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- Bernard Kellet

Entrance antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: 2Kings 4: 42-44

Psalm 144: Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

“[L]ove is... the badge of the Christian, as Jesus told us: ‘By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ It’s a contradiction to think of Christians who hate.... And the devil always seeks this: to make us hate, because he’s always a troublemaker; he doesn’t know love; God is love!

We are all called to witness and proclaim the message that ‘God is love,’ that God isn’t far and insensitive to our human affairs. He is close to us, always beside us, walking with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our struggles. He loves us very much and for that reason he became man, he came into the world not to condemn it, but so the world would be saved through Jesus.” Pope Francis.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B, 2023 Weekly Reflection:

Disposal of Blessed Objects (i:2) The proper disposal of votive candles and other devotionals, if they have been blessed, is to burn or to bury them,

most preferably the former in the case of candles. Letting candles burn down entirely, or, if this presents a hazard should the glass candle holders break, burn them by themselves. If devotionals have not been blessed, such as some of the holy cards and such that come through the mail, those are simply pictures and can be thrown away. If a person feels uncomfortable throwing them away, the items can be burned or buried as well.

Liturgical items that are obviously damaged or worn beyond their ability to function and are burnable, should be burned. If possible, the ashes should then be collected and buried on church grounds or in a Catholic cemetery. If the items cannot be burned, they should be disassembled or destroyed in a way that prevents any profane re-use and then buried on church grounds or in a Catholic cemetery—not disposed of in a landfill. If the item is metal that could be melted down for re-use it must first be disassembled or destroyed in a way that prevents any profane re-use in its recognizable form prior to its trip to the smelter.

When attempting to burn textiles a hot fire already burning with its own fuel source is required. It is best to throw any textile items on the already burning fire one-by-one, as some textiles are treated to specifically inhibit burning. Caution is necessary as the fumes given off by the burning textiles as can be somewhat toxic. When attempting to burn hardcover books the covers should be removed and the pages torn from the binding prior to burning as the portions of the pages nearest the binding will most likely not ignite, even if the fire is extremely hot. This would necessitate any