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In India one of the Hindu families was starving for food for a few days in Bombay. Once a Nun visited them and found their difficult situation brought a big parcel of rice and gave to the mother of the family. She was surprised to see how the mother divided the rice into two equal portions and went out with one bundle to give it to her Moslem neighbor. When she returned, nun asked her why you had done such a generous deed. The woman replied: My family can manage with half the rice in this bag. My neighbor family has several children and they are also starving.

Yes, my dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, there are so many good people in the world, who understand and share their generous heart to others who is in needy in the society. The best example is, our St. Mary's food pantry and filling the baby bottles and generous activities in our parish church. All our people try to share and to help other people in the society. Many people share their generous help and time and ideas to make parish as a successful ministry.

God always blesses those who share their blessings and talents with loving commitments.

In today's readings also speaks about sharing of the food. In the first reading God did the miracle through Prophet Elisha. He fed 100 people with 20 barley loaves. God works marvels through ordinary people and meets the needs of people through the services provided by the members of the community.

In the gospel Jesus did the miracle by blessing five Barley loaves and two fish for five thousand people. This miracle to be treated as a witness to the people of God and implicit declaration of Jesus divinity. The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He

gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need.

The lesson for every Christian is that no matter how impossible his or her assignments may seem, with divine help they can be done, because, “nothing is impossible with God, everything is possible for God.

The miracle itself becomes a symbol of the Eucharist, the sacrament of unity. The sharing of the broken bread is a sign of a community that is expected to share and provide in abundance for the needs of its members.

As a Christians we need to commit ourselves to share what we have with others, and to work with God in communicating his compassion to all. Our God is caring father, and He wants our co-operation to be part of His caring for all of us, His children.