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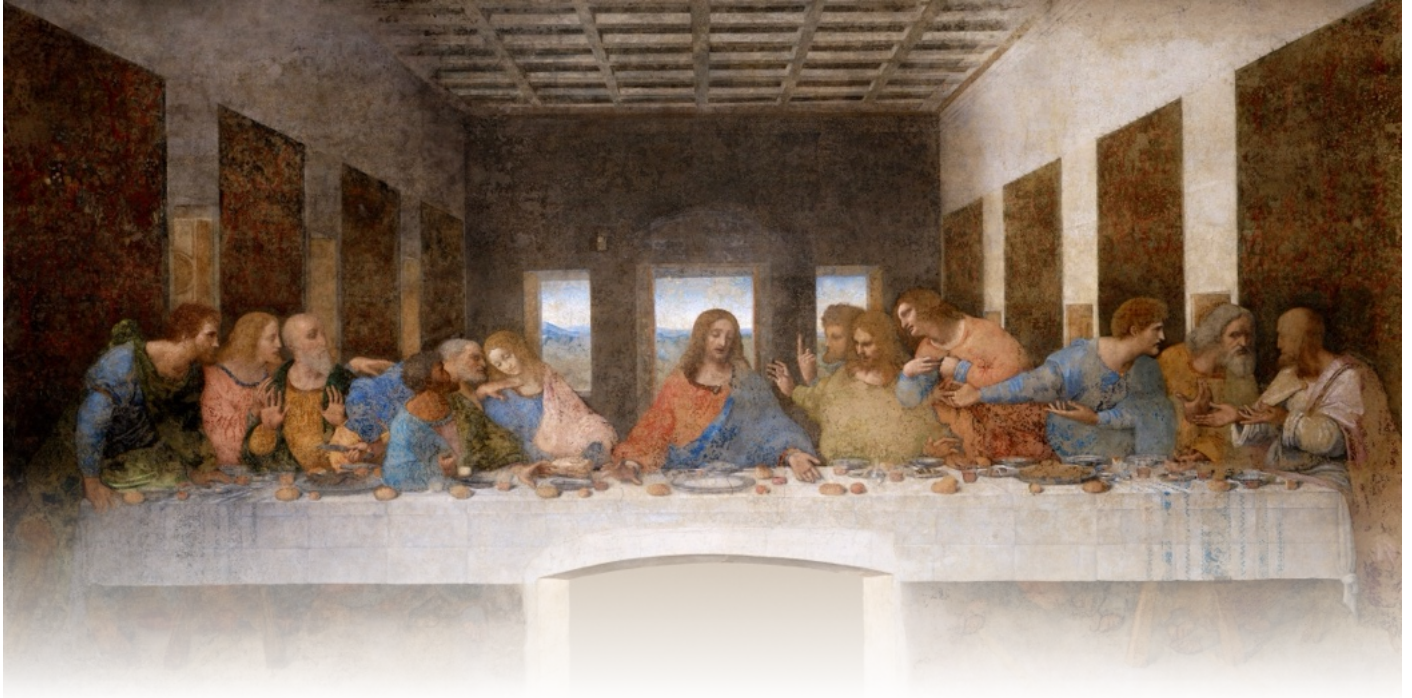
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The grotesque display of Our Lord and the Last Supper at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Paris was a mockery of God, of His Church and of our faith.

The mockery of Our Lord at the Olympic Games is not simply something that stands alone but is the latest salvo in the war against Christianity. The hatred of Christianity has always needed symbolic depictions. As was shown last week, those who hate Christianity have nothing in their own so-called culture to celebrate and so, instead, they parody the symbols of Christianity.

So how do we, as faithful men and women of Our Lord, respond to this?

Firstly, we must recognise that the enemies of God will use what is given by God and twist it, so we must reclaim what is given to us by God—whether it be language or symbols—and take ownership of these and place them in the context of the teachings of Our Lord so that they will mean what God intends them to mean.

Secondly, we must reclaim our sense of the sacred and boldly proclaim our faith. There is no place for being timid or scared anymore. We must claim our faith, we must stand firm in that faith, and say this is who we are because this is who God made us to be.

Thirdly, we must make reparation for the crimes committed against God. Our Lord confronted others not for the sake of power or control but because He loved them and sought the salvation of their souls. So we must do the same. We must pray, we must perform acts of penance, and we must, in charity, show the world the Truth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and the fullness of life that lies in Him.

