

JANUARY 5, 2021
Tuesday After the Epiphany
Mark 6: 34-44

“GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!”

There are things in life that we are happy about or can satisfy our needs. Even things that are simple, small and little in our eyes. In our gospel for today, the goodness of God through Jesus Christ is manifested, felt and personally experienced by those people who followed the Lord. They were happy and satisfied not only of the food they ate but by the presence of Jesus in their lives. Today we hear that “Jesus did the unthinkable. He took the little food they had - only five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his Father in heaven, he blessed and distributed this meager portion to the vast crowd. To the amazement of all, there was more than enough food for everyone present. And they ate until there were satisfied of their hunger. The twelve disciples took up what was left over - twelve baskets full of fish and loaves - so that nothing would be wasted.”¹

This Season of Christmas, our gospel is reminding us of the generosity, concern and love of God for us. The birth of Jesus brought us happiness and joy, hope and peace – the things we need in our lives. Christmas is nothing else, but God is good all the time! Truly, only in God that we can be satisfied. “The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. In the multiplication of the loaves and fishes we see a sign and a symbol of what God always does. When God gives - he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others as well, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.”

So, my dear brothers and sisters, do we trust in God's provision for our lives and do we freely share what we have with others, especially those who lack what they need? If God is good all the time, we must also be good to our brothers and sisters everyday.

¹ www.dailyscripture.net