

Father Jim's Weekly Bulletin Article for June 11, 2017

Looking ahead to next week: We have entered into the season of Ordinary Time, a time when the Church is celebrating nothing in particular, just quiet time relaxing with our God. Many of us have also entered or will soon be entering a time of vacation and relaxation. For once the Church and cultural seasons coincide! Give yourself the time you need to relax both physically and spiritually.

Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

Reflection: We have a natural yearning for God and for relationship with him. There is a similar yearning in God for relationship with us. The goal of Christianity is union, union with God and with each other in there eternity of heaven. No one will ever reach heaven alone. The union we seek in heaven must begin here on earth. Our celebration of the Eucharist is such a beginning. It is both a foretaste and a true experience of the heaven we seek. We celebrate union with Christ, and through Christ with all believers, both in the flesh and in the spirit. Like a drink of water on the way to an oasis, the Eucharist refreshes just as heaven will refresh us, and yet leaves us thirsting for more. A taste, but only a taste, of heaven is received and shared among us.

1. Share your experience or understanding of the Eucharist with family or friends.

2. Take a walk. Keep your eyes open for things that suggest union between God and humanity.

Prayer: Father, among all your gifts, the gift of your Son is the most precious. Through him you have chosen to express your love. Through him, we express our love for you. May our sharing in his body and blood draw us ever closer to the joys of heaven.