



[Jesus] said to the crowd,
"Take care to guard against
all greed, for though one may
be rich, one's life does not
consist of possessions."

LUKE 12:15

Remember This

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Remember this: Jesus said, "one's life does not consist of possessions." But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you're best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into

bed with you at two in the morning because she's frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one's possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God. ●

Reflect

**What is more important to me than possessions?
Does my life reflect this?**

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) August 3, 2025

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of August 4, 2025**

Mon.	Aug	04	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Aug	05	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Aug	06	5:30 PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Aug	07	5:30 PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Aug	08	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Sun.	Aug	10	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Aug	10	9:30 AM	SA	Margaret Ambler †
Sun.	Aug	10	11:00AM	SB	Kenneth Stallbaumer †

**HAPPY
Birthday**

Lyndi Walz Aug 2nd
Dylan Pandorf Aug 4th

*Happy
Anniversary*

Ministry Schedule

Date: Aug 10	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Sue D. & Pam L.	Dan & Jo T.	Cody & Charli S.
Lector	Pam L.	Dylan P.	Megan A.
Server		Erin F. & Katie P.	Kelsey A. & Tate B.
EMHC	Sue D. & Pam L.	Mike P. & Rod B.	Jim & Kristy O.
Communion to shut ins or Music		Mike P.	Music: Dailey Family

St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church

July 27, 2025

Total Collection:

392.35

Diocesan Appeal

Dollar Goal = \$2550 of \$4014

Donor Goal: 6 of 16

Thrift Store

Open Aug 8th 9AM to 4PM

Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Mass Aug 14th at 5:30 PM

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church

July 27, 2025

Total Collection:

\$727.00

Diocesan Appeal

Donation Goal MET!

Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Mass Aug 14th at 7:00 PM

St. John's

Our Gifts to God & Church

July 27, 2025

Total Collection:

\$399.00

Diocesan Appeal

Donation Goal MET!

Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Aug 15th at 7:00 PM

Quotes for Today

**Saint John Vianney
(1786-1859)**

"If only you could have the happiness of being able to say in the evening that your whole day has been spent for God!"

Have you ever dreamed of visiting the Eternal City on pilgrimage? Your opportunity is just around the corner! Ann and Paul Sucha of AMS Travel are leading a pilgrimage to Rome, Italy in May of 2026 with Father Jonathan Sorensen of St. Patrick's parish and would love to have you come learn more about it! Ann and Paul will be presenting on the tour on Monday, August 4th at 7 pm in the Spiritual Life Center of St. Pat's parish. Come and hear about the chance to enhance your faith while forming great friendships and experiencing the incredible history, art and food of beautiful Italy!!

If you have questions, call Paul Sucha at 308-627-3988.

Dear Padre,

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a "Bible church" with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?



The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in "one mind and in one spirit." It is an act of unity, a real "communion." Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10
St. John Vianney, Priest	Weekday	Transfiguration of the Lord	Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b-15	Nm 12:1-13	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Nm 20:1-13	Dt 4:32-40	Dt 6:4-13	Wis 18:6-9
Mt 14:13-21	Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14	2 Pt 1:16-19	Mt 16:13-23	Mt 16:24-28	Mt 17:14-20	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
		Lk 9:28b-36				Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

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