

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – B

- Bp. Sean's Installation

Protesters – Helicopters – the Whole wild scene

Homily – BISHOP'S SECTY & MAN IN THE LOBBY

“The homeless scitzo man off his meds who say he is Christ IS CHRIST

Many broken people as a result of this scandal – SEE THEM AS CHRIST

- victims of abuse TREAT THEM AS CHRIST
- laity – angry and alienated, hurt and betrayed
- clergy – ditto

- Today's Readings – Israel Grumbling in the desert

- Israel – freed from slavery
- Israel – who saw Egypt's army drowned
- Israel – who had the glory of Lord present as a cloud
- Israel – who already had grumbled and had water from a rock
- Israel grumbling again → and God is faithful, feeding them manna and quail

NOTE: In the desert – God teaches Israel to trust Him

In the desert – God teaches Israel to have faith in Him

In the desert – they get manna – for 1 day → trust and obedience

Our Church is in the desert – what do you think God wants to teach us? (BOTH Clergy & Laity)
CHURCH

Watch this:

In midst of our desert – in today's Gospel JESUS SAYS “I am the bread of life”

Jesus is new manna

“Don't seek food that perishes, seek ME”

In midst of our desert – Ephesians says “put off your old self”

“be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self”

BE A NEW CREATION

- but that only happens if fed by Christ

IT DOESN'T COME NATURALLY

We pray “Give us this day our *daily* bread” like manna – 18 mos. desert (Israel 40 years)

We want it to be over, but GODS TIME

If we really are in the desert, we need the new manna – the true bread of life – we need Jesus.

- If you don't SIT DOWN, PUT FOOD IN, CHEW IT, SWALLOW – you won't be filled
- If you don't PULL UP TO THE PUMP, TAKE OFF THE GAS CAP, PUMP THE GAS – your car will stop
- Same with God – We need to STOP, OPEN OUR MINDS, HEARTS AND WILL TO GOD
 - Power of Prayer is real and we need to Pray
 - We need to trust – that God will be as faithful to us as He was to Israel
 - Jesus is offering HIMSELF – pure and simple.
 - It's up to us to take him at his word, and be fed.