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St. Anthony of Padua

Gospel Homework
Assignment due
July 31, 2011

Gospel Passage

Matt. 14:13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Questions

1. Jesus "looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves and bread and gave them to the disciples (followers)." Does this remind you of anything that happens in the Mass in Church?
2. Jesus "had compassion" on the crowds, meaning he felt sorry for them and wanted to help them. Do you have compassion on others? How do you show this compassion?
3. Jesus did a great miracle here, feeding 5000 men, not to mention women and children (so probably about 20,000 people); he made the five loaves and two fish grow to feed all those people. Is there anything Jesus cannot do? Do you have faith that Jesus can do still great miracles for those who believe in him?

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