

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS: BREAD OF LIFE

The Israelites complain and murmur because they find it very difficult to continue on the road to liberty. The power that God is using to end their slavery does not appear to satisfy them, in their arduous travel through the desert they receive their freedom and the manna which reminds them that only God, who is always faithful, is worthy of their trust. Paul tells us that the past is gone and has no power over us because God acts in the world, making everything new in Christ. Our condition as baptized and as children of God moves us to manifest our faith in Christ in our daily life. In today's Gospel we see different attitudes in those who seek Jesus: some have eaten the material bread, others ask for a sign when the Lord finishes providing one of his miracles, others have hurried to find Him and in good faith make – we could say- a spiritual communion, Lord give us this bread." The things of this world, always new and always in abundance, are never sufficient to fulfill all of our desires. They entertain us but they do not fill us. The power of Jesus is as transitory as is this life we are given. Jesus works his miracles not merely to provoke the admiration of the people, but to reveal another life deeper than this one and to excite our faith in him once again.

MINISTERS WORKSHOP: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Choirs there is a **MANDATORY WORKSHOP** on **AUGUST 24 AND 25**. This workshop is to increase our knowledge of and devotion to the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharistic. We will have a representative from the Archdiocese. Please attend the workshop according to your Ministry: **LECTORS: AUGUST 24 AT 7:30PM ALL OTHERS: AUGUST 25 Starting at 9AM.**

English Religion Class for Adults (RCIA) Classes start Sept. 9/16/2018 Adults 18 yrs. – call for information and registration..\$100.00 Sundays – 8:15 to 10:45 learn about our Faith- Preparation to receive **BAPTISM, Confession/Reconciliation, HOLY EUCHARISTIC, Confirmation & MATRIMONY** Call Delia 310-420-2216 or Maria 661-330-2880 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30PM +Salvador Garcia

7:30AM +Oscar Rivera

11:00AM +Maria del Carmen Rodriguez Aguilar

RAFFLE TICKETS

We are preparing for our Fall Carnival and are asking every family to help us by selling 1 book of raffle tickets. Each book has 25 tickets and the tickets sell for \$3. Please read the letter from our pastor Fr. Matt that is enclosed with the tickets. Parish goal is to sell 1500 books.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Important notice to all parents who have children between 7 and 17 years old, for catechism, we are continuing registration Monday to Thursday; from 1:00pm -6:30pm. You will need to bring the child's Baptism certificate; if they are not baptized you must bring their birth certificate. The cost for the first year is \$60.00; the second year is \$70.00 plus selling a book of tickets for the carnival. Thank you for your support. We will be registering on Sunday, August 12th after all Masses.

CONFIRMATION

Registration for the sacrament of Confirmation for the youth will restart Monday, August 6. Monday and will continue until Thursday, August 30th. The registration hours are 1:00pm – 6:00pm. Monday – Thursday, the fee is \$70.00 per student. We need a copy of the Baptism & 1st Comm. certificates. Call Lola or Elvia at (323)567-4698.

FREE MAMMOGRAMS at St. Lawrence on Saturday, August 11, for women age 40 +. Please call the office to make an appointment (323)567-1439.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: You are invited to a workshop "You College Applications" at St. Lawrence on August 6 from 4-6pm in the House of John Paul. Get tips and help to make your application stand out!

2018 Church Challenge WINNERS

Congratulations to 6 St. Lawrence Parishioners:

Mikey Cuero, Maria Luisa Delgado, Maclovio Diaz, Deanna Downard, Patricia Faith, Rogelio Gonzalez. Please pick up your certificate and gift from the church office. Thank you to everyone who participated.