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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday no live-stream..... 4:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English 8:00 & 10:00 AM
 live-stream at 8:00 AM
 Misa en español/Mass in Spanish..... 6:30 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday with live-stream 8:30 AM
Tuesday with live-stream 5:30 PM
Thursday with live-stream 7:30 AM

Confession

Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM
Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM

Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday after Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesday after Mass
Morning Prayer: Thursday after Mass
Rosario en español: Thursday, 6:00–7:00 PM
Rosary in English: Friday, 8:05 AM
Adoration: Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM
 Tuesday, 4:15–5:15 PM
 Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

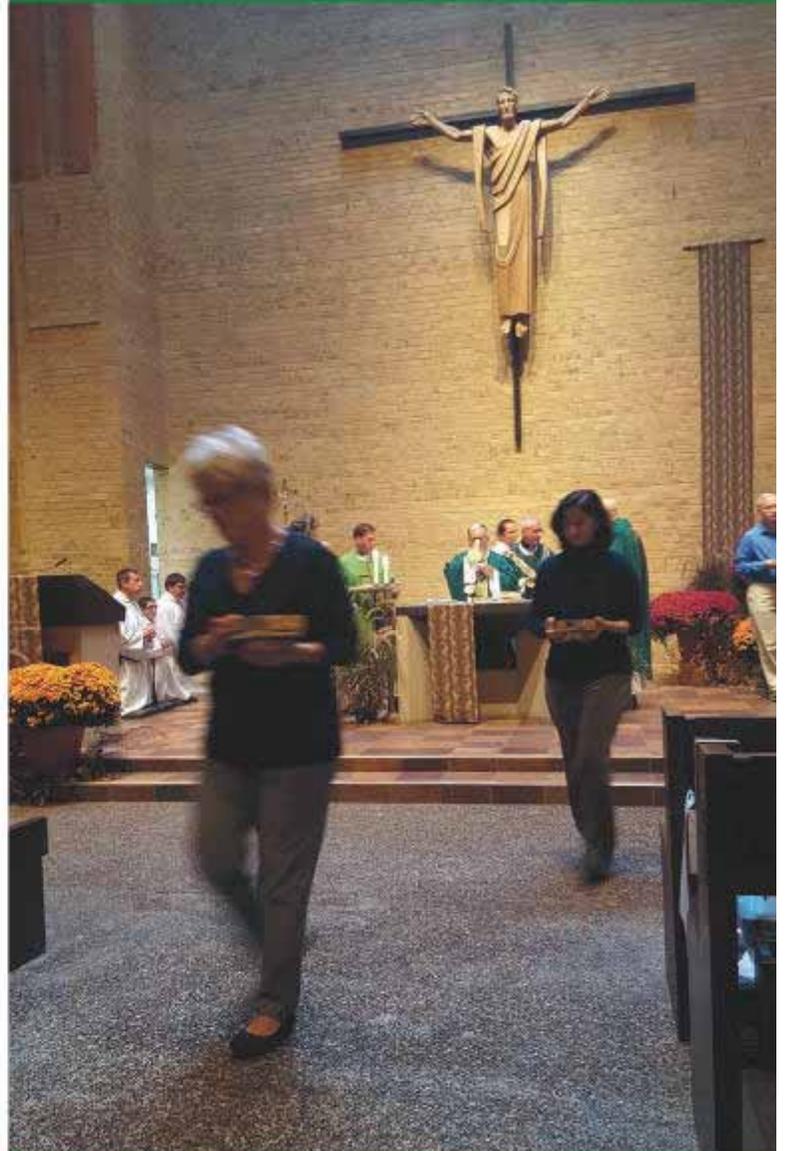
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**"He said the blessing, broke the loaves,
 and gave them to the disciples,
 who in turn gave them to the crowds."
 - Mt 14:19**



**"Pronunció una bendición, partió los
 panes y se los dio a los discípulos
 para que los distribuyeran a la gente."
 - Mt 19, 19**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Decimotavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
August 2, 2020 | 2 de Agosto de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

For a reflection on this Sunday's readings, please see Dcn. Jerome's column on page 3.

Financial Update

As we look back at the past 4 or 5 months of Sunday Offertory Collections, I see some amazing things and some things that bring about concern.

