



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

John 6:1-15



Jesus went across Lake Galilee and a large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing those who were ill. Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. The time for the Passover Festival was near. Jesus looked around and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?"

Philip answered, "For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than 200 silver coins to buy enough bread."

Another of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But they will certainly not be enough for all these people."

"Make the people sit down," Jesus told them. So all the people sat down; there were about 5,000 men. Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. When they were all full, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste any." So they gathered them all up and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten.

Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, "Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!" Jesus knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself.



A crayon with a red eraser, a blue band, and a black tip.

Activity

In our world, there are many people who do not have enough food to eat. Your family, or families that you know, might have to use a food bank because there's just not enough money to pay for all the things that are needed.

Many families in other countries around the world also struggle to pay for food, or to grow enough food because there isn't enough rain, or there's too much and the rain destroys the crops.

In today's gospel, Jesus made sure that everyone got what they needed. Everyone in the crowd had enough food to eat. What do you think Jesus would like us to do, if we are able to, having heard this story?

Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for all you give to us. Help us to think of the needs of all people and to love and share with one another, so that all

our
brothers
and
sisters
may have
enough to
eat.

Amen.

