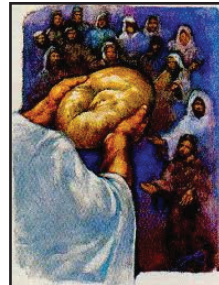


Don't impress
others with
what you have,
but with
who you are

- Robert Tew

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18th Sunday Ordinary Time

The Bread of Life

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Notice how attractive the packaging and marketing of food products are these days. But sometimes, they become deceptive. In fact, some are beautifully wrapped but sad to say they do not give any good nutrition but sickness. Thankfully, some ways of protecting consumers have also been invented: guarantees and warranties, returns and exchange, and even proper labeling of the nutrition content as well as expiration date.

Certainly, we want to get our money's worth. We don't want to be robbed and deceived in broad daylight in buying the wrong food for our body. Our gospel today simply wants to



assure us that what we are after must be the genuine food that will bring us not only physical but spiritual well being as well.

People are literally following Jesus for the wrong reasons. They literally chase Him around the lake, eager to be close to Him but not understanding who He is. Jesus confronts their wrong attitudes, but they don't get it. He tells them to put their faith in Him, and they make the crazy demand for another sign

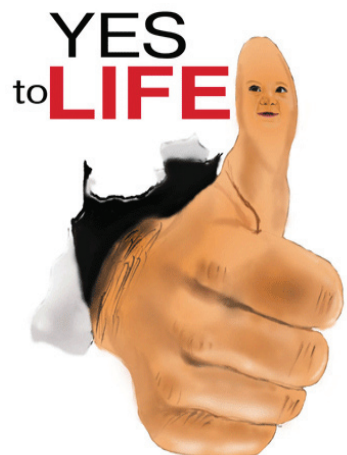
as if feeding the five thousand and walking on water are not enough. Here we have all the symptoms of false religion or the religious spirit- worship for selfish ends, the guru mentality ("show us what God wants us to do") and the endless demands for spectacular miracles as entertainment value.

True faith means feasting on Jesus alone. He is the bread of life and if we feed on Him we will never be hungry. This is not to deny the role of leaders or miracles or the benefits that come from following Jesus. But if we focus only on these things we miss the point. Our primary focus must be on Jesus. Everything else fades into insignificance. In Jesus, we make the best choice.

Sunday Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Teacher, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him." So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?" Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent." They replied, "What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' I am telling you the truth," Jesus said. "What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always." "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty."



SAY NO to CONTRACEPTIVES
SAY NO to RH BILL

"Those who come to me will never be hungry"

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Dominic of Guzman (Aug 4)

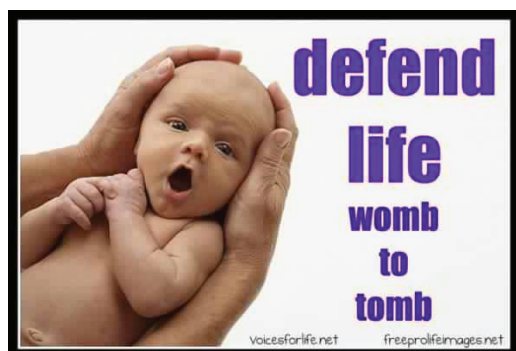


Born about 1175 in Castile (Spain), Dominic hailed from the illustrious Guzman family. First he was a canon regular at Osma; then he founded the Dominican Order, which was approved in 1216. Alongside the Franciscans, it became the most powerful Order in medieval times, giving the Church illustrious preachers — St. Vincent Ferrer, and contemplatives, Sts. Thomas of Aquinas and Pius V — and contributing immeasurably to maintaining the purity of the faith. Through the example of apostolic poverty and the preaching of the word of God the Friar Preachers

were to lead men to Christ. To St. Dominic is attributed the origin and spread of the Holy Rosary.

