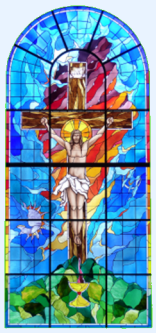

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Immaculate Conception

August 2, 2026 — **18th Sunday Ordinary Time**

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Parish Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

Schools Office Hours
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

Confession Schedule
Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

Adoration Chapel Hours
Daily, 5 am—9 pm

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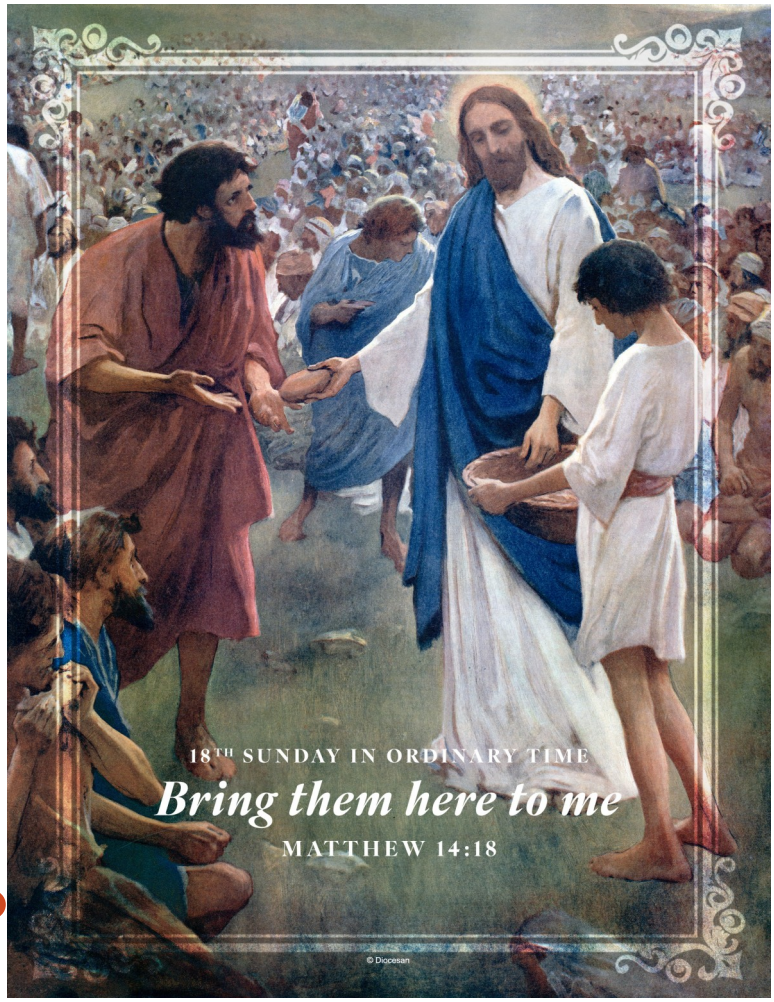
Parish Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-1 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1:30 pm, Spanish

Daily Mass Schedule
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



Holy Day Schedule (HC and ICC)
Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

sacraments

Receiving the Sacraments

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

happenings

Summer Hours

Both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception are on their Summer Hours through Labor Day.

Holy Cross will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Friday.

Immaculate Conception will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Attention Ministry Leaders

Thank you to all those that have sent an email already, if you haven't yet had time, please kindly, send an email to Vivian Alvarado, at parishadmin@holycrossdover.org with information on what ministry you lead and your contact information. Thank you!

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Weekly Offering (HC)

Ending July 26, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$14,911.00
Second	$265.00

Weekly Offering (ICC)

Ending July 26, 2026

Offertory Type	Received
Regular	$5,184.00
Second	$672.00

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin.
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If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

A Word from your Administrator…

We are invited to come to the Lord who provides for us in abundance. The prophet Isiash says: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water." The Lord, our God will provide all that we need. In the Gospel, when the apostles see that the people are hungry, bring their concern to Jesus. They offer five loaves and two fish. Jesus takes them and distributes them to over 5,000 people with leftovers. That's a good meal and a miracle. It displays again, how God can provide for us. He can provide for us and others when we are willing to place what little we have before him and wholeheartedly trust in His power. Today, we all know the abundance of a potluck when we do not simply bring what little we have but we sometimes go the extra mile give the invitation our all. Can you help increase and spread the invitation from the Lord? Can you create the miracle of His abundance?

