

JULY 31, 2022 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Pancratius CHURCH

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THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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MASSSES: WEEKDAYS: 6:30 AM,
SATURDAY: 8 AM, 4:30PM
SUNDAY: 6:30, 8, 9:30 (SPANISH), 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 3:30-4:30 PM

DEVOTIONS: MIDDAY PRAYER & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
DAILY AT 12PM VIA LIVESTREAM

ADORATION: MONDAY- FRIDAY 5PM TO 7:15 PM

ROSARY: MONDAY- FRIDAY 6:15 PM



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WEEKLY OFFERING

Month of July 2022

Sunday	Church	School	Family Ministries
July 3 Contributions	\$10,231.00	\$130.00	\$612.00
July 10 Contributions	\$8,367.52	\$95.00	\$55.00
July 17 Contributions	\$8,264.61	\$777.00	\$225.00
July 24 Contributions	\$10,342.29	\$457.00	\$105.00
July 31 Contributions	\$	\$	\$
Faith Direct - July 4	\$8,744.00	\$275.00	\$190.00
Faith Direct - July 15	\$8,846.00	\$222.00	\$94.00
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$54,765.42	\$1,656.00	\$1,281.00

Goals for July	\$60,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
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This past week the windows of the rectory and church were cleaned. Amazing how much more light comes through them now. We plan on having the gutters cleaned and we are working on improving our internet for the rectory, family ministry room, and the church. Our big goal before December will be to install a new phone system for the campus. We are always grateful for your stewardship and support. And we will continue to use the revenue to improve and maintain the campus and to build the community. Let's reach our goal for the month! - Fr. Andrew

DID YOU KNOW?

Underage drinking can cause brain damage

Underage drinking can certainly get your teen into a lot of trouble – loss of driving privileges, fines, and even criminal charges. But underage drinking can also cause significant brain damage. An adolescent's brain does not fully develop until the age of 25. Early alcohol use can affect that development, causing memory problems and potential dependency on alcohol later in life. For more information to share with your teenagers, read the VIRTUS® article, "Underage drinking isn't just illegal, it damages the brain" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

¿SABIA USTED?

El consumo de alcohol por menores puede causar daño cerebral

El consumo de alcohol por menores de edad sin duda puede causar muchos problemas a su hijo adolescente: pérdida de los privilegios de conducir, multas e incluso cargos penales. Pero el consumo de alcohol por menores de edad también puede causar un daño cerebral significativo. El cerebro de un adolescente no se desarrolla por completo hasta los 25 años. El consumo temprano de alcohol puede afectar ese desarrollo, causando problemas de memoria y una posible dependencia del alcohol más adelante en la vida. Para obtener más información para compartir con sus hijos adolescentes, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, "Underage drinking isn't just illegal, it damages the brain" (El consumo de alcohol por menores de edad no solo es ilegal, sino que también daña el cerebro) en: lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.



PRO-LIFE ROSARY



FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AUGUST 2, 2022

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY
AT 6:15 P.M. DURING ADORATION
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Cancer & Serious Illness Group

Join us Monday,
August 8th at 6:30 p.m.

We meet the second Monday of every month. All are welcome (including spouses, care-givers, friends & relatives). We encourage you to bring a poem, scripture reading or anything that brings you comfort. These faith-based meetings are held at the Tanner Residence:
5530 Wagner Ave., Lakewood
Contact Diane if you have any questions: (562) 896 - 2405.

ST. PANCRATIUS

SUMMER PARISH PICNIC



FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH | 6PM - 8PM

Bring a meal for your family, a blanket or lawn chairs to join us for a fun, summer night out!

The Parish will provide the drinks, dessert, music, fun & games!





Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress

Join Archbishop José H. Gomez to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, pray and worship (English and Spanish)

Saturday, August 13th
9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Presentations by:

Bishop Andrew Cozzens
 Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR
 Chris Stefanick
 Noel Diaz
 Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT
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MASS - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - MUSIC

This is a FREE Archdiocesan event, with Lunch available for purchase.

