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But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Luke 10:41

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us. This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool"—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him. "You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest. Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.

Friday at 10 am.

<u>Lohnes Complex</u> First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, *closed to public*.

<u>Bible Study</u>: Cancelled for summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation: By request.

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

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St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor	
Wed. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor	
Thu. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor	
Fri. 2:00 pm	Intentions of Donor	
(LohnesComplex)	Intentions of Donor	
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Edward Buckle	
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 06		
Don Gallant	Elizabeth Carew	
	John Carroll	
August 07		
Anna House	Calvin Gillis	
	Eileen Moore	
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney		

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from: Norma and Agatha Poole

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Kenneth O'Dell and Bernard Augustine Quilty whose funerals we celebrated this past week. May they rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Kevin Blanchard and Vicki Lynn Randell as they celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday July 30, 2022. May they have many years of wedded happiness.

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Bishop Bart for presiding at our celebration of St Ann. Thank you to the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women's Association and the Benoit's Cove Mi'Kmaq women's association for preparing that liturgy and for adding traditional songs to our mass. Lastly, thank you to Sister Key Rex, Organist and Barbara Hickey and Christine Chadderton, leaders of song.

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI: Saint Alphonsus



Liguori is a Doctor of the Church and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He was born in 1696 in Naples to a well-respected family. He was very intelligent, he studied

both canon and civil law and he became a lawyer at the age of 17. However, he eventually resigned from his career as a lawyer, entered the seminary and was ordained a priest. He was well-known as a preacher and a confessor. He was also a great moral theologian and wrote a famous book entitled "Moral Theology". He died in 1787 and was canonized in 1839. His feast day is celebrated on August 01.

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA: July 31 is the Feast Day of Saint Ignatius Loyola. Saint Ignatius was born in Spain and was wounded as a soldier in the Spanish army in wars against the French. While he was recovering, he read about the lives of the saints and decided to become a soldier of the Catholic faith. He had a very humble lifestyle, which annoyed some people but attracted others. He formed an order called the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. (BTW, did you know that Pope Francis is a Jesuit?)

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY: St. John Vianney (8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859), venerated as Saint John Vianney, was a French Catholic priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as the patron saint of parish priests. He is often referred to as the "Curé d'Ars" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars), internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His feast day is August 4.

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HUMOR:

From an actual newspaper contest where entrants age 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."...

As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. -- Age 7

Give me the strength to change the things I can, the grace to accept the things I cannot, and a great big bag of money. -- Age 13

For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out. -- Age 6

Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher. That is, I used to, until she got an unlisted number. -- Age 15