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In the gospels, Jesus teaches, preaches, expels demons, cures, heals, raises the dead, and he also feeds. This weekend, we read of his feeding of the 5,000 which is found in every gospel. In Matthew 25, the first of the beatitudes is to feed the hungry. St. Vincent de Paul said that the poor will only forgive us for our gift of bread if it is given with great love. He also said that the poor cannot hear the gospel preached over the grumblings of their empty stomachs.

In the Old Testament, Israel's relationship with God was evaluated by their care for the most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan and the foreigner. At times we have words of instruction, consolation and insight. Other times, our words and actions may be a balm to ease the pain or suffering of others. However, we always have the opportunity to be a generous and hospitable presence to others: to feed the hungry and to care for those in the most need among us.

Live Jesus!

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