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fr Peter brings out the rich symbolic meaning of the feeding of the five thousand.

Matthew today tells us of Jesus feeding of the five thousand men. After hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus has withdrawn to a lonely place where he could be away from the crowds. Yet the crowds find Jesus, and Jesus, always compassionate, heals their sick.

As evening approaches, the disciples want to send the crowds away to buy food. Jesus however feeds the crowd with the five loaves and two fish that the disciples have with them. A miracle. Dried fish, I am assured, is the ancient Galilean equivalent of cheese or ham, what you usually nibble in your lunchtime sandwich.

Those who scoff at miracles might try to suggest that Jesus persuaded everyone, by his charismatic example, to belatedly share their picnic lunches with each other. Such reductionism and minimalism misses the whole drama of being in the wilderness with no food, just like during the Exodus of old. It also sidelines the rich vocabulary of the story. Matthew has told us that Jesus took the bread and fish, blessed them, broke them and distributed them to these hungry crowds. Taking, blessing, breaking and distributing. Later in the gospel Matthew will tell us that Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the apostles to eat. The same vocabulary, the same actions, perhaps more obvious in the original Greek to the early Christian congregations listening to Matthew’s gospel. The same as we do at Mass today, where the priest, in the name of Jesus, takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and distributes it to the people of the Messiah.

This story of the feeding of the five thousand then is told us as deeply symbolic story, a historic incident that points us forward to the Eucharist, the Mass. Remember also that the Mass is a promise of the feast of the Messiah at the end of time, or heaven. However the story also reminds us of the Exodus far of in the past history of God’s people, when God fed the people in the desert on manna after their escape from slavery in Egypt. Matthew through this story and many others in the gospel shows us that Jesus is the new and greater Moses. Moses had been the leader of God’s people centuries previously, and, traditionally, the person to whom the Law was revealed. Matthew is telling us that Jesus is truly the Messiah, the giver of the new law of love, the Saviour of God’s people, come to inaugurate God’s kingdom.

What a contrast with the decadent meal Matthew has described a few verses earlier. Salome scandalously (implausibly?) dances for the bigwigs at Herod’s court and entraps Herod into executing John the Baptist. A meal served with deceit and obsession with power. In contrast Jesus feeds the sick who he has cured along with their friends and companions showing that he is the Messiah.

Isaiah in our first reading has spoken of a time when God will invite the poor to buy corn without money, and at no cost drink wine and milk. Jesus lives out this prophecy of the rule of the Messiah, as he feeds this crowd of old on five loaves and two fish, as he feeds us on the Eucharistic bread which is his body, on the wine which is his blood, as a promise of our heavenly destiny.

Matthew’s emphasis in telling the story involving five thousand men, while saying nothing of women and children, grates on our modern sensitivities. Surely women and children were present? Possibly Matthew is simply telling us this story in language deliberately echoing the book of Exodus in the Old Testament, where only the men are explicitly numbered. Or perhaps there is more. Matthew may possibly want to suggest that the crowd was principally five thousand able-bodied blokes of fighting age. Blokes who believe that Jesus is the Messiah and right now are preparing to be his victorious army, getting rid of the hated Roman occupiers and their collaborators including Herod. If so, the blokes may have been very disappointed. The kingdom of God that Jesus preaches, is not a kingdom created and protected by military force. Jesus teaches the reign of God, a reign over our hearts and minds, a kingdom of peace, integrity and justice, not a kingdom of war, oppression and famine.

fr. Peter Harries is chaplain to the University College London Hospitals NHS Trust.
Statement Of California Bishops On The Transport Of Displaced Migrant Children And Families To California:

In recent days, the people of our state have witnessed the arrival of hundreds of displaced people, mostly women and children, to various locations in Southern California. The Bishops of California wish to express our solidarity with these immigrant brothers and sisters who are coming to our state and to offer our prayer that God will deliver them to the safe environment they seek.

We also recognize our responsibility as a Church of compassion to come to their aid and help provide them with the practical and pastoral support they so need. These children and families have journeyed to our country, fleeing violence and destitution in Central America.

Sadly, their experience in California has thus far been marked by hostility and near chaos. They are exhausted, afraid and clinging to hope. The gravity of this situation transcends politics; it is truly a humanitarian crisis that calls all of us, Catholics and others of good will, to respond with compassion and with urgent action.

