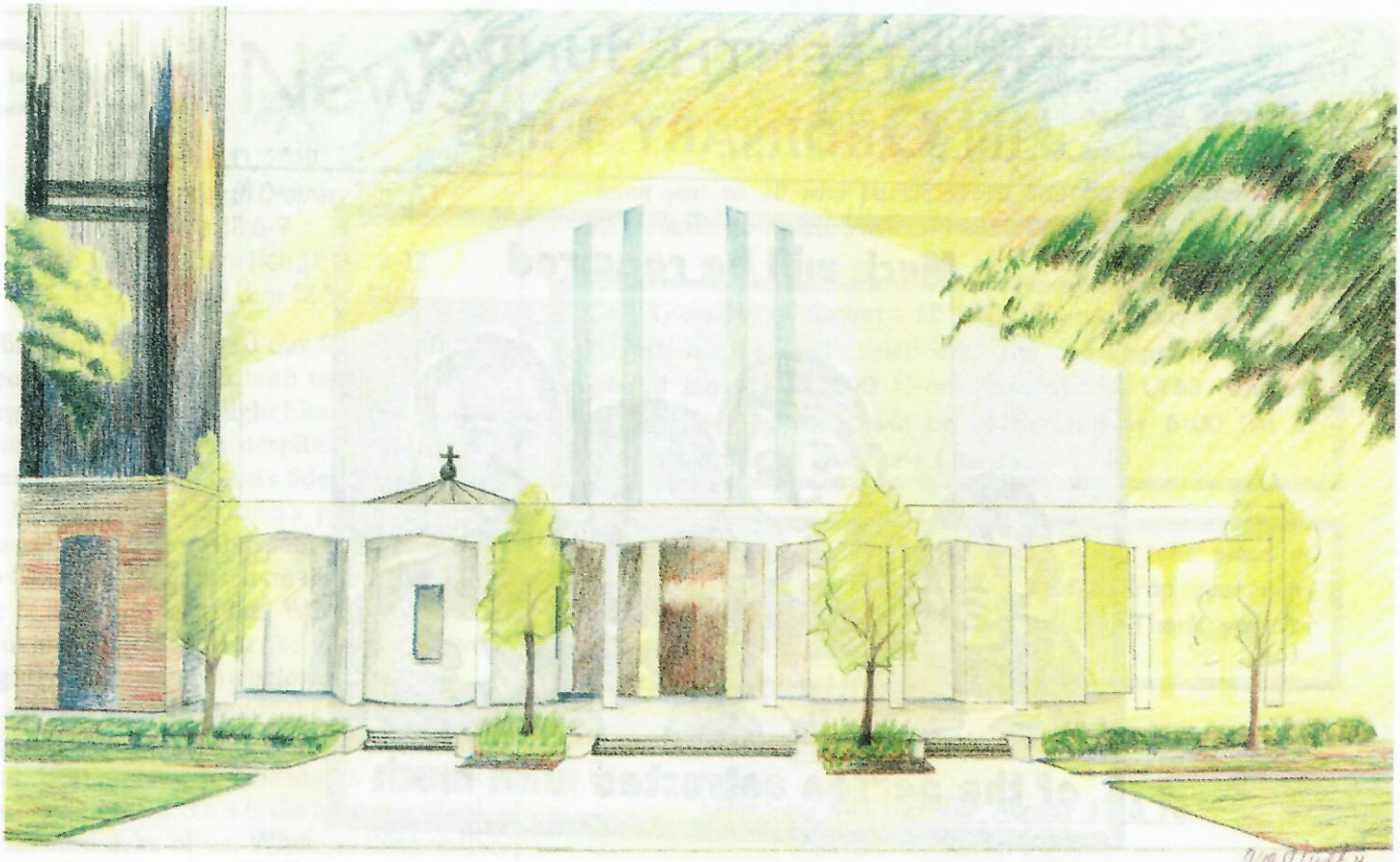

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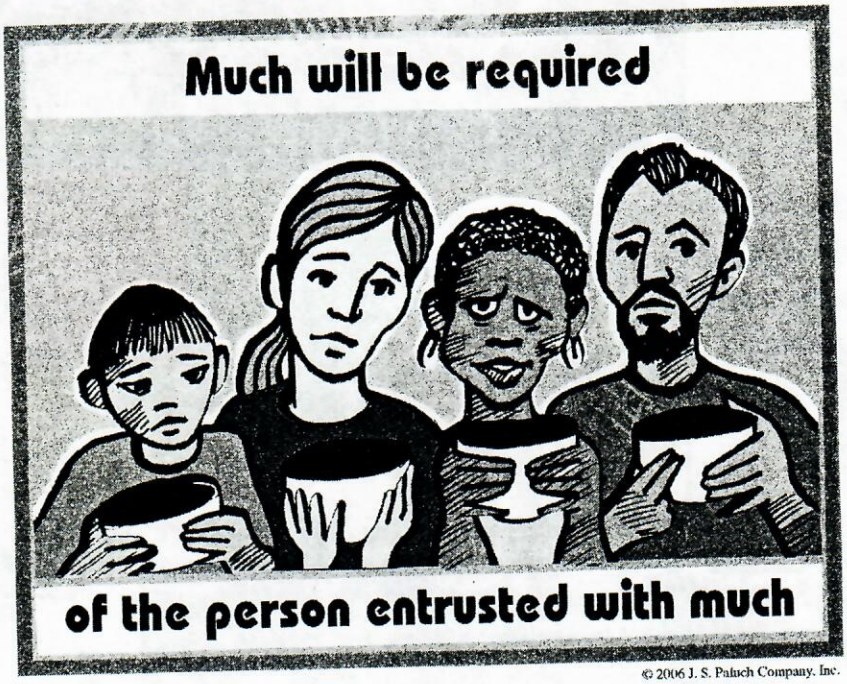

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FAITHFUL AND HOPEFUL

The Letter to the Hebrews binds up beautifully the first two of the great triumvirate of Christian virtues: faith and hope. When what we hope for is realized, faith is born; in faith we have the evidence of what still remains unseen. Hebrews puts before us our ancestors in faith: Abraham and Sarah. It illustrates their lives of faith, their hopes realized so that faith might be born, their faith as witness to all that is yet intangible to us. It is the covenant made and kept in faith, with loving-kindness, that is our inheritance from them. Though they long ago passed over from this life to their life among the stars used to describe their descendants, that covenant lives on, given life anew in the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is to that covenant in Christ that we are each called again in the faith given to us in baptism; it is that covenant that brings forth and seals the vocation God has called us to live in joyful hope until we, too, reach our homeland in heaven with Abraham and Sarah.

FAITHFUL AND PRUDENT STEWARDS

Who doesn't need to fear the return of the master? The faithful and prudent steward, that's who. It is this steward who has taken what the master has given and has treated it—no matter what—as a great gift and treasure. Today we get the first glimmers of the words about the coming of Christ whom we await in joyful hope. These will increasingly characterize the Gospels for the next several months. Jesus gives us images of surrender that are characteristic of faithful disciples: he speaks of loins girt for exodus and lamps lit for the bridegroom's coming. He tells of the master returning to the household, eagerly anticipating what has transpired there in his absence; he forewarns that the master alone knows the time of his return. These teachings could strike fear into the hearts of those listening. Jesus concludes by saying: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). The vocation of the Christian disciple is to realize that whatever has been bestowed on us is "much" in the master's eyes. Disciples' vocations are lived faithfully and prudently, for they do not wait for the master's return in dread; they hope for it in joy.

