

4th August 2019 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 3

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*
4:30pm † *Andre Previn*

Sunday, August 4

7:30am † *Connie Mallari*
9:30am † *Librado, Isabel, & Heriberto Valenzuela*
11:00am † *Nicholas Schroedard*
12:30pm † *Pasqual Ramirez*

Monday, August 5

9:00am † *Connie Mallari*

Tuesday, August 6

9:00am † *Diane Jean Shasky & Family*

Wednesday, August 7

9:00am † *Albert Sun*

Thursday, August 8

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

Friday, August 9

9:00am † *Agnes Monahan*

Saturday, August 10

9:00am † *Jeff Adachi*
4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*



SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Reserve Fund** for our Parish. The Account is established to help fund the on-going major maintenance and needs of the Parish. Thank you for your generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

June 22nd - June 28th, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$ 64.00
Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00
Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,860.25
Weekend On-line giving.\$ 320.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

Possessions exercise a big hold over the human heart. But when we are preoccupied with material possessions, could we forget the more important things in life?

Is Jesus suggesting that it is sinful to be rich and successful?

A modest amount of money and material possessions are obviously necessary if we are to live up to our needs and dignity as human beings and children of God. Christ was aware of this, and therefore we can surmise, that the parable is not about what we 'need' to live.

The man in the story was rich to begin with, but still he wasn't satisfied. It is about "greed", pure and simple. Greed is like a fire – the more wood you pile on it, the hungrier it gets. For the greedy person, there is no such thing as enough. So how much is enough? When we have obtained those things which are necessary to live (food, shelter, warmth...) where do we go from there? Do we go on to stockpile more of them, in pursuit of superfluities ...

Greed is certainly dangerous. It is a sickening attitude of mind and heart. It is one of the capital sins which coalesce into cheating, stealing, lying, quarreling, fighting and even war.

While, Christ's parable is directed at the rich man in the sense that it is a sin to be rich when our hearts are cold and insensitive to the sufferings of those not so fortunate as we are; Christ's parable is equally directed at each of us, because anyone can be bitten by the bug of "greed". A poor person could be just as greedy as any wealthy person, maybe even greedier.

It is not how much we possess that does the damage, but our attitude towards what we possess.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is conducted during the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm masses. All school age children are invited to participate. Parents are urged to consider supporting this ministry to help our children to understand the Sunday Mass Readings better at their own level. If you would like your child to participate in the Children's Liturgy on Sundays, please arrive 15 minutes before the mass starts to sign up your child and for the children to stand in line at the front of the church ready to be part of the procession. The sign up material will be supplied to you before the Mass.

To sign up please talk to Sonia Urquilla, the person in charge of the program.

Save the date for the "San Lorenzo Ruiz dinner and dance"

The FPC (Filipino Pastoral Council) of St. John the Evangelist will have their annual dinner and dance to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz. The dinner and dance is scheduled for September 28, 2019 in the school gymnasium. Tickets are on sale now. For further information please contact Lety Tomas at (415) 585-5081.

Thank You

The "Angels of God" Prayer group expresses their heartfelt gratitude to all of you who supported the "Walk for Christ". All of you who gave their time and generous donations thank you! This year the "Walk for Christ" raised \$2,465.00. Thank you again for your support and generosity, see you next year.

ENCOUNTERING OUR LIMITATIONS

The author of Ecclesiastes, who is identified as Qoheleth (or Preacher), draws a disturbing picture about the value of human life and of human effort. *¶All things are vanity¶* suggests that everything that we do is transient, frail, and perhaps meaningless. Qoheleth explores deep questions about life with blunt honesty, and he rejects superficial answers.

Just as in the Psalms, and in Job, he echoes the universal human longing for clarity and truth. Qoheleth's reflections, though dark and hinting at despair, remind us that life remains mysterious and beyond full understanding. Today's responsorial psalm offers a faith response to Qoheleth's struggles.

Despair can cast a veil over our eyes, hiding God's love from us. God does not provide us with all the answers. But God offers meaning, the only real and lasting meaning, to our work and to our lives. When necessary, we can accept and live into life's limitations, rather than seek to defeat them or escape from them. Our frailty and transience can open us into loving relationship with the limitless and the eternal.

What Is the Transfiguration of Our Lord?

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord recalls the revelation of Christ's glory on Mount Tabor in the presence of three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John. Christ was transfigured before their eyes, shining with divine light, and He was joined by Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament Law and the prophets. The Transfiguration occurred in the early months of the year after Jesus revealed to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem and before He made His way to Jerusalem for the events of His Passion during Holy Week.

The Transfiguration falls on the same date every year, August 6, which means that the feast falls on a different day of the week each year. While not a Holy Day of Obligation, we should all try to attend mass on this day.