

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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 spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

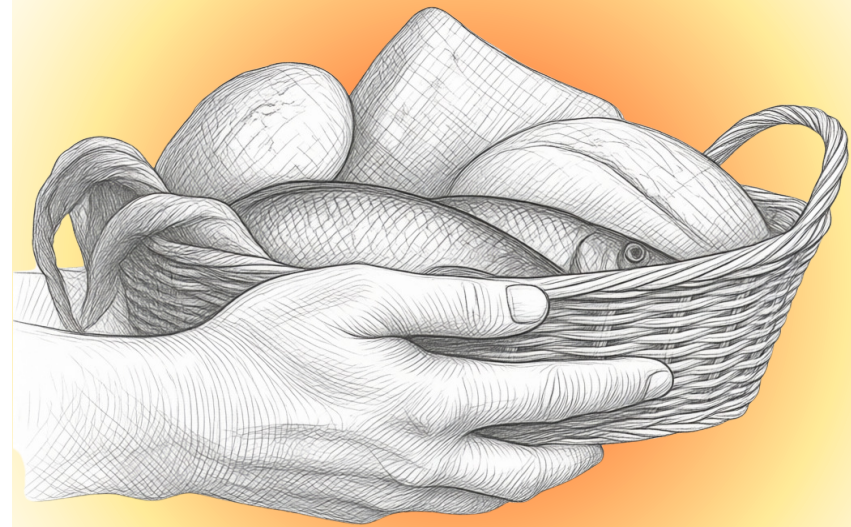
**“Trust God, and
everything will be
fine.”**

– St. Philip Neri



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*Celebration of the Eucharist
Week of August 2nd, 2026*

<u>Sat. (Aug. 1st)</u> <u>4:00pm</u>	<u>Anticipated Mass of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Glenn Lasher~ Bernie Lasher & Family
<u>Sun. (Aug. 2nd)</u> <u>11:15am</u>	<u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Rev. John B. Crowley
<u>Wed. (Aug. 5th)</u> <u>10:30am</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> Rev. John B. Crowley
<u>Sat. (Aug. 8th)</u> <u>4:00pm</u>	<u>Anticipated Mass of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Gloria Lasher~ Bernie Lasher and Family
<u>Sun. (Aug. 9th)</u> <u>11:15am</u>	<u>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Jacqueline E. Riley~ Anne An. Riley-Hill & Family



Dear Friends,

Imagine you're at a large family gathering — maybe a reunion or a community picnic. Everyone's having a good time, but suddenly, you realize there's not nearly enough food for the crowd. You feel that sinking moment of panic: How will we feed everyone? Now imagine someone stepping forward, taking the little that's available, blessing it, and somehow, there's more than enough for all — with leftovers.

This is not just a miracle from long ago; it's a living parable for our lives today. Matthew tells us that Jesus had just received heartbreaking news: John the Baptist had been killed. Seeking solitude, He withdrew to a deserted place. But the crowds followed Him. Instead of turning them away, Jesus' heart was "moved with compassion." He healed the sick, and when evening came, He fed them — not just spiritually, but physically.

Jesus was grieving. He had every reason to rest, to be alone. Yet, when He saw the crowd, His compassion overrode His own need for solitude.

The disciples saw scarcity: "We have only five loaves and two fish." Jesus saw possibility: He took what they had, blessed it, and multiplied it. In our lives, we may feel our resources — time, energy, talents — are too small to make a difference. But in God's hands, even the smallest offering can become abundance.

This is a sign of God's generosity. In God's kingdom, there is not just "enough" — there is more than enough. Our call is to live with that same spirit of generosity, trusting that when we give, God provides.

Be interruptible: Let compassion guide your schedule.

Offer your "five loaves and two fish": Don't wait until you have "enough" to help — start with what you have.

Live generously: Share your resources, your time, your attention. God's economy is one of abundance, not scarcity.

So, this week, when you see a need — whether it's a neighbor who needs a listening ear, a friend who needs encouragement, or a stranger who needs help — remember: God can take your small act of love and multiply it beyond what you can imagine.

Have a Blessed Week ~ Rose