

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

- Vacation
  - Folks turning 80 – family vacation
  - What happened was a spontaneous dinners
    - Joe – burgers
    - Steak tips from our freezer
    - Folks did a seafood pasta thing
    - Out to dinner once
  - Dinner was food – plus family – Dinner plus love
  - Dinner as just food is OK – Dinner with love of family truly satisfying
- Jesus hears of the death of John the Baptist and tries to get away
  - The crowd follows
  - Gospel is a defining picture of Jesus and is relationship with humanity
    - He wanted to get away, but the crowds follow
    - So he teaches them – feeding them as family, with compassion
    - *Then* he feeds them bread
    - “They ate and were satisfied”
      - like a good family meal on vacation
      - food alone is OK, but Jesus fed them as family
      - First, He teaches, He shares, He gives of Himself
      - THEN bread.
  - We are about to share a meal
    - Look around – see our family gathered here
- Isaiah says “All you who are thirsty – come”  
“All you who have no money – come”  
Come and receive grain and eat  
Come without paying, without cost – come and be satisfied”

This becomes a reality at the feeding of the 5000  
It becomes a reality here too

Bread in scripture is always depicted as the basic necessity SUSTENANCE  
Mannah in the desert

Wine in scripture is always depicted as abundance – the CHOICE  
Wedding at Cana

John 10:10 “I have come that you might have abundant life”  
Pressed down – overflowing – abundanza

We have bread – sustenance & We have wine – abundance  
& we have each other **“and they were satisfied”**

Isaiah is fulfilled in the feeding of the 5000  
Isaiah is fulfilled on our altar  
Isaiah is also fulfilled in US – family – eating together, sharing ourselves