

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

768 Ocean Avenue • Jersey City, NJ 07304



AUGUST 4, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9 am

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First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



Reflection By
Rev. Leonard Peterson

The unknown wag first said it, likely hoping to appeal to a wide audience. This is what he said: “Money isn’t everything but it’s way ahead of whatever is in second place.” You can certainly smile at that, and I suppose many of us feel that way at certain times, especially when we face a pile of bills just after learning about the latest “Power Ball” winner.

Today we meet up again with our old friend Qoheleth, whose name means something like “wisdom gatherer.” He wrote about a century and a half before Christ, and he gave us his famous commentary on life: “Vanity of vanities, all things are vanity.” Not very uplifting when you sum up all the good things in your life.

Clearly, that anonymous cynic I just quoted accurately describes the popular wisdom in our culture on the subject of money. But just as clearly does Qoheleth give us another way to look at earthly wealth. St. Paul in his letter joins in with his warning that “greed is idolatry.”

And oh! Does Jesus not run right into one of the most contentious times in family life concerning money: the reading of the deceased member’s will and the whole matter of who gets what. Over the years I have listened to the woes in many families that have split apart over somebody’s will.

As so often happens in the gospels, Jesus weighs in on an issue with one of His inimitable parables that shows Him living up to His acquired title of “the Master.” This story involves a rich man thinking of building bigger storage barns. That notion fits right in with the current decision lots of people make these days to rent a storage unit. I read an article earlier this summer about how to meet this craze in an urban setting minus the acres available for such in the suburbs and rural areas. The solution: build upward! So now we have huge multi-story buildings, with now windows looking like giant boxes going up in Philadelphia and other cities just for storage. The late comedian George Carlin would insist on building these things because people need places to “store their “stuff.” What does God say to the rich man in the story? “You fool!”

So where does all this leave you and me on this summer Sunday? I would guess somewhere in that elusive middle where they tell us “virtue lies.” We know our basic needs. We just have to resist this stubborn desire for more “stuff.” Be grateful for what we already have and cut down on what more we want. Resist the clever sales person whose goal has nothing to do with your spirituality. In all fairness, the seller is not the problem here.

There’s a consequence to our consumer mindset that you might not experience. That is never to think of our death. I’ve been told that some of us avert our eyes when we see a hearse on the street because it jars our reverie. I’ll never forget the imagery of a typical Saturday shopping scene with a Costco in the background as other drivers were forced to stop and let a funeral procession pass with the hearse as the first car in line. Worthy of a photo to accompany this Gospel. We know what the Lord says, but we’d rather not think about it. That hearse you might call a “cautionary Cadillac!”

Remembering that our loving God really does have our best interests at heart. Much like the good parent who just has to say “No!” to his/her child once in a while to make him accommodate to real life. In the Bible, God often has to shock us into reality, as He does here, to announce boldly that “one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Jesus should know this first of all because He said “I am the Life,” and secondly because all He ever owned were the clothes on His back. And Roman soldiers stripped Him of those while He was dying on the cross above them.

So we have to keep on trying for a sense of balance on this matter of how much “stuff” we really need. To stay balanced, may I suggest that we also keep on laughing at ourselves for getting it wrong. For instance, look how funny it is that a dollar can look so big when you take it to church but so small when you take it to the supermarket.

Mass Intentions
People of the Parish



Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Please
P R A Y
 for the sick of our parish and
 those that care for them

Please keep the following parish family members and friends in your prayers:

Francena Thomas, Beverly Chestnut, William Moore, Nathaniel McDougald, Irene Gaynor, Pearl Hardy, John Lott, Connie Moses, Deneen Dorsey, Carol Jones, Julia Hunt-Walker, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Gaines, Alicia Brown, Ellen Stuckey, Shirley Connell, Harold Wilson, James Holloway, Dolores Sanders, Bessie Johnson, Gordon Gladden, Adela Buccilli, Lourdes Ithier, Robert Orange, Aaron Anderson, Theresa Garner, Bennie Fields, Pat Edomy, Valerie Thomas-Floyd, Davey Bogar, Harriet Donald, Wanda Manning, Roberta Brown, Sharon Massey, Michael J.R. Coates, Claude Hunt, Carolyn K. Rice, Verdona Johnson, Aurora Curry, Elissa Hairston, Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Renade Bigbie, Janie Jackson, Aaron Hairston, Verdell Moses-Boyd, Dad Mallard, Diane Weems, Katherine Graham, Eleanor Mixson, Ka-deem Carson, Velma Smith Ingram, Ruth Ann Watkins, Rochelle Brown, Anna Marie Mosley, Miya Enix, Minnie Johnson, Shirley West, Curtis Curry., Jessie Williams.

God of mercy, ease the suffering of those on our prayer list. Comfort them in their various illnesses. Please give them courage, patience and hope. In their times of loneliness assure them of our love and prayers.