"Nothing will separate us from the love of God."

Fr. Carroll

Faith and Charity Annual Catholic Appeal UPDATE – Holy Cross
Recent communication from the diocese has us at **$235,000** which is **$46,166** under our target. This includes gifts totaling **$8,802** from new givers! Thank you!

Faith and Charity Annual Catholic Appeal UPDATE – Immaculate Conception
Recent communication from the diocese has us at **$25,625** which is **$5,314** under our target. This includes gifts totaling $1,000 from new givers! Thank you.

pastor's column

MONDAY
August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

TUESDAY
August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

WEDNESDAY
August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

THURSDAY
August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

FRIDAY
August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

SATURDAY
August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12—2:4
Mt 17:14–20

SUNDAY
August 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33

HC & ICC Clergy

Vy, Rev. Norman P. Carroll	Administrator
Rev. John Enemuo	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Rommel Padilla	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

HC Clergy

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

HC Staff

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Vivian Alvarado	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
Darcee Impagliazzo	Business Manager, ext. 119
Rev. Padilla	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I15
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Ashlyn Baynocky	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger Cemetery	Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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holycrossdover.org/school

Mallory O'Mara	Principal, ext. 111

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Samaritan's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Canned Kidney, Black and Pinto Beans, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, one pound bags of rice, Manwich, Cereal, Jell-O, Chicken Broth. These and small packs of meat or burger can be left in the pantry drop off door behind the rectory.

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church is hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona - **September 13-22, 2026.** Join Fr. Volodymyr Klanichka and travel to two of the world's most revered pilgrimage sites. Experience the culture and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain along the way! Double occupancy cost is $4,699 including airfare from Philadelphia and at least one meal each day.
For more information contact Fr. Volodymyr at Vovaklan@gmail.com or visit: https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1392151

Spiritual Bouquet

Join us in Providing a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Giamello, our incoming Pastor; and our other troops, who are deployed to the Middle East. The Spiritual Bouquet can be found in the Brides Room outside of the Adoration Chapel.

What is a Spiritual Bouquet? Spiritual bouquets are a beautiful Catholic tradition of presenting prayers or acts of charity, mercy or devotion that is offered for someone else. *At the heart of spiritual bouquets is "**intercessory prayer**", a practice that dates back to biblical times.* **Examples are:** Rosaries, Masses, Holy Hours, Memorare/Week, Divine Mercy Chaplets or Mass Intentions. *"St. Paul in his letter to Timothy urges Timothy to offer prayers and petitions and intercessions and thanksgivings for all people".*

Annual Appeal Update

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal continues to experience strong support throughout our Diocese. We are grateful to all who have already made a gift or pledge to this year's Appeal.

If you have pledged, please remember that fulfilling your commitment helps provide essential funding for ministries that serve those in need.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. New and returning donors also help our parish qualify for special rebate opportunities that directly benefit local parish ministries and programs. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Recently Deceased

Our prayers and condolences to the families who have recently lost a loved one:

- Veronica Emma Weaver

Welcome New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to our newly registered members:

- Jose & Mirta Carrillo, Ronnie, Gadiel, Alondra and Jennifer Carrillo-Haro
- Jose & Reyna Lemus, Oscar Lemus-Canas
- Wilbert & Debra Canas

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Alayna Berenis Cisneros-Lara
- Azael Cisneros-Lara
- Markas Nicolas Frias
- Matthew Daniel Patzek, Jr.

Become a registered parishioner today!

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our Parish. If you wish to register please stop by the Parish Office.

Mass Intention
August

3 Monday
HC 8:00 am Kaltenbaugh & Caputo Families

4 Tuesday
HC 8:00 am Nicole Elliott (LI)

5 Wednesday
HC 8:15 am Biter & Mood Families

6 Thursday
HC 8:00 am Emma Zapanta Donato
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

7 Friday
HC 8:00 am McLane Family

8 Saturday
HC 8:00 am Nicole Elliott (LI)
HC 5:00 pm Maryanne Cibello

9 Sunday
HC 7:30 am Benito SeFil
ICC 8:30 am Bill & Bob Kriss
HC 9:30 am A.J. & Anne Furjanic
ICC 11:00 am Rosa Cristiano
HC 11:30 am Patria Ayala
ICC 1:30 pm For the People

Sanctuary Candle in Church is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross.

Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel is for the intention of parishioners of Holy Cross..