The period from late March through mid-June was amazing. Even though we were stuck with only streaming Mass, and everything else, including public Mass was canceled, parishioners stepped up in a major way and closed our income gap immediately. Some accelerated their pledged giving, while some simply gave above and beyond their pledges. People found new ways to give online and via the U.S. Mail and our spirits were buoyed.

But as Dane county opened up and we were allowed to have a few people attend Mass, it seems "corona fatigue" settled in. Our financial support and Sunday Collection is trending downward.

For about the past six weeks, our envelope collection has been running below previous years by anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per week, while the cash offertory collection, which normally averages \$1,500 - \$2,000 per week, has only topped \$500 once. So at this rate it could be argued that we are "bleeding" from \$2,000 to \$3,000 every week, and looking at a shortfall of \$100,000 to \$150,000 annually, *and that's if it gets no worse!*

I wish I had more in the way of suggestions for a solution, but it looks as if Mass attendance is key. Unfortunately that's the one thing we can't control. Thanks for all you are doing to remember St. Thomas Aquinas, even if you are unable to make it to Mass. Your support makes it possible for us to continue our mission- To love God, love others, and make disciples!

Summer Vacation

This Sunday after the English Masses, I will be driving to St. Germain, WI for a family vacation. We will be staying in a cabin by a lake and enjoying some time together. I will be gone from Sunday evening through Thursday evening. Thanks to Fr. Jim Kuhn who is helping us with the Masses while I am away.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven—August 15th

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place — only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is the matter of the definition.

This year, the Solemnity falls on a Saturday, so the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, we will be celebrating Mass that morning at 9:00 AM. The Mass will be open to the public and will be live-streamed.

Communion for Those Whose Health Keeps Them at Home

If you are unable to attend Mass due to your health situation and the risk from Covid-19, please contact the parish at 608-833-2600 or parish@stamadison.org so Fr. Bart can work to get you the Eucharist.

Prayer for Life

May the Lord generously provide for the needs of all mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children; We pray to the Lord.



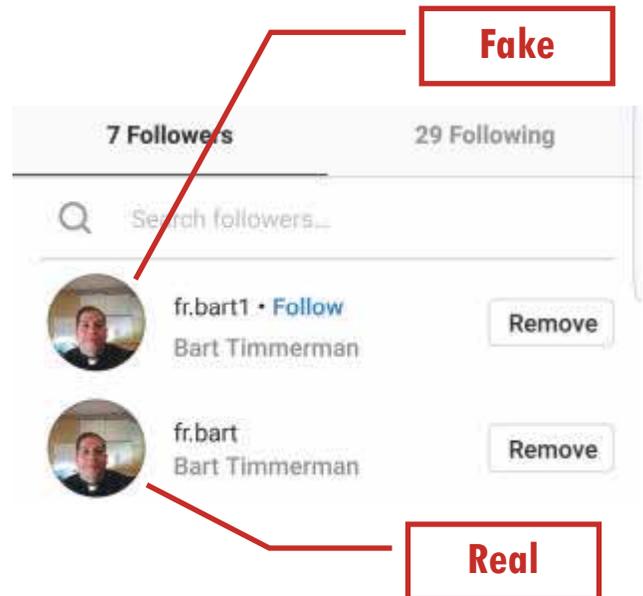
Prayer for Justice

May those disenfranchised because of the color of their skin find hope in new policies that nurture equal justice for all; We pray to the Lord.

YIKES! Someone has been pretending to be Fr. Bart on Instagram!

This week, we heard from several people that someone claiming to be Fr. Bart has been asking to Follow people on Instagram and then asking them for money. That is NOT Fr. Bart. We investigated the situation, and it appears that someone has cloned his account, complete with the photo. We are working with Instagram to try to shut down the fake account. In the meantime, please know that Fr. Bart will NEVER ask for money on social media, and in fact, he rarely ever uses social media at all. Anything he wants to put out goes through parish accounts.

Below is a screen shot one of the parish secretaries took that shows both the real and fake accounts. If you get a request to follow you from Fr. Bart, please remove it.



Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

We have experienced the Risen Christ on some level, but are not sure what to do with that. We go about our business, doing that which we know and that with which we are most comfortable. And we remain largely silent and afraid to share what we’ve experienced.

Reflection question: What would it take for you to break the silence and speak about your experience of the Risen Christ?

