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Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

The escalation of sin in the world grieves God's heart because He saw "how no desire that [man's] heart conceive[s] was ever anything but evil." There is hope because "Noah found favor with the Lord." Noah obeys God and follows God's saving plan.

The disciples join Jesus in the boat and forgot "to bring bread." Their minds are on eating while Jesus wants to feed them spiritual food. Jesus warns them: "guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." It is rather comical that the disciples "concluded among themselves that it was because they had no bread." Jesus works miracles and they continue to worry about bread! He asks them, "Are your hearts hardened?" Jesus' heart is grieved like the Father's heart in the first reading. The leftovers for both the Jews (twelve "wicker baskets full of fragments") and Gentiles (seven "full baskets of fragments") signifies the continuing mission to feed, and thus save, everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. We are not different – "I need to eat. I am hungry. Tomorrow we begin Lent and have to fast and abstain from meat!" With this attitude, we forget about the others, including Jesus. Yet, it is Jesus who is giving His life for us and only He can satisfy the hungry heart, nourishing it with love!

God Love You!

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Mosaic of the story of Noah and the ark in the Basilica of San Marco (St. Mark), Venice, Italy