

Introduction:

On this eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the scriptures invite us to experience the graciousness of our Father in heaven who invites us to his heavenly banquet. As we enter into this Holy Eucharist, let us open our hearts to the generosity of our Father, acknowledge His mercy, and allow ourselves to be nourished by His love at this Eucharistic banquet of life.

First Reading: Is 55:1-3
Psalms: Ps 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Second Reading: Rom 8: 35, 37-39
Gospel: Mt 14: 13-21

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Our Father in heaven is gracious and merciful. Therefore, with confidence let us now submit our prayers and petitions to Him

Response: Abba Father, hear our prayers.

- For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests 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 minister with complete dedication, commitment and generosity for the People of God. We pray to the Lord.
- For the Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention, *for evangelization in the city*: Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community. We pray to the Lord.
- For all government officials, that they may strive to be honest and just in their governance of the people under their care. We pray to the Lord.
- For the sick, homebound and troubled, that they may experience the peace, healing and consolation in times of difficulty and pain. We also pray for all caregivers, that they may be patient and diligent in their service of the sick and elderly. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions, we now pray in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Abba Father, we have faith that you provide for all our needs. We are thankful to you and believe that you have already listened and answered our humble requests which we make through Christ Our Lord Amen.