For more information and to register go to lacatholics.org/eucharist or call the Office of Worship at (213) 637-7262.

***Boxed lunches will be available for purchase when registering.**



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Our Faith Formation Team is currently accepting online registration for First Communion and Confirmation students.

Nuestro Equipo de Formación en la Fe está aceptando inscripciones en línea para estudiantes de Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

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For students in 3rd through 12th grade who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact our Family Ministries Director, Teresa, at: stpanre@gmail.com to discuss faith formation options.

Para estudiantes de grados 3 al 12 que no han recibido el Sacramento del Bautismo y/o los Sacramentos de la Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión, comuníquese con nuestra Directora de Ministerios Familiares, Teresa, a: stpanre@gmail.com para analizar las opciones de formación en la fe.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What is vanity? Vanity is having too much pride in our appearance and in our accomplishments. It's not wrong to be grateful if God has blessed you with good-looks and the ability to achieve great success. However, vanity is building our importance on things that in reality are hollow and empty. Our basic importance comes from God, from the moment of our conception. Even when our parents did not yet know that we existed, God knew. In fact, we existed in his mind even before we came to be in our mother's womb.

In the Gospel today, we have a situation that is all too common in families when it comes time to divide the inheritance left to us by our departed parents. Family divisions occur over the fights that result from disagreements over the inheritance, which would make our parents very sad. Every year, on Ash Wednesday, we are given a sobering reminder. The Responsorial Psalm for today, Psalm 90, puts it this way: **"You turn man back to dust, saying, 'Return, O children of men.'"** We may think we will live forever in this world, but that simply is not true.

Jesus offers a strong caution in the Gospels: beware of becoming wealthy! It's not wrong to be rich, but the problem is that the wealthier you become, the less generous you can also become. The Second Reading today says, **"think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."** It also says that greed is idolatry. So, let us not worry about empty things, but instead think often of God's blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John, Associate Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¿Qué es la vanidad? La vanidad es tener demasiado orgullo en nuestra apariencia y en nuestros logros. No está mal estar agradecido si Dios te ha bendecido con buena apariencia y la capacidad de lograr grandes éxitos. Sin embargo, la vanidad es construyendo nuestra importancia sobre cosas que en realidad son huecas y vacías. Nuestra importancia básica proviene de Dios, desde el momento de nuestra concepción. Incluso cuando nuestros papás aún no sabían que existíamos, Dios lo sabía. De hecho, ya existíamos en su mente antes de llegar a existir en el vientre de nuestra madre.

En el Evangelio de hoy, tenemos una situación demasiado común en las familias cuando llega el momento de dividir la herencia que nos dejan nuestros padres difuntos. Las divisiones familiares ocurren por las peleas que resultan de los desacuerdos sobre la herencia, lo que entristecería mucho a nuestros padres. Cada año, el Miércoles de Ceniza, recibimos un recordatorio aleccionador. El Salmo Responsorial de hoy, el Salmo 90, lo dice así: **"Tu que devuelves al polvo a los mortales, y les dices: '¡Váyanse, hijos de Adán!'"** Podemos pensar que viviremos para siempre en este mundo, pero eso simplemente no es cierto.

Jesus ofrece una fuerte advertencia en los Evangelios: ¡cuidado con hacerse rico! No está mal ser rico, pero el problema es que cuanto más rico te vuelves, menos generoso también puedes volverte. La Segunda Lectura de hoy dice: **"preocúpense por las cosas de arriba, no por las de la tierra. Pues han muerto, y su vida está escondida con Cristo en Dios."** También dice que la codicia es idolatría. Entonces, tratemos de no preocuparnos por las cosas vacías, sino que pensemos a menudo en las bendiciones de Dios.

Atentamente en Cristo,

P. Juan, Pastor Asociado



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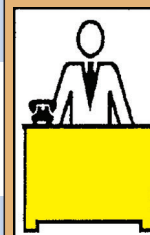


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