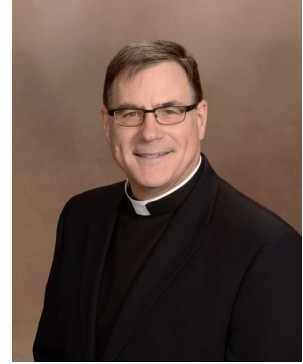


Pastor's Corner



My Brothers and Sisters:

This weekend, and for the next 4 Sundays, we are reading from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel, the Bread of Life discourse. This is a good time to read this chapter. The first part of it is the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. It might be good to read of this event as it is recounted in Matthew, Mark and Luke, as well. It is found at: Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:32-44, and Luke 9:10-17.

Matthew and Mark also recount a second multiplication of loaves and fishes Our Lord performed. This account is found at Matthew 15:32-39 and Mark 8:1-10.

Many scholars note that Jesus' action of taking, blessing, and distributing has a pattern found in many meal prayers of the time – it was a liturgical action.

This reminds us that John recalls Our Lord using this miracle as a chance to emphasize that His Flesh and Blood are True food and drink. From the beginning, the Church has seen this to be an instruction on the Eucharist.

So...it would be good to look at the 4 places that the Words of Institution - and for Paul, the words at the ancient liturgies we call the Mass – are described. They are: Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

In Prayer,

Fr. Tom