

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 25TH 2006.

Dearly beloved:

Next Sunday, June 25th, is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Gospel reading for this Sunday is the continuation of the June 11th Sunday's reading. At the June 11th Gospel, our Achen read about how we can seek eternal life and how God can satisfy the spiritual hunger in our hearts.

In today's reading, Jesus is praising His Father in heaven and telling the people that He is sent by His Father. He declared that He is the Bread of Life that came from heaven and whoever comes to Him shall not hunger and those who are believing Him shall never be thirsty and will have everlasting life.

There is no doubt that Jesus satisfies every one who comes to Him. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ through Holy Qurbana, it quenches our hunger and thirst. Therefore, in our everyday life, we have to remember that only Christ and His cross matter, and nothing else. Real life is a relationship with the living God, a relationship of trust, love and obedience. This is what Jesus makes possible for us – a loving relationship with the God Who created us. We need complete surrender and dedication: Live in goodness, humility, sincerity and holiness. Make room for Jesus in your heart and He will make room for you in heaven.

“Lord Jesus Christ, your death brought life and hope to us – Give us the unshakeable hope of everlasting life, the joy of knowing your love, and the faith and obedience in doing the will of our Father in heaven”.

Please read the following Bible verses, in preparation for this Sunday's commemoration.

Bible readings for Sunday, June 25th, 2006.

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Before Holy Qurbana:

Genesis	-	42: 18-25
Jeremiah	-	3: 1-5
Daniel	-	3: 21-23

Holy Qurbana

General Epistles:	Acts	-	13: 26-39
Epistles of St. Paul:	Galatians	-	6: 10-18
Holy Gospel:	St. John	-	6: 35-46

1. Next Thursday, June 29th is the “Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul”.

2. Next Sunday, July 2nd is “Fourth Sunday After Pentecost”.

With prayers,
Thomas Alex