



**17th Sunday of Ordinary
Time
July 24th & 25th, 2021**

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REFLECTIONS: Facing the "Impossible?" "There is a



boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an "impossible situation?" Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too! This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it's easy. Jesus' miracle speaks to His commitment to "feed us" in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it's symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough! The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God. The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God's will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right and we start praying for that. But what if God's idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

The Pearl of Great Price "Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." There are many beautiful insights we can take from this passage. Certainly, we can see the Kingdom of Heaven as analogous to that "Pearl of Great Price!" But the passage actually states that the Kingdom of Heaven is analogous to the "merchant searching for fine pearls." This is a revealing fact. One insight this offers us is that the Kingdom of Heaven is found in our diligent search. We search the mystery of Heaven and it is this search that, in and of itself, presents to us God's Kingdom. Speaking of the "search for God" is another way of saying that God is a profound Mystery of Faith, a *Mysterium Fidei* as we say in Mass. As a divine "Mystery" it's important to understand that we can never fully "find" God. We certainly can find Him, understand Him, come to know Him and give our lives to Him. But we can never do so fully. The truth is that the more we come to know God, the more we seek Him and the more we seek Him the more we realize we do not fully know Him. But this revelation draws us ever more deeply into the life of God and the acquisition of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The discovery of the beauty, value, mystery, power, and glory of God and His Kingdom is what life must be about. We must spend this life searching, finding, and searching more. This is what we will do in Heaven. Heaven will be a moment of the full revelation of the Kingdom and the inner life of God, but we will discover in this revelation that we will eternally enter more deeply into God and His glorious presence.

Reflect, today, upon the search that you embark on in your life. Is it a diligent search for God? Or do

you grow slack in this endeavor? Recommit yourself to a wholehearted search for God and you will find that this search is actually a discovery of the glories of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, I love You and desire to love You all the more. Please fill me with zeal and hope as I seek You. May my wholehearted search for You reveal to me the mystery of Your glorious inner life. As I discover You, help me to seek You all the more. Jesus, I trust in You. ~My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: The affairs of God are



accomplished little by little and almost imperceptibly. The Spirit of God is neither violent nor hasty. He does all things in his time. ~St. Vincent de Paul

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS: Archbishop



Brian Joseph Dunn and Father Henry Smolenaars will celebrate St. Ambrose Catholic Women's League 100th anniversary **mass** on August 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Further details and invitation to attend will follow. This event will be live streamed.

FOOD BANK: The weekend of July 31st & August 1st,



is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday August 10th, 2021 all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting.

MASS INTENTIONS- July 24th – August 1st, 2021

- Sat. July 24 4pm Lorraine Thibedeau and Troy Comeau
- Sun. July 25 9am Allan Cameron and Philip Thibault
- Sun. July 25 10am (Melbourne) Arthur Muise
- Sun. July 25 11am Parishioners
- Wed. July 28 9am Special Intentions and The Doucette Family
- Sat. July 31 4pm John D. Muise and Paul Blanchard
- Sun. Aug. 1 9am Parishioners
- Sun. Aug. 1 10am (Melbourne) May Ellen Saulnier
- Sun. Aug. 1 11am Mariette Comeau and Angela McCarthy

Please note we will not be carrying the gifts for the offertory until further notice.

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE: We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9:00 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am or 11:00 am mass on a rotating basis. The



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Larry Louis DeViller
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.