

## **Sunday Readings Reflections of 8/16/15**

### **Reading 1 Proverbs 9:1-6**

How does God attract people to seek divine wisdom? In this reading, the wisdom of God is pictured as a welcoming woman who invites people to "Come, eat of my food." Those who accept her invitation will grow in their understanding of God's ways. Once they have shared her feast, they will no longer be misled by foolishness.

The wise of any age are those who live by the word of God and attract others to do likewise.

### **Reading 2 Ephesians 5:15-20**

In this reading, Paul shows that he has eaten of Wisdom's food. He strongly advises his fellow Christians not to waste their opportunities to live well. They are to act thoughtfully and avoid ignorant behavior, including drunkenness and wickedness of every kind.

To strengthen their decision to live wisely, Paul encourages them to sing inspired songs and thank God for everything they have received from him. We share this same call to grow in wisdom and in gratitude.

### **Gospel John 6:51-58**

Once again Jesus the Teacher is having a hard time getting through to his listeners. They resist his teaching that he is the living bread from heaven. When they continue to object, Jesus assures them that his flesh is real food and his blood is real drink. If they do not "feed on" him, they will have no life in them.

We are blessed because we can share the Living Bread at every Eucharist. As we satisfy our spiritual hunger, we remember those who hunger for food, shelter, friendship, or faith. We consider how we can respond to the hungers of the world.

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