Our Lord went to the holy Cross for us and because of us. He did not abandon us. We must not abandon Him.

*Christus vincit! Christus regnat!
Christus imperat!* Christ conquers!
Christ reigns! Christ commands!

GOD IS NOT MOCKED

Galatians 6:7

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

C. Takchi, M. Wehbe, N. Khoury

Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for
the sanctuary*

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 1: D. Portelli,
L. Toman, W. Krasinski, J. Galea,
A. Quinlan, N. Begley

Readers

Vigil Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,
Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga,
Mary Georges

Children's Liturgy Victor and Armani

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,
Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy
O'Connor, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini,
Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

IN MEMORIAM

John Anjoul, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi,
Carmen Bonello, Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria
Rebecca Dinh, John Drake, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal,
Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Albert Ho, Salim Karaki, Paul
Karam, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Frouzine
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,
Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Sam Munro, Joseph
Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell,
Samuel Pickering, Peter Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab,
Emanuel Tabone, Alex Taktak, Maria Ho Thi Ti, John Timbs,
John Toye, Carmelo Vella, Bich Lien Vo, Phero Vu Van Vuong,
Phyllis Webb, William Yott, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Thank You to Spiro Portelli

Thank you to Spiro Portelli who spent a day repairing one of the fences at Holy Family Church which was in need of some work.

We are grateful to him for all the work that he has done in repairing this fence and in taking care of this at Holy Family Church.

Spiro does a great deal of work for the parish at both Holy Trinity Church and at Holy Family Church and we are blessed to have someone so dedicated to the care of the parish.

The Catholic Foundation “Good Samaritan Appeal” for Catholic Care

The Catholic Foundation is holding its annual “Good Samaritan Appeal”. This year’s appeal is in support of Catholic Care’s “Project Elizabeth” which provides support to women facing difficulties during pregnancy and motherhood.

You can donate by making a contribution to this appeal by using the envelopes on the pews and placing these in either of the collections.

To make a donation online, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au or scan the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this appeal for your kindness and support which is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times for many people.



Holy Masses for the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross This Thursday

On Thursday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta. There will be a number of Masses said that day in honour of the solemnity.



Wednesday, 7 August
Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 8 August
Holy Trinity Church at 8:15 a.m.
Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m.

The Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross at Mary MacKillop Place This Thursday

In celebration of the solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop Place at 80 William Street, North Sydney will be open on Thursday, 8 August from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with Masses said at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

The Mary MacKillop Place Museum will be open with free entry from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Mary MacKillop Place website at marymackillopplace.org.au or phone 8912-4800.

Annual Procession in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, 15 August

On Thursday, 15 August, as the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day.

Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church.

To help with the procession, we are asking for people to volunteer as safety marshalls whose role it will be to help people to cross the roads safely and to help guide the procession. If you would like to help with this then please speak with Fr. Andrew.

The parish bus will be available to take people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and the procession and then to take people back to Holy Trinity Church after the procession. Thank you to Joe Chidiac for once again arranging this for us.

Please join us as we honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on this most holy day as we take our faith to the streets as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God for all that He does for us and also as a witness to our holy Catholic faith.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all are obligated to attend Mass on that day (except for those legitimately unable to do so because of their age or their health). On that day there will be two Masses said for the solemnity. The first being at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. and the second at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a vigil Mass the evening before (which fulfils the obligation to attend Mass) which will be said at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT
PROCESSION
in Honour of the
ASSUMPTION
of the
BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY

Thursday, 15 August

Holy Mass at 6:00 *p.m.*
at Holy Trinity Church
followed by procession
to Holy Family Church

