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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –B
(Vianney Sunday)



Introduction:

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Father who sends the Bread of Life from heaven to give life to the world. It is the Bread of the Life – the Eucharistic Lord – that sustains our faith, our vocations and our life in the Church and as one Body of Jesus Christ. Today, as we celebrate Vianney Sunday in our Archdiocese, we thank and praise the Father for all the Priests. We pray that through the inspiration and intercession of St. John Marie Vianney, our Priests live a life dedicated to the Bread of Life – our Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings:

First Reading: Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15
Psalms: Ps 78: 3 & 4bc, 23-24, 25 & 54
Second Reading: Eph 4: 17, 20-24
Gospel: Jn 6: 24-35

Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Dear Friends, our Father in heaven sustains all life through the Bread of Life. With confidence in a Father who always provides for our needs, let us now submit our prayers and petitions to Him.

Response: Generous Father, hear our prayer.

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Seminarians, that through the intercession of St. John Marie Vianney, they live a life which is continuously nourished by the Bread of Life so that they work with complete dedication, commitment and generosity for the People of God. **R/**

For all priests and especially those at the Clergy Home, that they may continue to experience good health of mind, body and spirit. **R/**

For vocations to the Priesthood, that through the intercession of St. John Marie Vianney, young men may experience the invitation to serve the Bread of Life at the Altar and in the Church. **R/**

For Holy Father's Universal Intention, for *Political Leaders*: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs. **R/**

For all of us gathered here, that Jesus – the Bread of Life – may always be the centre of our lives.

For our personal intentions which we now place before the Lord in silence (Pause). **R/**

Celebrant: Abba Father, your generosity knows no bounds. We thank you for listening to these prayers we make in faith, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.