At the end of the twelfth century the Church in France was ravaged by the Albigensian heresy, a doctrine which was not only entirely unchristian but which, in addition, constituted a social evil. Effective measures were required to be taken to combat it. Where others had failed, Dominic succeeded. He was notable for his learning and love of poverty.

The two contemporaries, Dominic and Francis, effected a tremendous spiritual rejuvenation through their own spiritual personalities and through their religious foundations. Of the two, Dominic was the realist who surpassed the other intellectually and in organizational talent. His spirit of moderation, clarity of thought, and burning zeal for souls have become the heritage of the Dominican Order. Legend has contributed the following rare anecdote as preserved in the Breviary: “During pregnancy, Dominic’s mother dreamed she was carrying in her womb a little dog that held a burning torch between its teeth; and when she had given birth, it set the whole world on fire. By this dream it was made manifest beforehand how Dominic would inflame the nations to the practice of Christian virtue through the brightness of his holy example and the fiery ardor of his preaching.” He died at Bologna on August 6, 1221. His friend, Gregory IX, canonized him three years later. His feast is celebrated on August 8. In the archdiocese, he is the patron of the parishes in Gainza, Sto. Domingo (Nabua), and Tabgon (Caramoan)



Catechesis on the New Translation of Roman Missal



LITURGY OF THE WORD What is the Liturgy of the Word?

The main part of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of the readings from Sacred Scripture together with the chants occurring between them. The homily, Profession of Faith, and Prayer of the Faithful, however, develop and conclude this part of the Mass. For in the readings, as explained by the homily, God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation and offering them spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present in the midst of the faithful through his word. By their silence and singing the people make God’s word their own, and they also affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith. Finally, having been nourished by it, they pour out their petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful for the needs of the entire Church and for the salvation of the whole world. [General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 55]

In the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to us through the proclamation of the Holy Scriptures. To the assembly, he reveals himself and his gift of salvation through Christ his Son. We respond to his revelation and gift of spiritual nourishment with attentive listening, silence, song, prayer, and profession of faith. God speaks and we respond. The Liturgy of the Word is a dialogue between God and us, his people. By constantly engaging us in this dialogue in every celebration of the Mass, God continues to form us as the People with whom he shares a special relationship which is called a covenant.

READINGS FROM THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

“THE WORD OF THE LORD”

The reader pronounces this acclamation to mark the end of the first and second readings. It is the literal translation of the Latin phrase *Verbum Domini* which has no explicit verb and therefore seems to be not a complete sentence. But since it is an acclamation, there is no need to supply a verb to make it express a complete thought. “The Word of the Lord” adequately announces that what was read is God’s Word without having to add a verb to it. There was a time when this acclamation was stated as “This is the Word of the Lord” because it was thought to be incomplete without a verb as in the original Latin. However, this often resulted to the wrong understanding that the book itself is what is referred to as the Word of the Lord, especially because some readers commit the mistake of raising the book of readings while saying “This is the Word of the Lord”. It was later changed to the more accurate form: “The Word of the Lord”.

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Pope's Message in General Audience

Everyone is given the grace to pray, which is the only way to have a life-giving relationship with God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Resuming his weekly general audiences after a monthlong break, Pope Benedict continued his series of talks on prayer Aug. 1.

The audience, which lasted less than half an hour, was held in Castel Gandolfo's main square, just outside the entrance to the papal summer villa. The Vatican said the estimated 2,000 pilgrims and visitors could not all fit inside the courtyard of the villa.



POPE'S INTENTION in AUGUST

Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for August is: "That prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity".

His mission intention is: "That young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth"

Appeal for Peace in Syria

Pope Benedict XVI appealed for peace in Syria this Sunday during his weekly Angelus in Castel Gandolfo.

Violence has raged in Syria since 2011 when president Bashar al-Assad's regime sought to quell the rebellion against the government. At least 20,000 people have died in the conflict, many of those killed being civilians. Most recently, Syrian government forces have continued an assault on the rebel-held city of Aleppo, forcing thousands of people to flee. The Syrian government has received widespread criticism from the international community for the bloodshed it has incurred throughout the conflict.

