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## JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE: WORD, BODY & BLOOD

*From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; August 5, 2018*

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## ✠ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

*August 1, 2021*

**REOPENING & RE-ENGAGING – IT’S TIME!** Now that vaccinations are quickly rolling out, and restrictions are gradually being lifted, it’s time to start thinking about your return to the celebration of Mass and the reception of the Holy Eucharist if you have not already done so. After months of uncertainty, warranted and unwarranted fears, the Mass is precisely the place we can bring those feelings — anxiety, fear and nervousness — and rest, laying them down at the altar with Christ.

**STEP 3:** On Friday, July 16, Ontario moved into Step 3 of reopening. The new regulations permit us to have the number of the people in the church that can maintain social distancing. At Saint John Chrysostom, we have returned to 30% capacity for up to 150 people which will safely comply with the new regulations. We have never exceeded this in the past and social distancing has always been maintained. **Our pandemic protocol (physical distancing, face masks, etc.) remains in full effect at Saint John Chrysostom Church.**

**\*PASTORAL APPOINTMENT\*** As part of his seminary formation, Mr. Lukas Casta was appointed by Most Reverend Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R., Bishop of Pembroke, on June 29<sup>th</sup>, to a Pastoral Year of Formation under the direction of Fr. John Burchat, pastor of St. John Chrysostom Parish, effective September 1, 2021. He will be arriving later in September, after some preparatory work at St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto. Please include him in your prayers!

Over the last few Sundays the liturgy has presented us with the image filled with Jesus’ tenderness reaching out to the crowd and its needs. In today’s Gospel passage (cf. Jn 6:24-35) the perspective changes. The crowd whose hunger Jesus has satisfied begins to seek him anew and goes to encounter him. But for Jesus, it is not enough that people seek him. He wants people to know him. He wishes that the search for him and the encounter with him go beyond the immediate satisfaction of material needs. Jesus came to bring us something more, to open our lives to a wider horizon than the daily concerns of eating, clothing ourselves, career and so on. Thus, turning to the crowd, he exclaims: “you seek me, not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves (v. 26)”. In this way, he encourages the people to go a step further and to question themselves on the significance of the miracle, and not simply to take advantage of it. Indeed, the multiplication of the loaves and the fish is a sign of the great gift the Father has given to humanity, which is Jesus himself!

He, the true “bread of life” (v. 35), wants to satisfy not just the bodies but also the souls, giving the spiritual food that can satisfy profound hunger. This is why he invites the crowd to obtain not the food which perishes, but that which endures for eternal life (cf. v. 27). It is the food that Jesus gives to us every day: his Word, his Body, his Blood. The crowd listens to the Lord’s invitation, but does not understand its meaning — as often happens to us — and asks him: “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” (v. 28). Those who are listening to Jesus think that he is asking them to observe the precepts in order to obtain more miracles like the multiplication of the loaves. This is a common temptation; to reduce religion to only the practice of its laws, projecting onto our relationship with God the image of the relationship between servants and their master: servants must carry out the tasks that the master assigns to them in order to enjoy his benevolence. We all know this. Therefore, the crowd wants to know from Jesus which actions it must perform in order to please God. But Jesus’ reply is unexpected: “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent” (v. 29). Today, these words are also addressed to us: God’s work does not consist so much in “doing” things, but in “believing” in Him whom He sent. This means that faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God’s works. If we allow ourselves to be involved in this loving and trusting relationship with Jesus, we will be able to perform good works that exude the fragrance of the Gospel for the good and needs of our brothers and sisters.

The Lord invites us not to forget that, if it is necessary to worry about bread, it is even more important to nurture our relationship with Him, to strengthen our faith in Him, who is the “bread of life” who came to satisfy our hunger for truth, our hunger for justice and our hunger for love.

## Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

August 4 - 6

- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**     **St. Jean-Marie Vianney, priest**  
For the Living and Deceased Parish Priests of the Diocese
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.**     +Emily Adams-Kelly *by Bob & Sandy Lee*
- First Friday 9:00 a.m.**     **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
For Donors to the Memorial Fund & Those Named in Memoriam

## ✠ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

August 8, 2021

- Saturday 3:45 p.m.**     *Confessions*  
**4:30 p.m.**     +Steve Blais *by Bonnie Blais & Family*
- Sunday 9:30 a.m.**     Intentions of the People (*Missa pro populo*)

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### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for all who are suffering from the scourge of drought, wildfires and flooding;
- the needs of the Indigenous Peoples in Canada as they continue to experience the pain and suffering of their past; that all Canadians would courageously fulfill the challenges placed before us in the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
- those who have been affected by the coronavirus: the sick, the dying, their families and care givers; those who struggle with fear, anxiety and depression; those who have lost their jobs and are suffering economic hardship;
- parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially *Teresa Burke*, sister of Christine Tammadge; and *Bill Knox*.

**CHURCH ACCESS:** remains open for personal prayer Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. However, for security reasons, access is now only by the side door.

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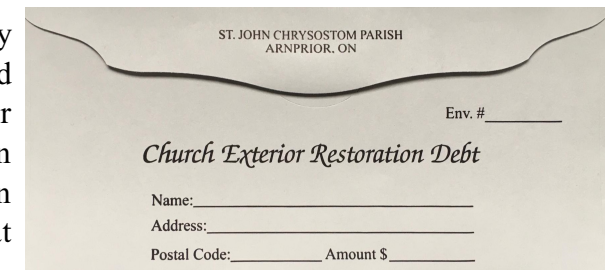
**SUNDAY OFFERING:** July 17 - \$3,189.00, July 25 - \$4,822.95. Thank you for your continuing commitment during these difficult times of pandemic and testing of faith. **Sunday Envelope Offerings can also be put through the mail slot on the parish office door.**

**ENVELOPES FOR SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** There are still a number of boxes left at the entrance of the church since many could not pick them up after Christmas because of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave pandemic lockdown. If you don't yet use these to support our church there are extra boxes available. Please put your name/address/email/phone# on the envelopes for the first few times you use them so we can properly record your donations for charitable donation receipts for the year.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT:** Why not use direct deposit for the sake of convenience and for the continual support of our parish? Just call the parish office to set it up! We have 53 parishioners who have chosen this option.

**CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION:** The amount of \$8,853.25 from the month of June was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you!

This monthly appeal continues on the last Sunday of the month using a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. These envelopes have been inserted into every box of Sunday Collection envelopes and are also available on the racks at the entrance of the church.



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**SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHURCH:** Consider a bequest to St. John Chrysostom Exterior Restoration Project through your will and leave an extraordinary legacy gift for the glory of God and to ensure that future generations continue to have a home to celebrate our Christian Faith.

**PARISH HALL:** As you know, during the pandemic the parish hall has not been a source of revenue for its upkeep. Even with utilities set at a minimum, taxes and insurance, it is about a \$15,000.00 "white elephant". Fortunately, as various parish meetings resume, it provides ample space for social distancing! At present, there are still too many restrictions to be able to have rentals, meals or bingos.