

Funeral Mass for Emil John Volcheck, Jr.

First Reading

Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9

(read by Kathleen Wilsbach)

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them,
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 4: 7-12, 19-21

(read by Emil J. Volcheck III)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us:

He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son

as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

We love because he first loved us.

If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar.

For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

And he has given us this command:

Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6: 30-44

(read by Father Martin Ivanovich)

(Note: version is NIV, not the same as read by Fr. Martin but here for reference)

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 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 his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Prayers of the Faithful (intercessions)
read by Fran Bahn and Ellen Diorio

For the leaders of our world, country, and community, that they may carry out their responsibilities with honesty and integrity.

For all our religious leaders that they may lead people on the path of truth and light.

For tolerance and respect, for an openness to neighbors and strangers, for the broadening of our horizons and an awareness of what is happening in our world.

For the leaders of our government that they may work to remedy the deficiencies of our health care system so that all who need care will receive it.

For those who cared for Emil in his illness and for all who provide assistance and comfort to the sick, that they may be strengthened in their care and compassion.

For the family and friends of Emil who seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

We pray to the Lord....“Lord Hear our Prayer”