The Holy Father declared, after the recitation of the Angelus on Sunday, that he has been following "with concern the tragic and increasing violence in Syria, with its depressing sequence of deaths and injuries, also among civilians, and huge numbers of internally displaced persons and refugees in neighbouring States

Oratio Imperata for Enlightenment on RH Bill

Archbishop Leonardo Z. Legaspi, OP, called on the faithful to pray for the enlightenment of lawmakers that they may find the courage to defend the sanctity of life and family.

In a circular he issued on July 30, Legaspi called on the Catholic faithful to "pray that our leaders and legislators be guided to decide responsibly for the good of every family." He enjoined all priests, deacons and lay faithful to recite the obligatory prayer which called on God to give the faithful "the courage to defend human life and protect it from conception to natural death."

He likewise urged the faithful to ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten the minds and open the hearts of people who do not yet fully respect all human life.

"We pray for all our leaders and legislators who will deliberate on the Reproductive Health bill," he said. He called on God to send the Holy Spirit for the legislators "to decide responsibly, for the good of every family, and the good of all." (Melo Acuna)



Archdiocesan News

Boat Tragedy kills a Missionary: Fr. Siguenza Rescued

Ryan Turallo, a volunteer missionary in Solomon Island, died together with 3 others, after their boat capsized on their way back to their parish. He was with 9 others including Fr. Edmund Siguenza, who was rescued after 3 days in the rough sea. Ryan Turallo who hails from Iriga and the president of the Rinconada Youth Council went there last Nov. 2011 as a volunteer teacher in Don Bosco School. Meanwhile, a requiem mass is scheduled on Aug. 9 at 5pm in Iriga Parish with the Archbishop as celebrant.



Fr. Edmund Siguenza a Missionaries of Caceres sent to Gizo, Solomon Island together with Ryan Turallo, a volunteer teacher from Iriga City



BASILICA NEWS

PYP Welcomes New Members

The Penafrancia Young Professionals warmly welcomed 16 new members to their association. Composed mostly of bankers, nurses, and businessmen/women, the new members will undergo a series of formation which will start on Aug 19. Luningning Cu, PYP President, said they still welcome those are interested to join.

The group, started in 2005, are involved in various projects of the basilica like medical missions, fund raisings, mass wedding, photo exhibits and other religious activities.



Catechesis

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At the end of the Gospel, the same Latin acclamation Verbum Domini is rendered as "The Gospel of the Lord!" This is one of the few instances in the new English translation when the Latin original is not translated literally but dynamically. The effect is good for, indeed, the Gospel occupies a special place among all the Biblical readings. In fact, the gospel reading is clearly distinguished from the other readings by special expressions of reverence: it is read from a special book—the Book of the Gospel—which is carried in procession; it is incensed and accompanied with candles; it is kissed; it is read not by a lay reader but by a deacon or the priest-celebrant himself.

ORATIO IMPERATA
(On RH Bill - Issue)

God, our loving Father, Creator and Lover of all Life, You fashioned in your own image and likeness every human person. Give us the courage to defend human life and protect it from conception to natural death.

Let your Spirit enlighten the minds and open the hearts of those who do not yet fully respect all human life, according to your Will. We pray for all our leaders and legislators who will deliberate on the Reproductive Health Bill. May they be guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit to decide responsibly, for the good of every family, and the good of all.

Oh Mary, our Ina, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, to you we entrust the cause of life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

JP2 PRAYER GARDEN
Basilica of Our Lady of Peñafrancia



This is the prospective of the Pope John Paul II Prayer Garden which will rise at the vacant lot between catechetical Center and Altersheim. The above project is sponsored by the Peñafrancia Young Professional in cooperation with the Lectors Ministry of the Basilica.

Other ongoing projects of the Basilica are: Basilica Office (formerly Basilica Kaffee, Rest Rooms, Personel Quarter, and the Priests Refectory.

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