

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3.

God offers us food and drink which never fail to satisfy.

### Second Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21.

Jesus provides food in the wilderness; all eat and are filled.



## Points for Reflection

### 1. The Scripture Readings of today's Liturgy give us a picture of abundance in God's providence.

- In the **First Reading**, we see that even those who have no money are welcome at the feast to eat and drink.
- In the **Gospel**, we find that those who came to hear Jesus were hungry, and what appeared at first very little to eat became more than sufficient for all.

2. The prevailing image of divine providence is that it comes *as a result of* or *in combination with* man's devotion to God and his Word, which is of the highest priority. When this priority is chosen first, others will come into place as they should, each one in its proper order.

3. Faith in God and his providence, however, should never mean *an excuse for* or *acceptance of* human passivity. Although we know that God cares for us because we are all his children, we should never sit back and wait for God to provide. God's love for us urges each one of us to be concerned for the spiritual and material needs of our fellow humans, much as the disciples were concerned for the hungry crowds who heard Jesus preach.

When we do this, we do what Jesus asked the disciples to do, and that which usually helps people be more receptive to the Word of God.



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**Kids' Corner**

*Colour the picture below based on today's Gospel reading.*

