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August 12th, 2018 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

Readings (Missal no. 908): 1 Kings 19:4-8 • Ps 34:2-9 • Eph 4:30 – 5:2 • Jn 6:41-51

Homily on The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today speak about bread coming down from heaven. In our first reading from the Book of Exodus, the Jewish people are travelling through the wilderness away from Egypt and they complain to Moses and Aaron that they have not enough to eat. Moses intercedes before the Lord for the people and the Lord agrees to their request by giving them manna – bread from heaven – to satisfy them.

In the gospel passage from St John we see Jesus telling the people that he is the bread of life. At the end of last Sunday's gospel passage, we saw the Lord slipping away from the crowd as they wanted to make him a political king. The people have once again followed him and he says that this was because of the food he gave them. However, Jesus exhorts them not to look for the bread he gave the previous day because that bread was temporary and only sustained their physical bodies in the here and now. Instead, he tells them to seek the true bread which comes down from heaven, a bread that gives life to all who receive it so that they may live forever. From our vantage point we know that that bread is the bread of the Eucharist, the Lord's own Body and Blood, and which is essential for the life of the soul. Belief in Jesus Christ nourished by the Bread of the Eucharist leads to eternal life in the Kingdom, and that is beginning to be revealed in this passage and will develop over the coming passages.

In the second reading, the author exhorts the readers to live a life worthy of their Christian vocation. In our previous passages the Ephesians had been told that they had been chosen by God as his own people and that they all shared the same promises sealed in the blood of Jesus Christ. Now they are called on to live a life which is better than the lives of the pagans around them. Their old way of living must be set aside and they must live the life of a Christian in the truth of God. They must undergo a spiritual revolution and put aside their material desires and, in so doing, they will draw closer to Christ and to the eternal life he has promised to all who believe in him.

<http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>



On August 26th we will celebrate the baptism of Milan Antonio Anders during the Eucharist.

August 19th 10:00 a.m.: Mass: Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr.

Lector: NN • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, John Massey •

Greeters: Christopher Lusaka, Andreas Urechia • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael, Buck Chisolm •

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