

# **LOOKING TO SUNDAY™**

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This email, entitled Looking to Sunday™, focuses on the Gospel Reading for the coming Sunday. It prepares readers to hear God's Word at Mass and it offers a point of reflection to consider in the days leading to Sunday. Looking to Sunday is written by Father Tom Iwanowski.

## **"LIBERALS"**

Liberals are sometimes sarcastically defined as persons who want to do good using other people's money. According to that definition, the Twelve Apostles act like liberals in this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 9:11-15).

The Apostles tell Jesus to dismiss the crowds of people who were listening to his message so they can go and find food and lodging. In response, Jesus tells his Apostles that they themselves should care for the needs of the crowd. They reply "Five loaves and two fish are all we have unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

That response implies that the Apostles could have bought the necessary food. If they were penniless the Apostles would not have spoken about buying anything. They simply would have said we only have some loaves and fish. They seem to rule out what would have required a sacrifice on their part. It would have required them to spend their own money.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In doing so we recall how Jesus, who fed that hungry crowd, feeds us today as we come forward to receive Holy Communion. Such giving by Jesus came at a price. It came through his life of sacrifice and service, and it came through his suffering and death on the cross.

Each time Mass is celebrated we are reminded of the price Jesus paid for our salvation. "This is my body which will be given up for you." This is the cup of my blood...shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven." Remembering that challenges us to reach out to others in need, even if that costs us something, even if that means "we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

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