From “Go Make Disciples” Pastoral Letter Given by Bishop Donald J Hying, on the solemnity of Pentecost, the 31st day of May in the year of Our Lord 2020



Our Continuing Dialogue on Racism

The Justice and Peace Committee prays for a greater understanding of the sin of racism. We hope that our weekly notes on the topic will lead to more in-depth study, reflection, prayer and conversation that will nurture a conversion of heart and bring healing to all.

In previous bulletins we have shared how white privilege has affected African/Americans and provided a bit of history on Native Americans and the challenges they continue to face today. This week we offer a little history on Mexico. When the nation of Mexico gained its independence from Spain in 1810, it included what we know today as Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming. Americans migrated to these areas of Mexico seeking a better life. The growing number of Americans in Texas challenged Mexico’s laws, engaged in battles and eventually declared independence. Texas was then annexed to the United States. Border disputes led to the US-Mexico War which ended with a treaty that resulted in the United States adding more than 25% of its present day size, and Mexico losing over half its land. www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/texas-history-timeline. Now we see immigrants from Mexico who come seeking a better life in the United States, and who are struggling to become citizens in a country that was once theirs. Let us pray for equal opportunities for all.

Lend a Hand Through the Lussier Center (LCEC) Support and Solidarity Network (SSN)

Thank you so much to the members of St Thomas Aquinas church for the years of support of LCEC's efforts to continue to build community. The COVID-19 pandemic has added struggles to people's lives and during this time we know we need to stick together and continue to build bridges. Over the past few months, LCEC's Support and Solidarity Network has helped with everything from dishes to air conditioners to more basic items like laundry soap and masks. To date we have helped 125 families with specific needs and our list keeps growing.

To assist us with keeping up with the need we have created two wish-list registries (on Target and Amazon). You can access the lists on the LCEC website lccmadison.org/two-new-wish-lists/. Once you visit the page there will be a red button for each store—one for Target and one for Amazon. Each list includes many items that will help the SSN support families from summer games to dish detergent and more. It shows how many we need and how many have already been purchased, just like a wedding or birth registry. Once you select your items and make the purchase, the items will be shipped directly to the Center.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign.

As of July 20:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date	\$3,051,098
Received to Date	\$1,193,857
Number of Households Participating	434

Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

“Food! Wonderful food! Marvelous food! Fabulous food! Beautiful food! Glorious food!” So ends one of the songs from the play *Oliver!*, in which the poor boys in a Victorian era workhouse rhapsodize about the food they wished they could eat instead of their bowls of gruel. But we are luckier than they are; we have such food as is described in our Gospel today. This miracle of the loaves and fishes, the miracle of God feeding his people, has its roots in the Old Testament in the story of God feeding the Israelites with manna in the desert. It even more closely calls to mind the miracle of Elisha feeding the one hundred with twenty barley loaves after which there was food left over. The miracle also prefigures the Last Supper of Jesus and his apostles, in which Jesus also blesses the bread, breaks it, and distributes it.

But what I really want to focus on is Jesus’ words to his apostles. When the apostles asked Jesus to disperse the crowds so that the people could go find something to eat, Jesus told them “Give them some food yourselves.” When they complained they had only five loaves and two fishes, Jesus performed the miracle of multiplication, and after the people had eaten their fill, there were twelve baskets of food left. That’s a lot of leftovers! The number twelve in Scripture is a special number often indicating ‘fullness or completeness.’ Jesus provides us with all the spiritual food we need, enough to fill us and more. But he also calls upon us, as he did the apostles, to distribute that food. And like the boys in the poorhouse in *Oliver!*, there are many people starving for sustenance beyond their daily fare of merely human food. We have that food in abundance, even in superabundance, through Jesus Christ; let us share our feast with our friends, our neighbors and with the world.



Enrich your faith on Formed.org

The parish has gifted everyone with a subscription to www.Formed.org. Consider watching a movie "with" a group of friends, and chatting about it afterwards on the phone!

Construction Update

A special thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Make Disciples Capital Campaign for making these projects possible. We are proud and excited about the wonderful improvements which we will all enjoy because of your generosity. We are making steady progress on our construction work and look forward to seeing the finished product in one month! Thanks for your patience while we are under construction.

All the cabinetry for the sacristy was delivered last week. The cabinets are all faced in wood laminate, which will help them to be cleaned easily and stand up to years of use. The cabinetry will all get installed this week, and the sacristy will look much closer to finished! Almost all the wall-space in the sacristy is covered in cabinetry, all the way up to the ceiling, to give us the maximum amount of storage available in a relatively small space.

Now that Dominick and I have pulled the wires into place for the re-installation of the organ, more work can continue on the organ/pipe platform. The bottom of the organ platform will receive screening this week which will hide the structure from sight. This screening creates a clean visual, but still allows the sound of the organ to travel down to the choir members below. Once finish woodwork arrives onsite, then there will be wooden slats applied to the bottom of the organ platform which will match the other dark woodwork on the side walls of the church. The goal is to make sure that any modifications look like they match and integrate into the existing architecture of the church.

The emergency exit/exterior door next to the music area has some severe damage from years of heat, cold, rain, and snow. This original door is wood, with a metal frame. The metal frame is rusted through at the bottom, and the door itself has been starting to rot as well. It has been years since this door has closed correctly, and it swells and contracts terribly as the weather changes. It was not uncommon in past years, to have snow and cold blow inside the church during winter months. This week, the new metal exterior door and frame will arrive. The old door and frame will be removed, and the structure will be rebuilt to accommodate the new door. The new door will have wood slats applied later in the project to match the current door and the other doors in the church.

It is quite amazing to watch all the moving pieces of the project come together! Thanks to all of you for your patience! We are all looking forward to the day when we can utilize and celebrate in our newly updated space and pray together. Blessings! Greg



Delivered on Thursday,
July 23



Progress as of Tuesday,
July 28

Everyday Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

Tracy Earl Welliver

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La Corresponsabilidad Diaria:

Reconoce A Dios En Tus Momentos Ordinarios

El Poder de una Acción Simple

Recuerdo haber visto una historia en un programa de noticias matutinas sobre una niña que quería abrazar a un anciano en una tienda de comestibles. No tenía forma de saber que este hombre acababa de perder a su esposa de muchos años y ahora se sentía muy solo y deprimido. Al principio, el acercamiento al hombre le pareció extraño a su madre, pero la niña insistió tanto en darle un abrazo que acercó los carritos de la compra para que el intercambio pudiera llevarse a cabo. Nadie sabía que desde ese momento la niña pediría visitar a su nuevo amigo al menos una vez por semana durante los próximos cuatro años hasta que el falleciera. En una entrevista poco después del encuentro inicial, el hombre dijo: "No he sido tan feliz desde hace algún tiempo." ¡Imagina la alegría que esa relación les trajo a ambos a lo largo de los años!

Fue solo un momento. Fue un gesto simple. Sin embargo, tuvo un gran impacto que nadie podría haber predicho. Nunca se sabe qué resultará cuando damos solo un poco de nosotros mismos. Esa incertidumbre con demasiada frecuencia nos lleva a detenernos o abstenernos de las simples acciones de amor o gestos de generosidad que podrían ser tan fáciles para nosotros si quisiéramos. Nunca debemos dudar del poder de un simple acto de bondad al azar. La generosidad no necesita ser grandiosa para hacer una gran diferencia. El momento es ahora, y la oportunidad se presenta a menudo para plantar una pequeña semilla que Dios pueda regar y nutrir para que algo hermoso pueda crecer.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

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Thank you to all active and non active military members and their families that serve our country. We hold you in our heart and thank you for your service.

Please let Clarice (833-2600) know if there has been a change to the status of your family member.

Resources for Human Needs

- SVdP Conference:** St. Vincent du Paul Conference (food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities) Phone messages only 608-205-8276
- www.momhelps.org/:** Middleton Outreach Ministry (food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)
- www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html:** Women's Care Center (counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)
- www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/:** Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)
- www.cmcmadison.org/:** Catholic Multicultural Center (meals, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)
- abuseintervention.org/:** Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)
- www.silentnomoreawareness.org:** Abortion recovery help and awareness campaign
- hopeafterabortion.com:** Project Rachel (resources for abortion recovery)
- Madison Al-Anon Hotline:** support for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-255-5181
- www.elizabethhousedane.org:** Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (residential maternity and parenting program)
- National Suicide Hotline:** 800-273-8255
- National Hotline for Sex Trafficking:** phone 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to 233733

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, August 1

4:30 PM Jerry, Mary Donna, and Julie Lacke ☩

Sunday, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph C. Dean ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

