

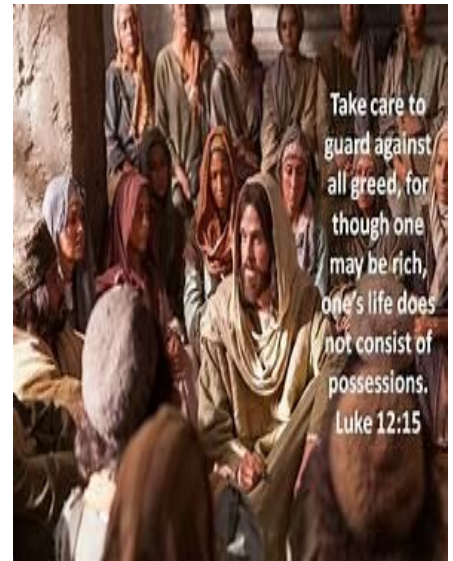
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:21

REFLECTION

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week’s Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news. The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become. Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less? In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more; a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too. – *Father John Muir*

The Poison of Greed



NEWS UPDATE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – “Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.” – *St. Alphonsus Liguori* – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Confession available from 6:00 p.m. in the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – We will be taking applications for Religious Education, OCIA, and Confirmation on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office in the school building. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Verceles at 510-782-4292.

SCHOOL NEWS - Summer Office Hours - Monday - Thursday (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) - Fridays (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) - Monday, June 16 - August 15 - School Resumes Normal Office Hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm) beginning Monday, August 18. First day of school is Wednesday, August 20th (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)

ALTAR SERVERS - Our parish is need of altar servers for the 5 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Boys and girls, must be at least 9 years old, and have received First Holy Communion are welcome to join. If interested, please contact Michael Verceles, OCIA director at 510-782-4292 or e-mail the Altar Server Coordinator Dolores Aslanbaigi @ St.bedevenerable@yahoo.com (please note there is a period after St.)

WORLD WIDEMARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools you need or a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 22-24 in Sonora, September 19-21 in San Juan Bautista, November 14-16 in Danville. Go to <https://wwme.org/> to apply for the Experience that works for you!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgement. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Myra Washington, Niko Washington, Elba Romero, Antonia Carrasco, Silvia de Anda, Severino Dadgus, Seferina Empaynado, Tiburcio Empaynado, and those commended to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY especially, Jose Israel Vallecillo Sanchez, Santos Peinado, Maria Emereuciaua Cuevas, Edward Montgomery, Elba Patricia Peralta, and those commended to our prayers.

PLATE – July 26/27 – Sunday – \$13,412.40 – Thank you and God bless you.



MORE NEWS UPDATE

PRAY FOR PEACE – Please join us on Monday, August 4th after the morning mass in the church to pray for peace by reciting the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Mother and a prayer for peace. All are welcome! Please bring a family member or a friend to help make a difference.

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH – is hosting an Inner Healing and Family Renewal Retreat on August 22-24, 2025. at Holy Spirit Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Come and experience the power of God’s unconditional love!!! Holy Mass – Inspiring Talks, Praise & Worship and Eucharistic Adoration. Guest speaker is Fr. Antony Parankimalil, V.C. – Divine Retreat, Rwanda, UK, India - Testimony by Jessie George & Thomas George - Word of God by Joshua George – All are welcome! Registration is free. Free lunch and snacks provided. For more information, please call Kawitha: 408-818-0782, Eugene: 1(510)925-8910, Junita: 408-636-8574 or Sherrin: 408-480-3816.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Considering being a Host Home for Refugee Youth. Refugee Foster Care is looking for kind-hearted individuals to open their homes and provide a room to youth (18+) in our program. These young adults are ready to take on the challenge of independent living with just a bit of guidance. If you are interested, please contact: Kimberly Lozano @ 408-325-5107 – klozano@ccscc.org – www.CCSCC.org/Refugge-Foster-Care

VOCATIONS – Who has a vocation? All the baptized have a vocation – A Call from God. Your vocation has two aspects: First, you have a call to holiness; to become a saint, to engage the Holy Spirit in a lifelong journey of conversion to Jesus Christ. Second your call is to a particular ‘way of life’ in the Church: as a married person, as an unmarried (single person), as a priest, or a deacon or a member of a religious congregation. If you feel God is calling you to the Priesthood or Religious life, please contact Fr. Murray at mmurray@sichurch.com

NO ONE’S ENEMY – May I be no one’s enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.
-St. Eusebius of Vercelli
