



ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

READING

JOHN 6:1-13

¹ After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee [of Tiberias].² A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish feast of Passover was near. ⁵ When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. ¹² When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." ¹³ So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

BRIEF REFLECTION (GIVEN BY LEADER)

EVANGELIZATION IN THE MODERN WORLD

PARAGRAPH 12

But Christ also carries out this proclamation by innumerable signs, which amaze the crowds and at the same time draw them to Him in order to see Him, listen to Him and allow themselves to be transformed by Him: the sick are cured, water is changed into wine, bread is multiplied, the dead come back to life. And among all these signs there is the one to which He attaches great importance: the humble and the poor are evangelized, become His disciples and gather together "in His name" in the great community of those who believe in Him. For this Jesus who declared, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God" is the same Jesus of whom John the Evangelist said that He had come and was to die "to gather together in unity the scattered children of God." Thus He accomplishes His revelation, completing it and confirming it by the entire revelation that He makes of Himself, by words and deeds, by signs and miracles, and more especially by His death, by His resurrection and by the sending of the Spirit of Truth.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

How has the Lord provided for you in the past? How can you trust that the Lord will always provide for you?

How is God calling you to participate in the spiritual feeding of His people?

What "signs" are present in your life that you can witness to the people around you?