

Pastor's Message



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's gospel, Jesus warns us of the danger of greed, which can lead us to misplace our trust. We can look to wealth and riches for security, but Jesus warns that they will not only let us down but also lead us to get our priorities wrong.

In the parable of the rich farmer, Jesus depicts a man who thinks that life is about material riches. Once he has more than enough, he thinks that his life is complete, that he has nothing to worry about. He completely put his trust in wealth. Here Jesus does not say that this man is sinful or wicked. He is simply wrong. His wealth blinds him to what is important in life. He thinks that his life is nothing more than eating, drinking and being comfortable. But his possessions do not secure him. At a time when he does not expect, God calls him from this life. He cannot bring anything with him.

Our question is what makes our life truly successful? Does making a lot of money make our life successful? If so, only billionaires, millionaires and super stars in Hollywood are successful people? Most of us, priests, nuns, ministers and ordinary workers are not successful in our life. Success is not about making money or having many possessions. No, success is not what we have but rather what we do for others, when we use all our talents and gifts to serve others. A doctor is successful not because he makes much money, but because he knows how to heal and help his patients. A lawyer is successful when he uses his talents to defend and protect the helpless and the poor.

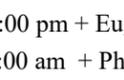
Our life is far richer than the possessions we have. Love, friendship, faith, hope are the gifts of life from the Lord. We all work to live and fulfill the journey of life but making money is not the essence of life. We are truly rich when we put on the life of Jesus, a sacrificial love for others. Jesus is the only security we need. In Him and through Him we can find true riches for our life.

May God bless us all!

— Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Every year there is a Mission Coop Appeal in our parish to support a Catholic organization to carry out the mission of the Church. This year our parish has been assigned by the diocese to support the Divya Vani Social Communications in India. Their goal is to empower women, to provide education for children of single mothers and also to promote social awareness. There is a second collection for this organization. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!
2. There will be no Vigil Mass next Saturday August 06. Our bishop asks to cancel this Mass so that the faithful are able to attend the diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte.
3. We have begun the campaign to revive our church. If you haven't done the survey, please take a moment to complete the survey and hand it to an usher or return to the church office ASAP. Thank you!
4. Our campaign will not be fulfilled without the contribution of everyone in our community. We ask you to personally visit your family members/friends and invite them to come back to the Lord. A Revival Campaign Committee has been formed to welcome them.
5. Beginning this week, as part of our campaign, every week we will email you in advance the Sunday readings, reflections and a little taste of music helping you prepare yourselves for Sunday Mass. Please give us your email address. It is always confidential.
6. The Knights of Columbus will meet this Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00PM in the meeting room. We encourage men in our parish to join this special organization
7. We need altar servers for Sunday Masses. If your children are interested in it, please contact the church office. They will be trained for the job.

Mass  for the Intentions  Week			
07/30	Saturday	5:00 pm	+ Eugene Rosensky
07/31	Sunday	7:00 am	+ Phao Lo Cao
		9:30 am	+ Gary Lang
		12:00 pm	+ Esteban Rojas Piloto
08/01	Monday	No Mass	
08/02	Tuesday	7:00 am	+ Damian Maria Giuse
08/03	Wednesday	7:00 am	+ Isabel Lardizabal
08/04	Thursday	7:00 am	+ Anthony & Pasquale Palluotto
08/05	Friday	7:00 am	+ Lonnie Angel
NEXT WEKEEND			
08/06	Saturday	9:00 am	+ No Mass
		5:00 pm	+ No Mass
08/07	Sunday	7:00 am	+ Lonnie Angel
		9:30 am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Painter
		12:00 pm	+ Pedro & Raul Marroquin
		(+) Deceased	(SI) Special Intention

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in Thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:11).



Revive our Church Now!

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- * To Improve our church's attendance
- *To Grow in our relationship with the Lord
- *To Volunteer to build up the Kingdom of God

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Unity— Charity— Fellowship

Let us pray for our parishioners:



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| Johnny Apodaca | Jorge Lagueruel |
| Melvin Bachman | Linda McKinney |
| Tracy Barber | Felicia Murphy |
| Joseph Carter | Laura Murphy |
| Angel M. Cuellas | Jerome Murphy |
| Marie Forbert | Nancy Nkwokolo |
| Theresa French-R. | Gladys Ozor |
| Amanda Garcia | Paula Rodriguez |
| Mario Garcia | Hector Sanchez |
| Myles Harris | Juan C. Sanchez |
| Maria Hernandez | Maria Selam |
| Aber Johnson | Mariane Smith |
| | Lynn Staub |

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	\$ 3,369.00
Donation:	\$ 125.00
Mass Intensions:	\$ 100.00
Votive Candle:	\$ 58.00

TOTAL: \$ 3,652.00

THANK YOU!!

—FOOD PANTRY—

During the "break" that we are taking with the Food Pantry this Summer it is our Hope and Goal to work on stocking the pantry to get ready for August when we will resume distribution.

Items that we are requesting are as follows:

- Dry Cereal/Oatmeal
- Pasta Noodles
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetables
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Mac & Cheese
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Soup
- Rice
- Pouch instant Potatoes
- Canned Meat
- Canned Pork & Beans

Families also come by the Office at times and request food. Therefore, the pantry is never "closed". Monetary Donations are gladly accepted. God Bless you for your support of our Parish food pantry.

Scripture Readings — Week of Jul 31

- Sunday, July 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
- Monday, Aug. 1 Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori
Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95,102; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday, Aug. 2 Memorial of St. Eusebius
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21,29&22-23; Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday, Aug. 3 Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday, Aug. 4 Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest
Jer 31:31-34; Ps51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday, Aug. 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major in Rome
Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt16:24-28
- Saturday, Aug. 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Sunday, Aug. 7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

—Altar Servers—

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