

**ST ANTHONY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

August 2, 2026

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel presents one of the most beloved miracles of Jesus: the feeding of the five thousand. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples saw only scarcity—five loaves and two fish. Jesus, however, saw an opportunity for God's abundant love to be revealed. He took the little they offered, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the people. Not only was everyone fed, but there were twelve baskets left over.

This miracle reminds us that God can accomplish extraordinary things through our small acts of faith and generosity. When we place our time, talents, resources, and even our limitations into the hands of Christ, He multiplies them beyond what we could ever imagine.

As a parish family, may we never be afraid to offer what we have to the Lord. He continues to feed us with His Word and the Eucharist, strengthening us to become instruments of His compassion for those who hunger—not only for bread, but also for hope, love, and peace.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones, and may Saint Anthony inspire us to trust in God's abundant providence and to share generously with one another.

Fr. Rolando