

# **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.

### **TO WHOM DO YOU GO?**

None of us makes it through life alone. We depend on others for help, encouragement, companionship and support. We also depend on others for wisdom and truth.

Little girls watch their mothers and grandmothers to learn "what mommies do."

Little boys seek out their fathers or uncles to learn the secrets of playing baseball.

Young people turn to their peers to learn how to navigate the choppy seas of high school and college relationships.

New employees carefully listen and watch their coworkers to learn the "common sense" of the workplace.

Newly married couples look to their parents and married friends for advice in coping with problems.

We all seek out wisdom figures as we go through life. We look to parents, siblings, relatives, friends, teachers, priests, politicians, financial advisors, philosophers, lawyers, doctors, and sadly even to the latest celebrity or guru idolized by the media.

In this Sunday's Gospel some of the disciples of Jesus walk away. They find the words of one who miraculously fed them with the loaves and fish too much to accept. How can this Jesus be the living bread come down from heaven? How can he be the one in whom the wisdom of God has become flesh and blood? How can he be the truth and revelation of God? How can he be the source of eternal life?

When Jesus asks his disciples if they too will abandon him, Peter declares, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69)

Peter knew where true wisdom could be found. Do we?