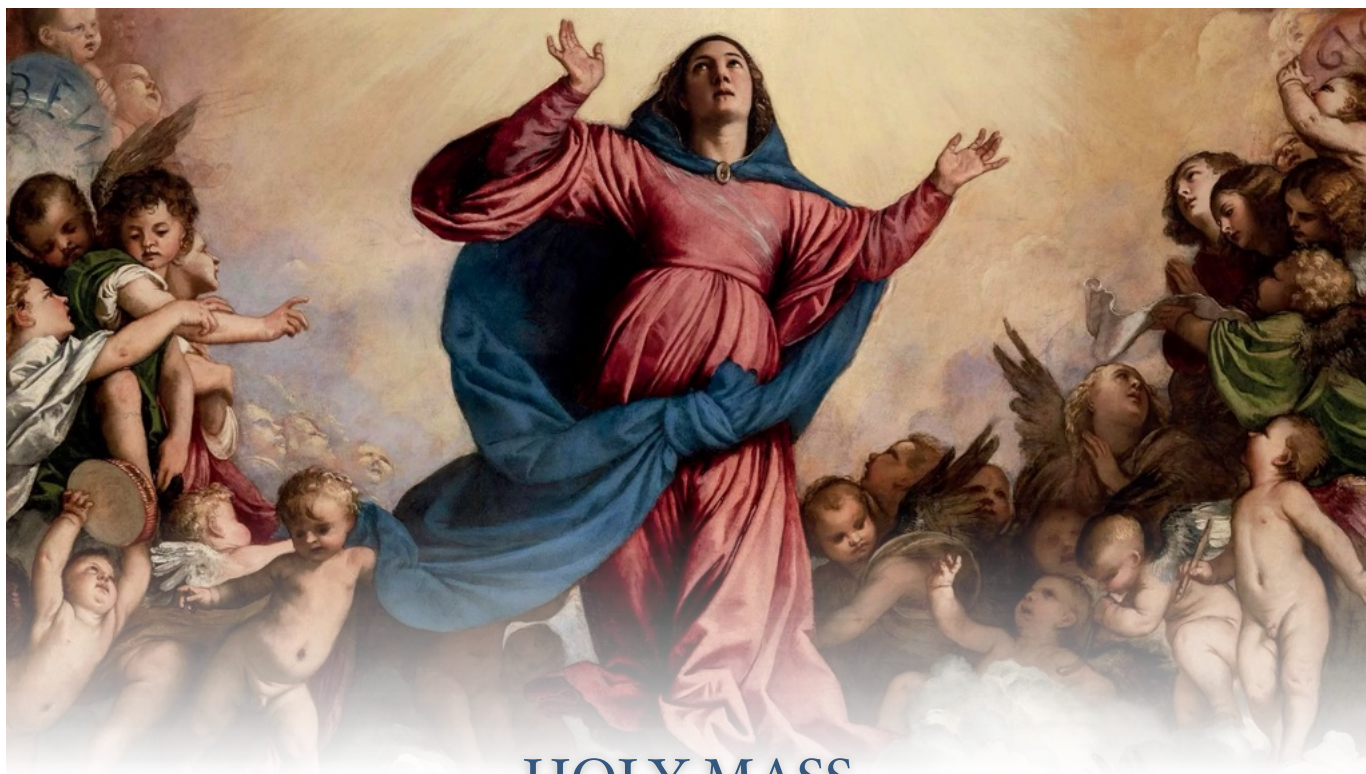


Join us on the evening of Thursday, 15 August as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a candlelight procession from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

The parish bus will be available to carry parishioners from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church following the procession.

We are inviting parishioners to assist with this procession by forming groups of four people to help carry the platform on which will stand the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*If you would like to be a part of this,
please speak with Fr. Andrew.*



