

JULY 31, 2022
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Material possessions exercise a big hold over the human heart. But when we are preoccupied with material possessions, we forget the more important things in life. Jesus said our main concern should be to “make ourselves rich in the sight of God”.

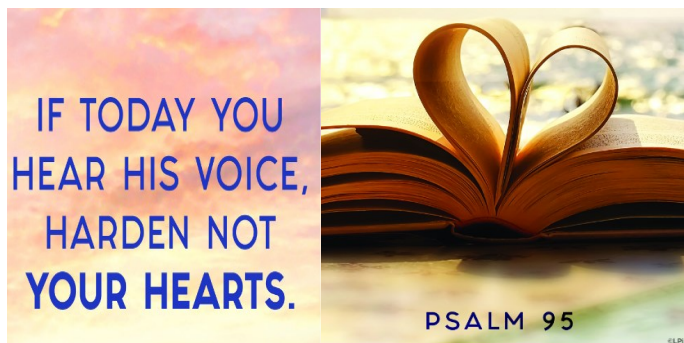
In The First Reading, The writer points out that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings, do not satisfy them.

The Gospel contains a warning against greed. We are urged to make ourselves rich, not in the goods of this world, but in the sight of God.

Jesus tells us about a foolish man who works very hard to amass greater and greater possessions, but dies before he begins to enjoy them. From the very beginning, we see the rich man as misled by the accumulation of wealth. Far from living in God’s favor, he is actually deaf to God’s voice; in fact, the only voice he hears is his own and it is full of self-concern and materialism. Jesus tells us this to remind us that most of our concern and anxieties about our future are not only foolish but, what is worse, they can be a hindrance in relation with God and our neighbors.

A certain amount of money and material possessions are necessary, if we are to live up to our dignity as human beings and children of God. Christ was aware of this. His parable is not then about need. It is about greed pure and simple. The man in the story was rich to begin with, but he still wasn’t satisfied. Greed is like a fire- the more wood, you pile on it, the hungrier it gets. For the greedy person, there is no such thing as enough.

Let us sincerely pray that we are able to use the riches of this world properly, justly and charitably and possess God alone as our greatest treasure and wealth here on earth and in heaven, for all eternity.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL’S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	July 30
5:00 PM	Mass: Richard Howard & David Hebert (RIP)
Sunday	July 31
8:00 AM	Mass: Living and Deceased Parishioners
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass:
Monday	August 1
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	August 3
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Yolanda & Vincent Gabriele (RIP)
Friday	August 5
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Kachanis (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Richard Rotondo (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

St. Paul's 50th Anniversary

Sunday, October 2nd, will be the celebration of The Holy Mass at 10AM with Bishop Tobin presiding over the Eucharist for us! Luncheon will follow at Foster Country Club.

Tickets are available this weekend. \$15 adults, children under 12 FREE! There will be a limited amount of tickets so be sure to get yours early.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, we will be honoring all couples of the parish who are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. Please let the office know if you are observing your 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and Over 50 years wedding anniversary in 2022!

2022 Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to those parishioners who have donated our 3 remaining Main Raffle prizes and to the 40 parishioners who have donated \$25 toward our Gift Card Tree. Your generosity is our blessing!

We are in need of large baskets for our Themed Raffle Basket table; we would appreciate it.

Knights of Columbus Booth FOHD

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 95 will once again have a booth at Foster Old Home Days this weekend. Be sure to stop by and say hello and enjoy some of their delicious cooking. Old Home Day Schedules are available in entrance of the church.

Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Cookies, Crackers and Snacks.**

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory. Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider convenient option: setting up an automatic contribution online.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – July 23/24
\$2,854.00

Thank you for your support!



Gospel of Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he 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."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"' But God said to him 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Activity of the Week

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

Create a "Household Values" statement. Discuss the family's priorities and values. Identify values that are most important to the household and write them down. Are the family members' priorities in line with God's teaching or do they need some adjusting?

Reflect on how you can use your possessions, money and gifts in the service of God and neighbor. What organizations in your community are helping those in need? Get involved with this group!

Plan a family fun time together—a whole day if possible. Go fishing, bowling, or skating; go out for pizza. Let it be a time when family members can forget their other concerns and simply enjoy each other. Talk about what each family member has learned lately or accomplished lately or done lately.



EARLY CHURCH AND THE EUCHARIST

St. Ignatius of Antioch (d.170), who was a disciple of the Apostle John, wrote the following concerning the heretics of those early times: "They have abstained from the Eucharist and prayer, because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ." St. Ephrem (d. 373) said: "But if anyone despise it or reject it or treat it with ignominy, it may be taken as a certainty that he treats with ignominy the Son, who called it and actually made it to be His Body." And St. Justin (d. 165) declared: "We call this food "Eucharist" of which no one should partake who does not believe in the truth of our doctrine, who has not been cleansed by the regeneration and remission of his sins and whose life is not in conformity with the precepts of Jesus Christ, because we do not partake of this as ordinary food and drink, and since in virtue of the word of 4 God, Jesus Christ incarnate takes flesh and blood for our redemption. We know also that this food which in the natural order would become our flesh and blood, being consecrated in prayer which contains His own divine words, is the flesh and blood of the same Jesus made man."

~Committee on Doctrine of USCCB

Eucharistic Revival: The Eucharist is sacrifice and communion.

Why do we take pictures of our food for social media? This episode enters into the mystery of the Eucharist—sacrifice and communion. This is the first themed Unit for Real + True. It is inspired by the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival that launches this summer. Take a listen as Emily and Edmund explain the decisions behind using the story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, imagery from Frank Sheed, and the power of Eucharistic Adoration. Learn more about the power and practice of sitting with Jesus in silence. Take a listen!

<https://learn.eucharisticrevival.org/real-true-eucharistic-revival-1/season:1/videos/eucharistic-revival-the-eucharist-is-sacrifice-and-communion>