

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2024

We are bombarded frequently with news of famine, drought, changing climate forces, economic influences, etc. that continue to affect the lives of millions of our fellow humans. As our world shrinks through this knowledge via social media and awareness of this, we are more keenly touched of how our sisters and brothers are profoundly affected. As one of my professors in seminary pointed out, we need to feed people with concrete food before sharing the Gospel, or rather that this is integral to the very mission itself.

In the 1st reading (2 Kings) and the Gospel (John 6) for today's Sunday, we are given 2 examples of crowds being fed with little; both reflect the nurturing presence of God in the lives of people. Also the energy opening us to the participation in feeding, awareness of this and effecting change, are linked.

Over the next few weeks, Jesus uses this to teach us the gift that food and faith are in our lives, the nourishment offered to us in the Eucharist, the gift of community and the reverberation of this daily.

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don

This weekend is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Inaugurated by Pope Francis, it continues his process of sensitivity to the role of wisdom and experience of grandparents and the elderly upon our families and the Church in general. We pray for and with each other.