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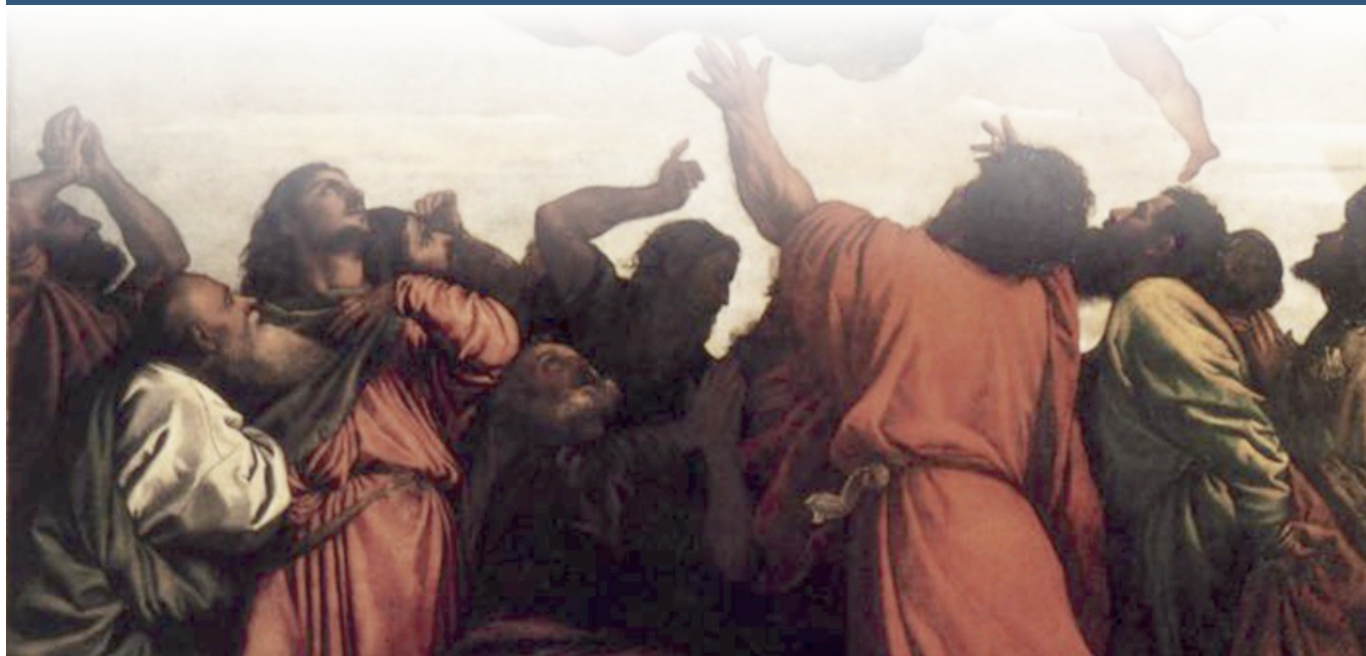
ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY


Wednesday, 14 August at 6:00 *p.m.* | Holy Family Church

Thursday, 15 August at 8:15 *a.m.* | Holy Trinity Church

Thursday, 15 August at 9:15 *a.m.* | Holy Family Church

Thursday, 15 August at 6:00 *p.m.* | Holy Trinity Church





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The Church in Australia celebrates Thursday the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop. It is a particularly poignant celebration for the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) of their foundress and we celebrate her heroic virtue too.

At the Holy Mass celebrating her canonisation on 17 October, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said: "For many years countless young people throughout Australia have been blessed with teachers who were inspired by the courageous and saintly example of zeal, perseverance and prayer of Mother Mary MacKillop. She dedicated herself as a young woman to the education of the poor in the difficult and demanding terrain of rural Australia, inspiring other women to join her in the first women's community of religious sisters of that country. She attended to the needs of each young person entrusted to her, without regard for station or wealth, providing both intellectual and spiritual formation. Despite many challenges, her prayers to St. Joseph and her unflagging devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom she dedicated her new congregation, gave this holy woman the graces needed to remain faithful to God and to the Church. Through her intercession, may her followers today continue to serve God and the Church with faith and humility!"

In 2011, St. Mary of the Cross was proclaimed the Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta. Bishop Fisher, in his homily at the Holy Mass commemorating the silver jubilee of the diocese, spoke of the relation between St. Mary of the Cross and Parramatta. He said, "not only did she labour amongst us in this life, but she interceded from heaven to bring about a miracle for one of our parishioners." The first miracle attributed to Mary MacKillop was that of a woman living in the Diocese of Parramatta, whose complete recovery from acute myeloblastic leukaemia in the early 1960's was the miracle accepted by the Vatican in 1993 which led to the 1995 beatification.

Our own parish of Granville has a very close association with St. Mary of the Cross herself. The Sisters of St. Joseph founded a convent in Waratah Street in Granville in 1885, and a letter written by St. Mary to her mother on July 1, 1885 mentions the foundation at Granville. Our parish's two primary schools, Holy Trinity Primary School and Holy Family Primary School, are both schools founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph and continue in the Josephite tradition.



The Solemnity of **ST. MARY of the CROSS**

O God, source of all goodness,
who have shown us in Saint Mary
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,
teach us, we pray, by her example
to live the Gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



The Readings

Introit (*Ps. 69:2, 6*)

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

The Book of Exodus (16:2-4, 12-15)

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps. 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24*)

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:17, 20-24)

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation (*Mt. 4:4*)

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John (6:24-35)

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Communio (*Wis. 16:20*)

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.