

PASTOR'S COLUMN—AUGUST 17, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

In the early years of our country, families used to spend the majority of their time hunting for food and then preparing the food. There was no refrigeration so keeping food from spoiling was a big concern. The thing about earthly food is that God has created us to eat several times a day. Hunting and cooking several times a day can take up a lot of time.

Jesus feeding thousands of people is a social miracle as His disciples share the bread and fishes with so many. But as it was with our early settlers, so it was in the time of Jesus; food is a time-consuming endeavor.

Jesus' miracle is timely for the crowd but they probably wondered where their next meal or meals would come from after the miracle. This is an important question but Jesus clarifies that "man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God". Jesus is the bread from heaven that reminds us that earthly food comes and goes but Jesus' nourishing love is eternally digesting in our depths. Our weekly Communion with Christ at Eucharist helps to deepen our awareness that God's saving love is always with us in Christ and no matter what our earthly food circumstances may present, the eternal nutrition within us through the Holy Spirit constantly fills us like no earthly food can.

In God's Nourishing Love,

Fr. Terry