

August 4, 2019 and August 11, 2019

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

August 4, 2019 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ECC 1:2, 2:21-23; PS 90:3-6, 12-13, 17; COL 3: 1-5, 9-11; LK 12:13-21

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff" as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But, Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

August 11, 2019 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WIS 18: 6-9; PS 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; HEB 11: 1-2, 8-19 or HEB 11: 1-2, 8-12; LK 12:32-48 or LK 12: 35-40

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question to ponder.

The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?"

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 3rd – August 18th, 2019

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Aug. 3rd	Weekday Eliseo and Teresita Pepugal – RIP – by Bing and Cristy Pepugal
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 3rd	Sunday Vigil Mr. and Mrs. Gonzales – Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Marie Tugadi
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 4th	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Virgilio Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 6th	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Wilfredo and Winifred Lanzaderas – RIP – by Tommy and Emma
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 7th	Saint Sixtus II and Companions For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 8th	Saint Dominic Letitia Sequeira – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 9th	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Thanksgiving by Mr. and Mrs. Reseirmin and Agnes Sales
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 10th	Sunday Vigil Ramez and Marie Therese Khairy - Anniversary Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 11th	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vincenzo and Rosaria Ottoni – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 12th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 13th	Saints Pontian and Hippolytus Calixto and Domeciana Romea - RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 14th	Saint Maximiano Kolbe Father Erwin Ward – RIP – by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Laberge
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 15th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Leo Tan and family – Special Intentions
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 16th	Saint Stephen of Hungary For Souls in Purgatory – by Tommy and Emma
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>

*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:
July 21, 2019 - **\$2,073.00**
You Lift Me Up – **\$170.00**
(bringing our total to **\$140,331.75** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: August 6

The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15th century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity, and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the transfiguration. (*Living with Christ, August 2019*)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: August 15

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. By the 6th century, the feast celebrated Mary's Dormition, her 'falling asleep,' meaning her death; there are several ancient icons of the Dormition. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650. (*Living with Christ, August 2019*)

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

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.

The **DEADLINE is June 30, 2019.** Registrations after that date will have a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

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.