Adult Education Opportunities

Catechism in a Year:
https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear

Bible in a Year: In English: Father Mike Schmitz https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/

faith in action

AUGUST 8/9, 2026

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	C. Bugglin M. Casey	J. Clendaniel D. Field	N. Klaus Z. Klaus
			LECTORS
			S. Winfrey L. Christiansen
7:30 AM	M. Thompson C. Brown	J. Davis J. Denney	A. Wilk C. Wilk
			LECTORS
			A. Wyllie
9:30 AM	J. Lausten M. Lausten	C. Robinson J. Salamone	B. Torbert C. Torbert
			LECTORS
			C. Petka J. Pierce
11:30 AM	P. Ramirez A. Luna	T. Hernandez	K. Geronimo S. Geronimo
			LECTORS
			G. Hernandez M. Mendoza

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	G. Godfrey		
			LECTORS
			T. Woodeshick
11:00 AM	J. Carrow		
			LECTORS
			L. Schalupitz

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please all the Parish Office at Holy Cross. Leave your name and contact information.

As always, we can use more volunteers to become ministers to the sick and homebound. This ministry is growing daily and they so appreciate receiving Our Lord especially since they can't come to Mass. Sign up at the office if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"A HOLY HOUR BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS OF HUMAN GLORY."

ST. PADRE PIO You don't need a time if you cannot make a commitment. Please feel free to come in and sit with our Lord, when you can! Contact JOHN MURPHY 302-233-1779, text, or email jkm2015@verizon.net

Times Available are:
Sunday 6-7am, 7-8am,
10-11am,5-6pm, 6-7pm, 8-9pm
Tuesday 6-7am, 3-4pm
Thursday 6-7am, 8-9pm
Friday 5-6pm
Saturday 12-1pm, 7-8pm, 8-9pm

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of November 6-8, 2026. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text
or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October

HOLY CROSS GOLF LEAGUE END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT:

Tee it up for Teens - 4th Annual Golf Benefit Thursday September 9th, Shotgun start at 10:00 AM. For more information contact Wes Grau (302) 270 - 8111 or Greg Coury (302) 883-4000

- **La Virgen Peregrina:** La Virgen Peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.

- **Jesús te Invita a que pases una hora con El: Capilla de Adoración Eucarística**: «Ven y pase una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Para anotarse llame a la oficina parroquial.

- **Las clases de educación religiosa se imparten en la Escuela Primaria Holy Cross Para más información comuníquese con**: Sra. Tammy Korosec Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa email -tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al 302.674.5787 ext 122

- **APOSTOLADO DE LAS SIETE HERMANAS EN LA SANTA CRUZ** ¿Sabías que...? ¡Sin sacerdotes, No hay Sacramentos! Existe un grupo internacional de católicos que rezan diariamente por un sacerdote, y aquí en Holy Cross tenemos un grupo dedicado a nuestro propio sacerdote. Este grupo se basa en que siete mujeres hacen una Hora Santa ante nuestro Sumo Sacerdote Eucarístico, Jesús, por un sacerdote, todos los días, todas las semanas, durante todo un año… de ahí el nombre de Apostolado de las Siete Hermanitas. Nos encantaría que te unieras a esta iniciativa. Al fortalecer al sacerdote, fortaleces a toda la Iglesia Contacto: Delizabeth Díaz-Martínez correo electrónico 7sistersaposto-late2023@gmail.com

- **Voluntarios**: Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027º si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-Bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787.

- CONVIÉRTETE EN FELIGRÉS REGISTRADO HOY! Damos la bienvenida a todos los visitantes y recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Si desea registrarse, por favor pase por la Oficina Parroquial.

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PARROQUIA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

- **La Escuela Bíblica de Verano está en proceso.** "Cataratas de la selva tropical": 3 de agosto-7 de agosto. Comenzamos puntualmente a las 6pm en el salon. Todos los niños deben estar registrados para asistir.

- **Inscripciones para la Escuela Dominical:** Ya se están recibiendo inscripciones para el próximo año. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos ahora para asegurar su lugar en una clase aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción.

- **Se necesitan catequistas para el año escolar 2026-2027**. Si desean colaborar con la Educación Religiosa o con la Escuela Bíblica de Verano, por favor comuníquense con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. Ofrecemos clases desde septiembre hasta mayo. Se proporcionará capacitación y formación. Por favor, disciernan si esta es su manera de contribuir con la comunidad de la Iglesia.

