

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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Amen.



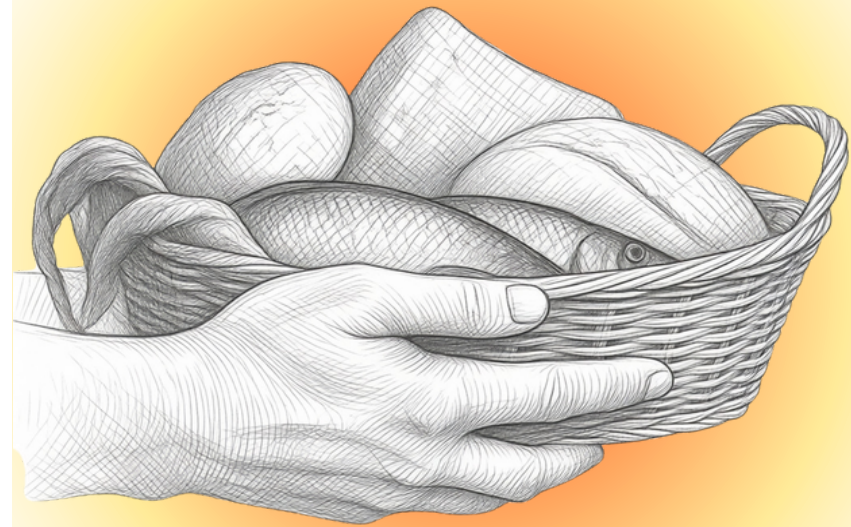
“Trust God, and
everything will be
fine.”

– St. Philip Neri



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

Sat. (Aug. 1st)
4:00pm

**Anticipated Mass of the Eighteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Glenn Lasher~ Bernie Lasher & Family

Sun. (Aug. 2nd)
11:15am

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John B. Crowley

Wed. (Aug. 5th)
10:30am

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John B. Crowley

Sat. (Aug. 8th)
4:00pm

**Anticipated Mass of the Nineteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gloria Lasher~ Bernie Lasher and Family

Sun. (Aug. 9th)
11:15am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jacqueline E. Riley~ Anne A. 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

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Amen.

“Love God,
serve God;
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~ St. Clare (feast day Aug. 11)



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Week of August 9th, 2026*

Sat. (Aug. 8th)
4:00pm

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Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gloria Lasher~ Bernie Lasher and Family

Sun. (Aug. 9th)
11:15am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jacqueline E. Riley~ Anne A. Riley-Hill & Family

Wed. (Aug. 12th)
10:30am

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Bernadette Stebler~ John Stebler

Sat. (Aug. 15th)
4:00pm

**Anticipated Mass of the Twentieth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joseph & Lillian Giuffre~ Andrea Giuffre

Sun. (Aug. 16th)
11:15am

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lucia Lutz~ Bernie Lasher & Family



Dear Friends,

Our lives are filled with expectations, but do we allow ourselves to be surprised? This is true especially with our relationship with God. We must remain open to how God reveals God's self to us, even if it defies our expectations. As we hear in today's first reading, Elijah did not find God in the wind or earthquake or fire. Rather God was present in a tiny whisper.

Similarly, God is found in the quiet stillness in today's gospel. God hushes storms to silence and stills the roaring waves. Sometimes it is difficult to quiet ourselves enough to hear God's voice in our lives. This requires us to be intentional. It may mean putting down our phones during meals or not checking our email while a friend tells us about their day. It may mean spending some time in quiet before sunrise or even just a moment of quiet when we can grab it between appointments. Regardless of where, when or how, we must intentionally find time to be quiet.

Silence can be intimidating if we are not used to it. Let us take comfort in Jesus's words to Peter and the disciples: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Just as God was present to Elijah in the silence, God is present to us when we still our hearts and listen with intentionality.

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