

Fr. Martin's Reflection – September 18, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend begins our Religious Education Program, I want to welcome back all our students, teachers, classroom assistants and hall monitors. I truly hope you will have a wonderful year and may the Holy Spirit be your guide and inspiration. I want to acknowledge and thank our parking lot attendants, thank you for your necessary and important service.

I hope you have received my letter outlining the importance of family participation. When each of us gives a little, helps a little, becomes involved a little, then a whole lot can be achieved. I think of Jesus feeding the multitude:

Mt 14:13-21: As evening approached, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

Many of us feel that we have so little to offer, may that be skills, knowledge, or time, but from this scripture passage, what little we have, combined with everyone else's, can be enough for everyone.

"Bring them here to me," Jesus said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketful of broken pieces that were left over."

I ask you to look at the many ways you can be an active member of our parish family, and no matter what you give will be a great help and make life so much better for all of us. Please fill it out and send it back to the parish office. If you didn't receive a letter, please contact the parish office and they will send one out to you.

May God's grace and blessings be with you and guide you throughout this coming week and the weeks ahead.

Fr. Martin