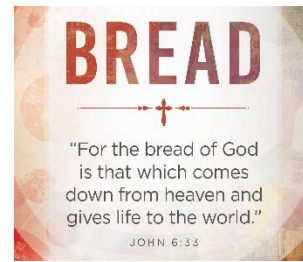


**From the Pastor:**

In May 1943, during a patrol mission, Lt. Louis Zamperini's B24 bomber crashed in the Pacific Ocean. Adrift for the next 47 days, he and two others survived on occasional rainwater and raw fish. The book about his life, *Unbroken*, tells how God provides all that was needed. The readings this week remind us that when Elijah the prophet was ready to give up and die, he was miraculously fed by God. The Jewish people, seemingly lost in the desert, found strength for their journey when they ate the manna that God sent down from heaven. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples and us that He is the Bread of Life. We can be reassured that God will be the strength for our journey when we are helpless and hopeless.



Last week's letter from the Bishop, informing us of the accusations leveled against Fr. Jack Varno, came as a surprise to all - to me, our staff, and our communities. It is a great sorrow for all of us. Fr. Jack has a deep history with us, especially our community of Our Lady of Grace. It is easy to come to our own conclusions when we hear of such things but remember that Jesus says "Let the one without sin cast the first stone," and even our justice system reminds us that we are innocent until proven guilty. We cannot possibly know all the facts at this moment and we need to pray for everyone who has been touched by this. As the Bishop stated: "Fr. Varno maintains his innocence, but has made the decision for the good of the parishes he serves and the good of the Diocese to step down from ministry at this time." So rather than be hopeless, let us pray in confidence for healing of one another and of our Church. Whether in a moment of sorrow or a moment of joy, a moment of loss or a moment of life, we remain one in Christ.

Until next week, be well, do good deeds, and say your prayers.

**Fr. Jerry**

**OUR PRAYER:** Loving God, be present to us and grant us wisdom, so that we, who may feel anxious about change, might trust in Your love and rest in the Changelessness that is You.



**The new mass schedule,** beginning the weekend after Labor Day, on September 11 will look like this:

<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Saturday, 5 pm with Confessions at 4 pm Sunday, 8 am and 11 am
<b>St. Joseph's:</b>	Sunday, 9 am
<b>Our Lady of Grace:</b>	Sunday 10:30 am