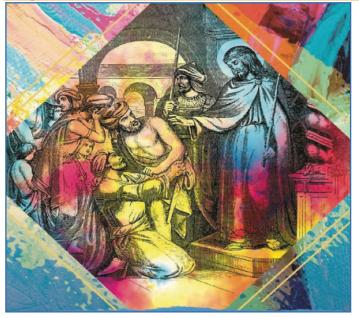


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September 17, 2023



September 17, 2023 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" - Mt 18:33-35

> Mass chedule

September 18 Monday, 7:30am **†Conceicão da Silva** Tuesday, September 19 5:30pm **†Gabriela Simas** Wednesday, September 20 7:30am †Manuel Cristiano Da Rosa Thursday, September 21 **†Fernanda Vargas** 5:30pm Friday, September 22 7:30am **†Rita Ballatore** Saturday, September 23 4:30pm **†Ann & Anthony Fischbeck** Sunday, September 24 †Maria B. Avila & Orlando 8:00am **Manuel Silva** 11:00am **†Festa do Bom Jesus Milagroso** In Memory of Sr. Jose Tavares 5:30pm **†Elvira & Antonio Correia** Mass Intentions for the Week

From Pastor Romeo Velos POPE FRANCIS ON EUCHARIST

Pope Francis, in his homily, reminded Christians that the Lord, who is present in the Eucharist, takes each and everyone of us to heart, cares for us and satisfies our need for nourishment, companionship, consolation. He noted that "the Eucharist was like the destination of a journey along which Jesus had prefigured it through several signs, above all the multiplication of the loaves" narrated in the Gospel according to Luke (Lk. 9:11b-17). Everyone can experience the Lord's loving attention. He recalled how Jesus took care of the huge crowd that had followed Him to listen to His word and to be freed from various evils, and of how "He blesses five loaves and two fish, breaks them, the disciples distribute them, and "they all ate and were satisfied." In the Eucharist, the Pope said, "everyone can experience this loving and concrete attention of the Lord. Those who receive the Body and Blood of Christ with faith not only eat, but are satisfied. To eat and to be satisfied: these are two basic necessities that are satisfied in the Eucharist." Pope Francis reflected on how the miracle of the loaves and fish does not happen in a spectacular way, but almost secretly, "the bread increases as it passes from hand to hand." As the crowd eats, they realize that Jesus is taking care of everything. This is the Lord present in the Eucharist. He calls us to be citizens of Heaven, but at the same time He takes into account the journey we have to face here on earth. The Eucharist is not distant to everyday life. The Pope said that "sometimes there is the risk of confining the Eucharist to a vague dimension, perhaps bright and perfumed with incense, but rather distant from the straits of everyday life,' but in reality, he explained, "the Lord takes all our needs to heart, beginning with the most basic." The Pope said there is hunger for food around us, but also of companionship, consolation, friendship, good humor, attention. "We find this in the Eucharistic Bread - the attention of Christ to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and feed others," he said. Pope Francis went on to explain that "In addition to eating, however, we cannot forget being satisfied." He said not only we need to nourish ourselves, "we also need to be satisfied, to know that the nourishment is given to us out of love. In the Body and Blood of Christ, we find His presence, His life given for each of us. Jesus not only gives us help to go forward, but He gives us himself: "He makes Himself our traveling companion, He enters into our affairs, He visits us when we are lonely, giving us back a sense of enthusiasm." This, the Pope said, satisfies us, this gives us that more that everyone is looking for - the presence of the Lord! For in the warmth of His presence, our lives change. Without Him, everything would truly be grey. Let us ask Him with our heart: "Lord, give me that daily bread to go forward, and satisfy me with Your presence!"

Weekly Offering September 10, 2023

Sunday Collection	AMOUNT		
Envelope	\$ 3,129.00		
Online Giving	\$ 2,965.00		
Total	\$ 6,094.00		
Parish Development Fund: 9/10/2023			
PDF	\$	380.00	
PDF Online Giving	\$	130.00	
Total	\$	510.00	2

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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