Lectors

Date		
Aug 3	Mabel Hawkins	
Aug 4	Adebisi Adetoye	
Aug 10	Ann Warren	
Aug 11	Iris Jones	Sheree Washington
Aug 17	Mabel Hawkins	
Aug 18	Patrice Maina	Yvonne Bailey
Aug. 24	Ann Warren	
Aug 25	Cecelia Faulks	Mae Moses

Eucharistic Ministers

Date		
Aug 3	Ann Warren	
Aug 4	Janise Battle	Shirley West
Aug 10	Mabel Hawkins	
Aug 11	Jeanette Daniels	Eugene Mosley
Aug 17	Ann Warren	
Aug 18	Yolanda Jackson	Cecelia Faulks
Aug 24	Mable Hawkins	
Aug 25	Patrice Maina	Yolanda Jackson

Reflections from Cardinal Tobin:

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more “other-centered” and less “self-centered.”

If you have not yet made a pledge to the *Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal*, there is still time. Please complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, Thank you.



Sunday Collection

	07/21/19	Y-T-D
Collected	2,046	7,609
Needed	<u>2,446</u>	<u>7,340</u>
Difference	(400)	269

Parish Giving

2019 Annual Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$13,596	\$2,500	\$123

We Are Living Stones

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$145,484	\$61,140	\$39,201

Our share after meeting tithing goal of \$12,000.00: \$14,045.00

Sacred Music Ministry

Director: Henry Rawls: Adults
Michelle Adolphus: Children and Youth

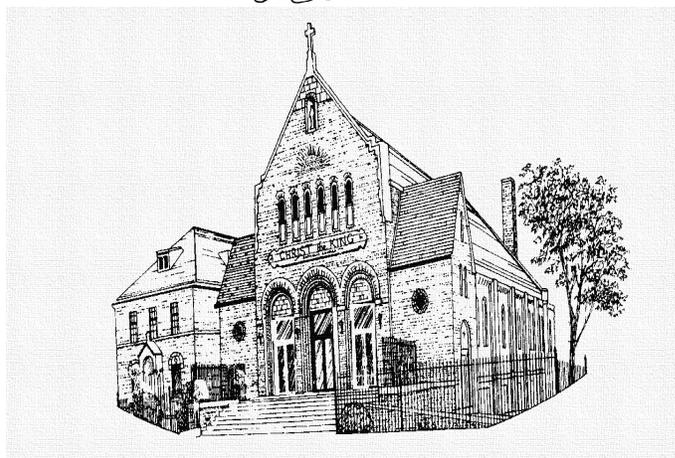
Pastoral Council

Mable Hawkins	Alan Lee
Patrice Maina	Beauty Muswema
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Devon Roland	Charles Simmons
Eleanor Simmons	

Finance Committee

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Yolanda Jackson	

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church



Trustees: **Mrs. Verdena Johnson**
Ms. Christina Wooten

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Membership

Christ the King is a parish that welcomes all. Every member of the parish is expected to be involved in stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and one of the church ministries. Anyone needing offering envelopes should contact the rectory.

Christian Formation

Inquiry classes into Catholic faith RCIA formation for adults seeking full membership in the Catholic Church are held in the rectory. For more information please contact Fr. Mino or Fr. Bob for meeting times.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held seasonally. Parents should contact the pastor to set up an appointment. Parents and godparents are invited to our baptismal preparation program.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage are expected to make arrangements with the pastor one year in advance. All couples are welcome to our marriage preparation program.

Mission Statement of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

It is our mission that all are welcomed, every race, creed, and color.

To reach out to everyone within our community with love, respect, hospitality, and support.

To worship in a manner which is consistent with our African-American Heritage and culture.

To involve ourselves in building up our community, by confronting areas of racial, social and economic injustice.

To embrace our youth, understand their needs, nurture them and ensure that the youth are in integral part of our parish.

Reporting Sexual Abuse Information

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by any member of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate actions to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256

Men's Prayer Group will meet Sundays following Mass.
Weekly Eucharistic Adoration in the Rectory Chapel at 6:30PM Wednesday.
Bible Study meets after Eucharistic Adoration in the Rectory at 7:30 .
Monthly Eucharistic Adoration follows the first Saturday evening Mass.

Lord
Teach
 us
 to pray
 Luke 11:1

News, Events & Other Happenings
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SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

July 15-August 19 11:30-2:00

Ages 5 and up

FOOD, CRAFTS, GAMES

Volunteers needed.

Contact the rectory for more information.

The Youth Ministry is seeking monetary donations for

Youth and Family Resource Fair
 September 6, 2019, 3-6 PM

Back to School

Please join us for informational activities and giveaways. Vendors such as Rising Tide Capital, Women Rising, Community Food Bank and other organizations will be represented. Back to school care packages will be distributed. Contact Patrice Maina or Ann Warren for more info.

SAVE THESE DATES

Mark your calendars for our very busy fall season.

Be sure to invite family and friends!

Sept. 6: Youth and Family Resource Fair

Sept. 14: Children's Day of Prayer

Oct. 13: Women's Day of Prayer

Oct. 26: Marian Devotion, OLS, with Dr. Dianne Traflet

Nov. 10: Men's Day of Prayer

Nov. 17: Cardinal Tobin visits CTK

Nov. 24: Feast of CTK

Dec. 15: Parish Day of Retreat, Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown

Are you going food shopping?
 Fill a few bags for the food pantry!



Bring your needles and let's knit!

We meet in the rectory on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

KARAOKE!
RESUMES IN OCTOBER
2nd Friday of the month



Come join us. Bring someone for food fun, and fellowship!

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FYI: Around the Archdiocese

The Office of Evangelization sends out a list of events every Wednesday. You can join the email list at www.rcan.org/evangelization.