



St. Benedict Catholic Church

July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Was It Worth It?



We hear many stories about women and men who value things or status over the people in their lives or over genuine fulfillment. Then something happens that throws them back on their heels and they are forced to face the question: Was it worth it? No, say the writers of today's readings. It is

not worth losing yourself or the people you love. In fact, it is not worth risking your own integrity. The Hebrew word for vanity can be translated as "worthless" or "foolish." The characters in the first reading and the Gospel passage were considered foolish because the labors and possessions that wore them down were ultimately worthless. This idea of vanity or foolishness is a prominent theme in the Wisdom tradition. We all know that actions have consequences. It's these consequences that reveal what is good for us and what is not, what is worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this; we have learned the truth of it from our own experience. There is one more aspect that must be considered in making wise decisions. Which consequences are worth the effort we put into achieving them? Are we looking for short-term enjoyment or do we seek long-term satisfaction? The profit attained by the people in these readings did not last. They couldn't take it with them, so one might ask: Was it worth it?

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For Reflection

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- ☞ *Think about the effort you put into achieving something. Was it worth it?*
- ☞ *If not, what can you do to change this?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: All things are Vanity! Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 + 17

Second Reading: Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Lk 12:13-21

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ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

***IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! ***

MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual *malady* masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good that we do and preach, we are only seeking ourselves and our own affirmation —that is, getting ahead and climbing up.



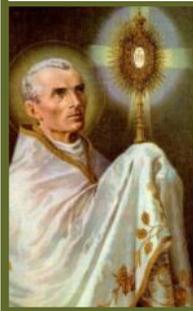
ANGELUS, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Prayer to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
refuge of sinners,
I beg of you by the infinite merits
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
and by the graces
God has granted to you
since your Immaculate Conception,
the grace of never going astray again.
Mother, keep me, a sinner,
constantly bathed in the light of your
Immaculate Heart.
Amen.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK— Feast Day August 2nd SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD

St. Peter Julian Eymard was born February 4, 1811 in France. From young childhood he had a deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist and it became the focus of his life. In 1834 Peter was ordained and served as a diocesan priest, but he felt another call and he sought admission to the Society of Mary, the Marists. After initial reluctance, his diocesan Bishop allowed him to join them in 1839. His zeal and prayerfulness resulted in him being named a Marist Provincial. However, his attraction to the Eucharist became so all-consuming that he felt a third call within his priestly vocation. He founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament in 1857 in



Paris and a year after, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for nuns. St. Peter Julian Eymard composed many sermons, retreats and reflections on the Eucharist which have been collected into nine volumes, packed with spiritual treasures. He died August 1, 1868 at age 57. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII in 1962 and in 1995 he was named "Apostle of the Eucharist" by Saint Pope John Paul II.

" The Eucharist is everything, because from the Eucharist, everything is. "

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

PRAYER

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Pray The Rosary Daily

In 1945 Pope Pius XII extended to the entire Church devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary ...*the safe haven in the midst of the tempest that everywhere assails us.* Through the symbol of Mary's heart we venerate her most pure and perfect love for God and her motherly love for each one of us. In her heart we can find a refuge in the midst of all the difficulties and temptations of life, and we ask her to prepare for us the safe way, the way by which we will soon reach her Son.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, grant them healing, according to Your will. Keep them in Your loving care, and surround them with Your peace. Amen

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Carol Crusat, Ron & Susan Pegelow, Henry Borges, Jim Shrewsbury, Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Finnambursky, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, William Anderson, Linda Adkins, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Buno, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Linda Laskow, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs.
* Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that
You are present
In the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You
above all things,
and I desire
to receive You
into my soul.
Since I cannot
at this moment
receive You
sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You
as if You were
already there and
unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated
from You.
Amen*

*Thank God ...
for the gift of Jesus
in the Eucharist!*

CALENDAR

Monday AUGUST 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 28:1–17 Mt 14:13–21
Tuesday AUGUST 2 Weekday Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22 Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14
Wednesday AUGUST 3 Weekday Jer 31:1–7 Mt 15:21–28
Thursday AUGUST 4 St. John Vianney, Priest Jer 31:31–34 Mt 16:13–23
Friday AUGUST 5 Weekday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7 Mt 16:24–28
Saturday AUGUST 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 2 Pt 1:16–19 Lk 9:28b–36
Sunday AUGUST 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18:6–9 Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures Awe might have hope.”
Romans 15:4



1. What is the name of the **VICE**, or selfish desire, humans have to want more than we need?
2. In material terms, what was the **source** of the rich man's wealth? To Jesus, what **IS** the source of the "riches" (or treasures) we have in our lives?
3. To create space for his wealth, the rich man decides to tear down his small _____ and build a bigger one.
4. Jesus called him a " _____ " and that very night the rich man _____.
5. Think of **two** (2) ways the rich man could've used his wealth to be "rich in what matters to God"?
6. Is it "money" **or** "the love of money" that is **the root of all evil**? Explain your choice.

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1- The Lord's Prayer; -2- friendship, persistence; -3- Ask, Seek, Knock; -4- snake, fish and scorpion, egg; -5- Holy Spirit



**Welcome back, Fr. Gregorio Honorio,
 Diocesan Vicar of Clergy,
 and many thanks for celebrating
 our Masses this weekend.**



The new priest assigned to our parish seldom shakes hands at the sign of peace during Mass. Isn't he supposed to?

You may be surprised to know that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (154) calls for the priest to remain in the sanctuary at the sign of peace to avoid disrupting the assembly's exchange. He has the option of exchanging a sign of peace with the ministers—it's optional because to do so repeats the first greeting of peace he just extended to everyone in the assembly. In the United States, an exception is made for special occasions such as weddings, funerals, or when community leaders are present. In those cases, the GIRM allows the priest to offer the sign of peace to people sitting near the sanctuary. Ironically, many parishioners view the presider's participation less as a distortion of the rite than as a positive indicator of their priest's social skills, as in "Father is such a people person!" Offering—and being offered—an actual sign of Christ's peace during Mass is intended to be poignant, prayerful, and powerful, with a different kind of fanfare than when greeters welcome worshipers before Mass or when the presider shakes hands and socializes immediately after Mass

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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am.

Next open on Friday, August 12, 2022.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their "aloha experience" at the Painted Church.

CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST!

"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible."

-St. Peter Julian Eymard