- **Todos están invitados** todos los Jueves a la Santa Misa a las 6pm. A las 7pm Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y Confesiones.

faith formation

Religious Ed at Holy Cross

Registration for the 2026-27 Religious Education School Year is now open. Click on the QR Code to go to the website:

Adult Religious Education Classes

2026-27 Class – Beginning on September 8th

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Youth Ministry

Attention Volunteers please plan to attend our Confirmation/ Peer Leaders Meeting on Saturday, August 15.

- **3:00 PM** – Adult Volunteer Meeting
- **4:00 PM** – Peer Leader Meeting
- **5:00 PM** – Mass

We encourage our adult volunteers to stay and meet our Peer Leaders before we all attend the **5:00 PM Mass** together to conclude the afternoon. We are so excited for this Confirmation year and all the wonderful things to come. Thank you for your willingness to serve and accompany our candidates on their faith journey! If you have any questions, please contact **Ashlyn Baynocky** at **abaynocky@holycrossdover.org**.

Registration for Confirmation Preparation 2027: May be found on the church website under Confirmation 2027.

Religious Education at ICC

Vacation Bible School is in the works. "Rainforest Falls": August 3-August 7.

We start promptly at 6pm in the hall. All children must be registered to attend.

Let us know if you are interested in helping out. Wish list for VBS is listed on the website as well as copies at the back of church. Thank you. Every little bit helps:)

SRE: Registrations are being taken now for next year. Please get your children registered now to save their place in a class here at Immaculate Conception. $50 per child, but if you are unable to pay at this time let us know. Do not let your child's religious formation lapse do to finances.

Catechists, assistants, and aids are needed for the 2026-2027 school year. Kindergarten, Grade 5, OCIA, Confirmation Prep and assistants for several grades. We have classes from September - May. Training and formation provided. Please decern whether this is your way of giving back to the Church community. Any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org

Immaculate Conception:
Religious Education- In need of persons with a desire to broaden your faith while teaching others the Catholic faith. Call Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 to inquire. Kindergarten and 5th grade, and sacramental prep Catechist needed.

Dear Parishioners,

One of my favorite traditions each summer is making a summer bucket list. It isn't filled with extravagant vacations or once-in-a-lifetime adventures. Instead, it's a list of simple things that bring me joy, activities that are often pushed aside during the busy pace of the school year. While summer at school is far from quiet in terms of the work that needs to be done, the buildings themselves become eerily still. Without the laughter in the hallways and the excitement of students filling our classrooms, the days somehow feel just a little slower. I have come to see that slower pace as a gift from God, a chance to pause, recharge, and intentionally invest in the people and moments that matter most.

My bucket list is full of life's simple pleasures. I love spending an afternoon wandering through main street stores, taking our sweet dog, Rudder, on extra-long walks, or stopping for coffee at one of our favorite local spots. One of my greatest joys is getting lost in a good book while sitting on the beach, where the sound of the waves provides the perfect soundtrack for a summer afternoon.

Family is always at the heart of my summer. I have two younger sisters, and some of my favorite memories are made baking together in the kitchen or gathering at my parents' house for long dinners that somehow last well into the evening. Those moments of laughter, conversation, and simply being together remind me how blessed I am.

As much as I enjoy checking things off my bucket list, I've realized that its true purpose isn't to stay busy, it's to be present. Summer gives me the opportunity to renew my spirit, strengthen my relationships with my husband, family, and friends, and take care of myself in ways that aren't always possible during the school year. By embracing this season of rest, I return with a renewed sense of purpose, a grateful heart, and excitement for welcoming our students and families back for another wonderful school year.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells His disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Even our Lord recognized the importance of stepping away from life's demands to be renewed. As summer continues, I encourage you to create your own bucket list. It doesn't have to be elaborate. Fill it with the little things that bring you joy, draw you closer to the people you love, and remind you of God's many blessings.

Sometimes the simplest moments become the ones we treasure most. As we enter into the month of August, I am excited to soon share all of our back to school events, professional development ideas, new faculty and staff members, and our vision for this next school year but before we dive into all of that I want to again encourage everyone to be present in these last few summer moments.

