

# *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**JULY 24/25, 2021**

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia

## ***Prayer for our Nation:***

Almighty Father, source of all our blessings, help us to trust in you. Please bless our country with your care. Keep safe our men and women in uniform, here and in faraway lands. Help their families, and all of our families, to rely on you and your love for each of your children. Stretch your hand to protect the innocent, here and abroad. Make our country wise and strong, generous and accepting, a symbol of what is best in each of us. We ask this of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please refer to the hymnals for music for the mass. Hymn numbers can be found on the Hymn Board in the Church and in the Bulletin. Hymn numbers will also be announced.*

*The Psalm response and Alleluia can be found here until the new hymnals come into effect on November 28<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent.*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING I

*2 Kgs 4:42-44*

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18*



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Let all your works give you thanks,  
O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of  
your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

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.

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.

## READING II

*Eph 4:1-6*

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Lk 7:16

VERSE: A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

## GOSPEL

Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people recline.” Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

### ***Spiritual Communion Prayer:***

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

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