The response of Catholic agencies and other community-based groups has already begun. Catholic Charities, working in collaboration with directly affected dioceses and other service organizations, is mobilizing to help these immigrants in centers of hospitality and assistance. Many individuals have contacted our parishes and social service agencies asking how they can help. This reflects the best of the American spirit.

We are particularly concerned about the safety and security of the thousands of unaccompanied children that have crossed our border, without a parent or guardian and without family ties to the US. They desperately need our help. Federal officials believe that groups of migrants will continue to arrive throughout the summer. The most affected dioceses will be asking parishioners and others for donations of time and money. We ask you to respond to this call. In this critical moment, Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us of what we are called to do.

Federal, state and local government agencies also have a role to play in responding to this heartbreaking situation. We urge Congress to appropriate the resources necessary to care for unaccompanied children. We also urge opposition to the “fast track authority” requested by the Administration that could send children back to the violence they attempted to flee without a proper hearing—and in violation of their rights.

We recognize the passion surrounding this issue. We call on all Californians of good will to express themselves with civility and respect, and to refrain from violence. We ask the Catholic community to join together in solidarity with these children of God, our brothers and sisters, to provide help and give them hope.

Our strength as a nation has always been a matter of the heart. May the heart of Christ guide the people of California to a just and compassionate response for these huddled masses of children gathered at our door.

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~Summer Chorus:
~come listen to several of our 4:30 choir members as they perform with the Summer Chorus, this Friday, 8 August 2014, at 7:30pm at Bing Concert Hall. S20 General, S15 Seniors, $10 Students (SUID) TICKETS.STANFORD.EDU 650-725-2787

---Announcements for August 3, 2014---
YOUNG ADULTS

Jazz Mass in downtown San José:
Sat., Aug. 9th, 4:30pm, Meet at St. Joseph’s Cathedral, 80 South Market Street, San José, CA. Please join other Catholic Young Adults for the Jazz Mass (starts at 4:30pm in St. Joseph Cathedral). After Mass, we will eat at a local restaurant. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page “Young Adult Circle” or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Dinner at Pluto’s:
Tues. Aug. 19th at 7:30pm, 482 University Ave., Palo Alto
The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page “Young Adult Circle” or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page “Young Adult Circle”, or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

GRADS and UNDERGRADS
Volunteer Opportunities

YOUNG ADULTS
St. Anthony Padua’s Dining Room:
The CCAS is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, August 23 from 8:30 - 1pm or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu to discuss and/or have a volunteer position reserved for you. We serve every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan ahead and let Gary know at least by the Wednesday before. Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat.
The Lord invites all who are thirsty, “Come to the water.”

God asks the people to take heed, that they may drink wine and milk, eat well and delight in the rich fare of the everlasting covenant.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Huge crowds followed Jesus. He felt compassion for them and healed the sick. He saw that they were hungry and, rather than send them away empty, he gave them bread and fish in abundance.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them food in due season.

Lord, you save those that love you and destroy the wicked.

Nothing, not even death, can separate the faithful from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Sanctus  Mass From Age to Age  de Silva

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

Amen  Mass From Age To Age  DeSilva

Lamb of God  Mass From Age To Age  DeSilva

Communion  Bread for the World  Farrell

Communion  God Bless To Us Our Bread  John Bell

Recessional  I Will Not Die  Tom Conry

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Goretti Night - August 8 - Healed by Virtue:

We are so excited to have Hannah Botham as our August speaker! She will be telling us her story of how she was living an impure life, what made her realize she was going down the wrong path, how she discovered the Church and the sacraments, and turned her life towards God, chastity, and purity. Through chastity she and her boyfriend (now husband) were able to learn to love each other. Please join us to hear this inspiring story!

Schedule:  
6:30pm Mass  
7:30pm Dinner  
8:00pm Talk by Hannah Botham

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Palo Alto
RSVP: https://www.facebook.com/events/735151119884291/

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Spiritual Care Service Volunteer:  
Want rewarding volunteer opportunity? Becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteer at Stanford Hospital may be the right opportunity for you, if you’re...

* a compassionate listener  
* sensitive to the needs of others  
* a selfless giver (hopefully two hours of your time each week)  
* empathetic and encouraging  
* open-minded  
* well grounded within your own faith practice  
* teachable

The next training will be Saturday, October 18, 2014, 9am to 5pm. For more information and to get a volunteer application, call (650) 723-5101 or email: spiritualcare@stanfordmed.org

Check out “spiritual care” at www.stanfordhospital.org

Interviews are being conducted between now and October 3, 2014.