Today's Readings: Wisdom 18:6–9; Psalm 33:1, 12, 18–22; Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 [1–2, 8–12]; Luke 12:32–48 [35–40]

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Good News!

August 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:32-48 or Lk or 12:35-40

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced faith to an amazing degree. His faith brought him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity.

In Ludovico Carracci's painting, *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, Abraham is looking up to God and not focused on the beloved son he is about to sacrifice. We also need to look up to God in order to value and love rightly the things here below.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all of the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God's will doesn't always make sense right away. We're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

The stormy heavens in the painting's background remind us how the winds of our passions and the pressure of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear his voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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On Thursday, August 15, 2019, A Holy Day of Obligation, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Mary at 12:00 Noon Mass at the UNO Newman Center. Evening Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM at Transfiguration of the Lord Church.

August - Second Harvest Food Drive - will take place on the weekend of the 17th /18th. Please drop your non-perishable items in the boxes provided. Thank you for your continued support.

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Liturgical Minister for August 17 & 18

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Ushers: Joseph Pepin, Matthew Foltz
9AM **Lector:** Kim Winder
EM: Patricia Ventress, Lauri Boutte
Ushers: Galen Smith, Elphage Keys
11AM **Lector:** Amy Schock
EM: Christine Carroll, Josette Frederick
Ushers: Gordon Newman, Hank Carroll

Mass Intentions for August 17 & 18

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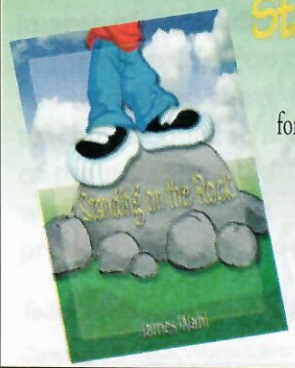

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