

A Be-attitude Adjustment

By William Clark, OMI

We all want to be happy. The Declaration of Independence affirms the pursuit of happiness as “an inalienable right with which all men are endowed by their creator.” Someone once remarked that the tricky thing about the pursuit of happiness is knowing when you’ve caught up.

What actually makes a person happy? What constitutes happiness? Human beings always want more, and when we have more we want better, and when we have better we want different.

The super-rich want more than one mansion or a bigger boat. The ordinary person wants a nicer house, a newer car. The poor person desperately wants a job and income to provide the necessities of life. The object may vary, but the desire for more or better or different is always there. As long as our desires are not guided by reason enlightened by faith, we can never be truly happy.

We don’t automatically come upon the secrets of our happiness. Over the course of history, various systems aimed at achieving happiness have been proposed. For Gautama Buddha, the only means to happiness lies in the elimination of desire. Early Greek philosophers thought the solution was to seek a balance in one’s longings. But neither the Buddhist mystic nor the Greek philosopher can achieve complete success. The calm achieved by the Buddhist is always subject to disturbance



by recurring desires. The Greek philosopher’s balance is necessarily an arbitrary standard and is always liable to change.

The Christian knows where true happiness lies. The Christian knows it’s found in directing our desires toward God. One Christian expression of where happiness lies can be found in the beatitudes, listed in the Gospel of Matthew. (See 5:3–12.)

Scripture scholars agree that it’s difficult to find an adequate translation for the word that begins each beatitude. It’s usually translated as “blessed,” but a good case can be made for translating it as “made happy.” In any case, the beatitudes

are both expressions of grace and implicit commands leading to happiness.

From a purely natural viewpoint, the beatitudes do not make sense. In faith we ask for the grace to understand. How does being poor in spirit make one happy? How does mourning or being meek make one happy? Who is truly happy when hungry and thirsty, even if it be for righteousness? From a natural viewpoint, purity of heart/chastity is, as the ancient Romans put it, “a virtue greatly to be admired...in others.” Peacemakers are often shot at from both sides. Finally, how does being persecuted make one happy?

Clearly, the beatitudes become a formula for happiness only when viewed with the eyes of faith—eyes that look beyond this world.

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*Generous God, we give you thanks
for all our blessings and
dare to ask for one thing more:
a grateful heart. We pray always
in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 8–13

Monday, St. Dominic:
Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c / Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday, Weekday:
Ez 2:8–3:4 / Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday, St. Lawrence:
2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

Thursday, St. Clare:
Ez 12:1–12 / Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday, Weekday: Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 or
Ez 16:59–63 / Mt 19:3–12

Saturday, Weekday:
Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32 / Mt 19:13–15

Bringing Home
the Word 
August 7, 2022

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Bringing Home the Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
August 7, 2022

Finding Our Treasure in God

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced his faith even when it didn’t seem sensible to do so. His faith allowed him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God’s fidelity. And because of his faith, Abram became Abraham, the Father of nations, the common ancestor of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim peoples.

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 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 doesn’t always make sense right away, and we’re often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

Have you ever been caught in a storm—perhaps a really scary storm with wind howling, rain pounding, skies so dark it looks like night in the middle of the day? This is 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 God’s 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.

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Sunday Readings

Wisdom 18:6–9

The expectation of your people was the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of their foes.

**Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or
Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–12**

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

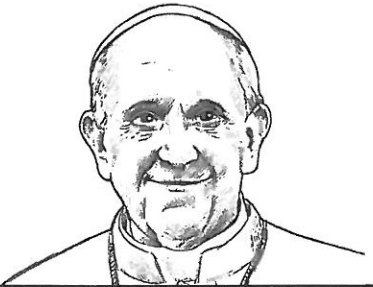
Luke 12:32–48 or Luke 12:35–40

[Jesus said,] “Sell your belongings and give alms For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

A Word from Pope Francis

In dark moments, in sad moments [Jesus] is well aware that our faith is weak—all of us are people of little faith, all of us, myself included, everyone.... [O]ur journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces. But ... He is the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety.

Angelus, August 9, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I thank God every day for all that is good in my life?
- Is there anything more important to me than doing God’s will?



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

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| 19th Sunday Ordinary Time | 20th Sunday Ordinary Time |
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| Mass Aug. 7, 2022 | Mass Aug. 14, 2022 |
| Lector: Greg Hart | Lector: Olivia Grassl-Kniveton |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: |
| Stacy Ferguson | Maria Garcia |
| Greeters & Presentation of Gift | Greeters & Presentation of Gift |
| Danny & Martha Holt | Larry & Jaeniffer Kaiser |
| Altar Servers: | Alter Servers: |
| Isabella & Nadia Holt | Adrian & Emmett Kniveton |

Pope's Prayer intentions:

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia
10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)
12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 6:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

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Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Maria Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.
Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Aug. – Guadalupanas

Sept. – Altar Society

FOOD FUND RAISER

Guadalupanas are taking orders for Tamales.

Ready on the 14th after Mass.
\$20 per dozen, chicken or pork
Clipboard for orders is at the entrance of church.

All funds go to
St. Vincent Projects

CONFESSIONS

Wed. 10th of Aug.

@ St. Vincent Parish
@ 6:30 pm

Connell Food Bank

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- los Martes

Aug. 9th & 23

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / los Miércoles

Aug. 10th & 24th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

Other than Jesus, which of the ancestors of Christian faith has served as the greatest example to you? Why? Which person of the Bible has been a good example to you of how to live?

STEWARDSHIP

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

| July 17, 2022 | July 24, 2022 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10:30 am - \$1382.61 | 10:30 am - \$577.00 |
| 12:00 pm - \$489.00 | 12:00 pm - 419.00 |
| Basin city - \$1471.00 | Basin City - \$730.00 |

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

ANNUAL ONLINE TEST FOR SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The annual test for recertification has been assigned to all volunteers. If you have problems taking the test please contact
Elida Fernandez
509-318-0917

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: Aug. 7, 2022 - Aug. 21, 2022

Monday Aug.8:

Fr. Gus day of Rest

Tues. Aug. 9:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. Aug. 10:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

6:30 pm Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Aug. 11:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Fri. Aug. 12:

8:00 am Prison Ministry

Sat Aug. 13:

1:00 pm Baptism @ Connell

1:00 pm Quinceanera @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Aug. 14: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus in your daily prayers.

Monday Aug. 15: Assumption Virgin Mary

8:00 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Mass @ Connell

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Tues. Aug. 16:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. Aug. 17:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Aug. 18:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Guadalupanas @ Connell

Fri. Aug. 19:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Sat Aug. 20:

12:00 pm Quinceanera @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Aug. 21: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell