

August 18, 2019 and August 25, 2019

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

August 18, 2019 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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JER 38:4-6, 8-10; PS 40:2-4,18; HEB 12:1-4; LK 12:49-53

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

August 25, 2019 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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IS 66:18-21; PS 117: 1-2; HEB 12:5-7, 11-13; LK 13:22-30

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 17th – September 1st, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 17th	Sunday Vigil Thanksgiving by Danielle and Johnny Dacula
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 18th	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Kevin and Linda Piper – Anniversary Blessings <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 19th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 20th	Saint Bernard Phil – Birthday Blessings
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 21st	Saint Pius X Carl Balzamo – RIP – by Louise Balzamo
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 22nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Florence Gadwah - RIP – by Janet Prasad
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 23rd	Saint Rose of Lima John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 24th	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 25th	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i> Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Monday	Aug. 26th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 27th	Saint Monica Thanksgiving by Bartolome and Emma Laflores
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 28th	Saint Augustine Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 29th	Passion of Saint John the Baptist Elizabeth Hack – RIP – by Barbara
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 30th	Weekday Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 31st	Sunday Vigil Peter and Daniel Renzulli – RIP – by the Kebe family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m.	Sept. 1st	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mario and Michelina Iacovella – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Collection:
August 11, 2019 - **\$2,545.00**
You Lift Me Up (July 28th, August 4th and 11th) – **\$466.00**
(bringing our total to **\$140,797.75** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)
Thank you for your generosity.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

A heartfelt 'THANK YOU' to all the Be My Disciples catechists for their commitment and dedication to our young people.

CATECHISTS	ASSISTANTS	LEVEL
Connie Kuhr		PCL
Noah Walsh		PRE-K
Irah Santos Tirona		KIN
Florence Victoria	Jeffrey Jeyaratnam	1
Jude Victoria	Emma Rodrigues	1
Cecilia Romea Crodua	Devi Mahadeo	2
Elisa Di Fruscia	Kaleb Walsh	2
Mary Rosaria Benedict	Tiffany Mailhot	3
Marie Christine Tugadi	Honey Kaye Boado	3
Betty Machny	Jaclyne Froment	4
Veronica Papa Tugadi	Johanna Eltanal	4
Valda Lemos	Kerwin Andino	5
Vilma Sequeira	Gloria Buenafe	5
Gina English		6
Karla Ilagan Palanca		6
Maria Carneiro		6
Frank Kebe		J.H.

The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September are available. **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** The children who are currently in the Be My Disciples program have taken the new registration form home. Please look for it in their book or backpack. All other parishioners, who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347.

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.