshua.

He had led them from slavery. He had rescued them. He was leading them and guiding them through these leaders. He gave them food, water, and security yet they still doubted and complained to Moses. God is a wonderful provider in spite of our ingratitude sometimes. He cares and provides us with the necessities in life. He has given us life and good health. Do we appreciate what we have really? Don't we sometimes doubt his presence and existence when we are faced with difficult situations, sickness, trials, challenges, and difficult situations?

In today's Gospel Jesus continues with the feeding program this time from a different perspective but adhered to trust in God on our journey here on earth. He had given them bread and fish the food for the bodies which is absolutely necessary. He goes a step further in teaching of the spiritual nourishment today. He had fed them with bread, they went ahead in looking for him for further bread. He took an opportunity to teach them about the bread for everlasting spiritual nourishment. He feeds us both in Word and Communion during mass. He is a caring good shepherd who doesn't abandon His flock always. He is always present to our needs. He is telling us it is not only the body which needs food, but our spirit needs nourishment which He does in Eucharist and in the Word. We need to address the needs of the whole person if we must survive in this world.

There are so many hungers in the world for human satisfaction. We hunger for feeling of importance we need to be somebody, we hunger for recognition, justice, acceptance, honor, care, relationships, motivation and relationship too.

Our spirit longs for a deep relationship with God. This is the absolute hunger we need to have that union with God. This is the deeper bread which can satisfy us. The intimacy and communion with God can only be provided by Christ only. The bread Jesus provides, sustains life permanently. This is the bread we should seek and long for. Having trust in God, the manna will always fall everyday.
THE MORE GENEROUS WE ARE THE MORE SURPLUS OF MANNA WE WILL HAVE.