God Bless,

Mrs. O'Mara

Queridos Feligreses,

Dios está vivo. Dios es providente y providencial. Nuestro Padre en la fe, Abraham, nos enseña a decir: "Dios proveerá". Dios sacia nuestra sed y hambre dice el profeta Isaías. Sólo Dios da el verdadero alimento ¿Por qué gastar el dinero en lo que no es pan y el salario, en lo que no alimenta? El evangelio de San Juan dice: Jesús les respondió: Les aseguro que ustedes me buscan, no porque vieron signos, sino porque han comido pan hasta saciarse. Trabajen, no por el alimento perecedero, sino por el que permanece hasta la Vida eterna, el que les dará el Hijo del hombre; porque es él a quien Dios, el Padre, marcó con su sello. Ellos le preguntaron: ¿Qué debemos hacer para realizar las obras de Dios? Jesús les respondió: La obra de Dios es que ustedes crean en aquel que él ha enviado. Y volvieron a preguntarle: ¿Qué signos haces para que veamos y creamos en ti? ¿Qué obras realizas? Nuestros padres comieron el maná en el desierto, como dice la Escritura: Les dio de comer el pan bajado del cielo. Jesús respondió: *Les aseguro que no es Moisés el que les dio el pan del cielo; fue mi Padre quien les dio el verdadero pan del cielo*; porque el pan de Dios es el que desciende del cielo y da Vida al mundo. Ellos le dijeron: *Señor, danos siempre de ese pan*. Jesús les respondió: Yo soy el pan de Vida. El que viene a mí jamás tendrá hambre; el que cree en mí jamás tendrá sed. Pero ya les he dicho: ustedes me han visto y sin embargo no creen. Todo lo que me da el Padre viene a mí, y al que venga a mí yo no lo rechazaré, porque he bajado del cielo, no para hacer mi voluntad, sino la del que me envió. La voluntad del que me ha enviado es que yo no pierda nada de lo que él me dio, sino que lo resucite en el último día. Esta es la voluntad de mi Padre: que el que ve al Hijo y cree en él, tenga Vida eterna y que yo lo resucite en el último día. Dios es el alimento verdadero para nuestras almas. Cualquier otro supuesto alimento para nuestras almas, es un engaño total, es un alimento perecedero.

El salmo dice que Dios es generoso y concede satisfacción a todos. En la parábola del hijo pródigo, el Padre le dice a su hijo mayor: "hijo, todo lo mío es tuyo". ¿estás enfermo? Dios es compasivo. ¿tienes necesidades espirituales? Busca el perdón de Dios, el Señor es Misericordioso. ¿tienes necesidades materiales? Invoca con fe a tu creador, las manos de Dios son generosas. Si entregas tu vida a Dios experimentaras la bondad de Dios. Sólo en Dios hay una transformación integral. Sólo en Dios hay una conversión verdadera, un cambio auténtico y genuino.

El apóstol San Pablo le predica a la comunidad de Roma, y hoy le hace una pregunta dirigida directamente a la fe de cada uno de ellos ¿Quién nos separará del amor de Dios? ¿La tribulación? ¿La angustia? ¿La persecución? ¿El hambre? ¿La desnudez? ¿El peligro? ¿La espada? EN TODO VENCEMOS POR AQUEL QUE NOS AMÓ. Si seguros estamos que ni la muerte, ni la vida, ni lo presente, ni lo futuro, ni la altura, ni la profundidad, ni otra criatura alguna nos podrá separar del amor de Dios, manifestado en Cristo Jesús. El amor de Dios es un sello indeleble en el alma de cada ser humano, precisamente porque el hombre y la mujer, fueron creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios. El amor de Dios es más grande que el amor de un novio hacia una novia; el amor de Dios es mucho más que el amor de un esposo hacia su esposa. Por eso el apóstol San Pablo anuncia la generosidad de Dios y desea que todos acepten el evangelio, y se conviertan para Cristo, porque Cristo murió en la cruz por amor a los hombres, por eso es necesario convertirse y creer en la buena noticia del evangelio. ¿nos podrá separar el hambre del amor de Dios? La Palabra de Dios dice: "no sólo de pan vive el hombre sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios".

Cinco mil hombres con hambre, sin contar a las mujeres y a los niños, y Jesucristo sólo tenía en sus manos, cinco panes y dos pescados, y mirando al cielo, de donde nos viene la bendición a todos, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se los dio a sus discípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente. Todos comieron hasta saciarse, todos se llenaron y sobraron doce canastos. Dichoso el hombre que confía en el Señor y pone sólo en Él su confianza.

Sinceramente,

Padre Padilla