



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2, 21-23;

Responsorial Psalm: 89:3-4, 5-6. 12-13. 14 and 17.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.

Revised Roman Missal: 965

Gospel Summary

From the crowd, a man called out to Jesus asking for help in a family matter. The man wanted his share of the family inheritance from his brother. Jesus first made it clear that he was not the man's arbitrator and refused to enter the quarrel. But Jesus did use the opportunity to teach the crowd that placing too much emphasis on the acquisition of material wealth would lead to greed and greed would lead to conflicts in families. Jesus continued by making the point that true security did not exist in a surplus of goods when he relayed a parable about a man who had a bumper crop. So huge was the harvest's yield that the man decided to tear down his storage buildings and build new ones to hold all his grain. Once everything was stored, the man would have no worries and could spend his life without care. But God demanded the man's life that night and we are left to wonder what good did all the abundance do the man?

Reflection for Families

How many families do we know about, sadly maybe our own, who have been injured and separated by financial issues. One person expects a portion of an inheritance but doesn't receive it. Maybe some unexpected person benefits from a family member's generosity and leaves a brother, sister, or child feeling neglected or overlooked. As parents we want to make the lives of our children comfortable and so we go about accumulating wealth and materials possessions, but the Gospel today cautions us to beware of placing importance in the wrong places. We have no idea what will happen to our accumulations, but we do know God's promise that if we are prepared at the moment our lives are recalled, we will have wealth beyond measure in heaven.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Make a list of all the "extra" things your family has. Most likely the list will be extensive. What things on this list bring your family security? (Remember there's nothing wrong with taking care of our families and building security!) Now imagine that a great disaster has been predicted for tomorrow and there's a good chance you won't be here the next day. Which of these things are now important? Is there anything you would alter on the list knowing that you only have a couple days left on this earth? When you have finished, ask each person what changes he/she might make in his/her life because of this exercise and then help or support one another in those changes.

Discussion Starters

1. The riches I store up for heaven include . . .
2. I am especially greedy when it comes to . . .
3. The richest person I know in the sight of God is . . . because . . .

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

♦ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you very much for your generosity and support.

♦ **KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR (KOTA)**

All male youth who have received their First Holy Communion and are interested in serving the church are encouraged to join the Knights of the Altar. For those who have the form and are interested in joining, please return the filled-up registration form to the parish office or Andre. Forms are also available at the parish office. Please contact Andre (7169165) for more information.

♦ **PIANO AND SLIDES OPERATORS FOR MASS**

The Liturgical Ministry - Choirs is looking for volunteers to help operate the piano and slides for Sunday Mass. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office and we will organise a training session.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour—*There will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday, 3rd August.*

2-Hour Eucharistic Adoration—The next Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday, 5th August after the daily Mass. Please note the change in Mass time to 5.30pm.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help—The First Saturday of the month on 6th August will be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

INFANT BAPTISM

Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 1	18TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Jer 28, 1-17; Mt 14, 13-21.	5:30PM
Tuesday 2	18TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Jer 30, 1-2. 12-15. 18-22; Mt 14, 22-36 (or 5, 1-2. 10-14).	5:30PM
Wednesday 3	<i>18TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</i> <i>NO HOLY HOUR</i>	Jer 31, 1-7; Mt 15, 21-28	5:30PM
Thursday 4	18TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Jer 31, 31-34; Mt 16, 13-23.	5:30PM
Friday 5	18TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME <i>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</i>	Nah 2, 1. 3; 3. 1-3. 6-7; Mt 16, 24-28.	5:30PM
Saturday 6	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD <i>NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP</i>	Dan 7, 9-10. 13-14 or 2 Pt 1, 16-19; Lk 9, 28-36.	5:30PM
Sunday 7	19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Wis 18, 6-9; Hebr 11, 1-2. 8-19 (or 102. 8-12) Lk 12, 32-48 (or 35-40)	9:00AM 6:00PM