

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE



In The first Reading and the Gospel speak to us of nourishment or rather lack of nourishment. The prophet Isaiah addresses desperate people who have been living in exile for 50 years. He invites them to turn to the Lord: **"Listen to the Lord and you will live."** Their lives depend on the Lord. What he offers them is much more important than well-filled fridges. It is God Himself Who gives freely and without merit on their part. We are all invited to surrender to Him, even in the most desperate situations.

In the second Reading, Saint Paul tells us precisely about this **free gift of God** in Jesus Christ. He Himself is in a very difficult situation. He was persecuted and imprisoned. But he let out a cry of joy because He discovered the Goodness of the Lord. Even during the worst difficulties, He does not stop shouting that confidence because He knows that nothing can separate Him from the Love of God.

In the Gospel, Isaiah's promise is fulfilled. **In Jesus, it is God Who saw the misery of His hungry people. He is filled with pity in front of all these people. He heals the sick. He comes to heal and give men peace.** Through these words and gestures, **it is God's Love and Mercy that is given to men.** On this day, we ask the Holy Spirit to make our hearts like those of Christ, attentive and open to the poverty and hunger of our brothers. **We are sent to testify to this passionate Love that is God.** But if we want to be credible in the eyes of the world, it must be seen in our lives, we must put our actions in accord with the Gospel.

But today, we must go one step further: **Jesus was sent to feed the hungry man of God.** And then, there is an important point that we must emphasize. **It is His Body delivered for us and for the multitude.** There were twelve baskets full of pieces that remained. **It is the announcement of the true multiplication of breads that does not cease to be accomplished by the Ministry of the priests.** What God expects from us is not our money but our availability. **It is the contribution of the little we have and the little we are.** Reading this Gospel, we think of Mary at the wedding of Cana. She saw that there were more than two. **She also sees all our lacks: Lack of bread, lack of Love...** And She never ceases to **intercede with Her Son for us and for our world.** And today still, She continues to say to us: **"Do all that He tells you."**

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