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## Homily Notes

-Thanks to Carl Olson for his reflection using Frank Sheed / With that said:  
I am focusing on John 6 (Gospel today) / We read: “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”

-And then we read: “Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them” / Sound familiar: the Mass (We offer the Bread) / After everyone was satisfied / They filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves.

-I will focus on the bread / Jesus offers 5 barley loaves.  
-From The brilliant Frank Sheed: To Know Christ Jesus / He states:

-The word Multiplication is not in the text / The Gospel, Sheed notes, “makes clear that the loaves themselves were not really multiplied: there were five of them at the end as at the beginning / The same gift, but now in 5,000 stomachs and 12 baskets were filled.” I say: Hmmm Jesus’ presence in every Tabernacle!

-Frank Sheed, “Their presence was multiplied / The number of parts of space they occupied at the same time was multiplied / Multi-location of loaves might be more accurate than multiplication / Reminds me of Jesus’ “Real Presence” multi-located by the Consecration to every host found in every Tabernacle.

-Later in John 6 we will see that the physical sign of the bread—itsself a symbol pointing to the Eucharist will lead Jesus to say: “I am the bread of life” (Jn 6:35)

-The multi-location of the bread made the people sit up and pay attention / And once they were paying attention / Jesus begins to unveil and present the amazing teachings we will hear for the next four Sundays.

-Jesus will say: “Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you” (Jn 6:53). How could that be possible?

-Did Jesus really think he could offer himself to countless followers and still remain one and whole? / Wouldn’t that be a sheer contradiction? / That is, as Sheed indicates, food for deep thought.

-I reflect: This multi-Location is how Jesus can be both in Heaven / But allow Himself (His presence) to be with us in every Consecrated Host! / In Every Tabernacle and Monstrance / In every Church to be adored and received INTIMATELY / Praise God!

-What does this mean for us today?

-The Eucharist is always God’s answer to our question / “How shall this be?” / How shall we live up to what we have heard in the Liturgy of the Word today / How shall the Church become vibrant again and fulfill her vocation to be light for the world? / The answer is always the same: Deepen your communion with Christ in His paschal mystery / In The Mass / In The Eucharist!

We are so blessed to have the Eucharist as Christ’s followers (Catholics) / And Adoration /

The Tabernacle / Consecration / Intimacy with Jesus! / The Eucharist is the answer / Only Jesus can satisfy our hunger and thirst / the world's hunger and thirst.

History may recall one day that the most important story of 2024 – the story that gives all other stories their meaning – happened in Indianapolis as 50,000 Catholics gathered to adore Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Jesus is the answer.

Vivat Jesus,  
Father Vic Gournas