



Weekly Bulletin

July 31 to August 7, 2010

“Though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

These past few years have been difficult ones financially for a number of people and businesses here and around the world. Businesses have had to cut jobs and many people have had to make significant financial sacrifices. While these hardships and their effects can involve great suffering, hopefully these circumstances can also remind us of what is truly important, our need to keep our eyes fixed on our ultimate goal and the proper role of material possessions in our life.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who decides to use his possessions in a very selfish way. He was blessed with a rich harvest. Instead of focusing on the big picture, which includes eternal life, he focused only on what is on earth. He chose to use his resources to build bigger barns so that he could store more possessions. That in itself was not so much the problem. Being a wise steward of our financial resources and planning for the future is important. There is no sign, however, that he planned to use these possessions for others and there is no sign that he recognized that this abundant harvest was a blessing. Instead, he seems completely focused on himself. He says, “And I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many goods things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’”

This Sunday challenges us to look at our views of our material possessions. Do we recognize them as temporary and as something to be used for the benefit of others? Are we overly attached to the things that we possess or the status that they can bring? These questions are ones that all of us can ask, rich or poor. We can be very rich in this life and be detached from our possessions, willing to give much of our wealth away at a moment’s notice when there is a genuine need. We can also be very poor in this life and be very consumed with wealth, constantly being envious and jealous of those with more money, which betrays our attachment to possessions.

When we pass from this life to the next, it will not matter what type of television we have, whether we have the latest video games, whether we have the nicest house, whether our bank accounts are full of money or whether we have built up our own larger “barns” for our abundance of wealth. In death, the rich and the poor, the homeless and the wealthy, the unemployed and the employed, all approach the Lord without any false security from material possessions. What will accompany us are the deeds that we have done with our time and our possessions on this earth as we approach the judgment seat of our merciful Father. It will be the appeals of those we have helped and the poor and the vulnerable that we have assisted, or, God forbid, their deafening silence, that will matter most.

May we have the grace to use our possessions for others in the weeks and months ahead, thinking of our loved ones and the poor, and keeping our eyes fixed on our heavenly vocation.

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SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM

Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

1st Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7/31
5:00 PM Father Joseph Johnson

Sunday 8/1
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 8/7
8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 8/8
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 7/31(Vigil)
Luke 12: 13-21

Sunday 8/1
Luke 12: 13-21

Monday 8/2
Matthew 14: 13-21

Tuesday 8/3
Matthew 14: 22-36 or
Matthew 15: 1-2, 1014

Wednesday 8/4
Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday 8/5
Matthew 16: 13-23

Friday 8/6
Luke 9: 23b-36

Saturday 8/7(AM)
Matthew 17: 14-20

Saturday Confession 1

Saturday Confession will be at the
Cathedral of Saint Paul from
3:30PM-5:00PM

Lus ceeb toom

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov tooj hauv
peb lub Tsev teev Ntuj lawm, mas
yog nej hu tuaj, tus yuav teb xov
tooj yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob
pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj
Cathedral). Tso nej npe thiab xov
tooj, Txiv Plig mam li hu rov rau
nej.

**St. Vincent de Paul
Pray for us!**

Financial Aid for Catholic Schools

Saint Vincent de Paul received a special grant a couple of years ago for the sole purpose of assisting students from our parish to attend Catholic schools. Several students have benefited from this fund over the past four years. The remaining funds are available to parishioners who would like to enroll their children in Catholic schools and can demonstrate financial need. Assistance for the coming year is available in the amount of \$500 for grade school tuition and \$1,000 for high school tuition. Requests should be submitted in writing to Fr. Johnson by September 1st.

Eucharistic Adoration and First Saturday Mass

A reminder that each Friday evening we have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration from 7-8pm. This is a time to deepen our relationship with the Lord in quiet prayer and to ask God's continued blessings on our parish. Each first Saturday of the month we also have an 8:30am Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are invited to join us next Saturday, August 7th, for this special Mass. When life seems really tough, perhaps it is because we haven't been using the opportunities offered to us to grow spiritually. Make sure not to take a vacation from God this summer!

Papal Prayer Intentions For August

Refugees - That the world may become aware of the plight of the millions of displaced persons and find solutions to their tragic conditions.

Persecuted Christians – That Christians who suffer persecution and discrimination may be granted human rights, equality, and freedom to live their faith.