6:30 PM Elena Eliosa and Francisco Muñoz ☩

Monday, August 3

8:30 AM Gail Anderson ☩

Tuesday, August 4

5:30 PM Tom Coon ☩

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 AM Lila Meyer ☩

Thursday, August 6

7:30 AM Toni Kellor ☩

Friday, August 7

8:30 AM Anne Trudel ☩

Saturday, August 8

4:30 PM Vince and Elsie DiRienzo ☩

Sunday, August 9

8:00 AM Carl and Margaret Marks Family ☩

10:00 AM Vic and Mary Elsinger ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of August 2

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/ Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

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July 25/26

Offertory / Envelopes\$7,585

Counters Schedule

Monday, August 3: Aeki Baik

Monday, August 10:

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal as of July 25

Goal.....\$109,197

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- Mt 19, 19

Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Decimotercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Para la reflexión de este domingo vea la columna del Diácono Jerome en la página 3 (*reflexión será en inglés.*)



Vacaciones de Verano

Este domingo después de las Misas en inglés, estaré conduciendo a St. Germain, WI para unas vacaciones familiares. Estaremos quedándonos en una cabaña cerca del lago y disfrutaremos un tiempo juntos. Estaré fuera de la oficina desde el domingo en la tarde hasta el jueves en la tarde. Muchas gracias al Padre Jim Kuhn por ayudarme con la Misas mientras estoy fuera de la oficina.

Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santa Virgen María al cielo

— 15 de agosto

El 1 de noviembre de 1950, Pio XII dio definición al dogma de la Asunción. Él proclamó solemnemente la creencia de que la Santa Virgen María, al final de su vida terrenal, fue llevada en cuerpo y alma, a la gloria del cielo, y forma parte del depósito de fe recibido por los Apóstoles. Para evitar todo lo que no es seguro, el Papa no determinó la manera o circunstancia del tiempo ni lugar donde la Asunción ocurrió -- solo el hecho de que la Asunción de María, en cuerpo y alma, a la gloria del cielo, está escrita como definición.

Este año, la Solemnidad se celebra un sábado, por lo que no será un Día de Obligación. Pero como quiera estaremos celebrando la Misa esa mañana a las 9:00 AM. La Misa será abierta al público y será transmitida en vivo.

Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15 - 4:10 PM y por cita con el párroco

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00 - 4:00 PM en la capilla

Martes 4:15 - 5:25 PM en la capilla

Viernes 9:00 - 10:00 AM en la capilla

Rosarios en español

Jueves 6:00 PM

Estudio Bíblico en español

Jueves 7:00 PM

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Reflexión del Evangelio

“¡Alimento! ¡Alimento Maravilloso! ¡Alimento Hermoso! ¡Alimento Glorioso!” Así termina una de las canciones de la obra *Oliver!*, en la cual los pobres niños en una casa victoriana ven su alimento a comer en vez de ver un plato de engrudo. Pero nosotros tenemos más suerte que ellos, porque nosotros tenemos el alimento descrito en el Evangelio de hoy. El milagro de los peces y los panes es un milagro de Dios a su pueblo, el cual tiene raíz en el Viejo Testamento cuando Dios le da el maná a los Israelitas en el desierto. Este milagro prefigura a la Última Cena cuando Jesús bendice el pan, lo parte y lo distribuye a sus apóstoles.

Pero quiero enfocarme en las palabras de Jesús a sus apóstoles. Cuando los apóstoles le dicen a Jesús que disperse a la gente para que busquen comida, Jesús les dice: “Denle comida ustedes mismos.” Y cuando ellos se quejaron de que solo había cinco panes y dos pescados, Jesús hizo el milagro de la multiplicación, y cuando las personas comieron hasta llenarse, sobraron doce canastas de comida. ¡Eso es mucha comida! Y este número doce es muy significativo en las Escrituras por que indica el “llenarse o completarse.” Jesús nos da alimento suficiente para llenarnos y más. Pero también nos llama, como hizo con los apóstoles, a distribuir ese alimento. Y como los niños en la obra *Oliver!*, existen muchos quienes no tienen que comer cada día. Nosotros tenemos comida en abundancia, hasta superabundante, a través de Jesucristo; compartamos nuestra celebración con nuestros amigos, nuestros vecinos, y con el mundo entero.

