

August 3, 2025

RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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August 3, 2025 - The 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Sermon from Deacon Pat

This week's Alleluia Acclamation is the key to understanding this Gospel, along with the other readings. Consider:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This sentence is the first of the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and is directed to those among us who recognize the need for God. We are called to be dependent and open to God's grace. It reminds us that the kingdom belongs to those who know they need God more than earthly treasure!

“ It is our wake - up call to examine our priorities. The lesson is that the true value of our lives lies in eternal, not temporary, treasures.”
—Deacon Pat

With this prelude, let's see how today's readings support this theme!

Ecclesiastes, written in the 3rd century before Christ, Qoheleth (in Hebrew a title for perhaps a Preacher, an Assembler or a Collector) concludes that whatever a human being's effort in life ends in futility. This bleak perspective is a starting point to explore deeper

questions about life's meaning. Thankfully, this book's text later points toward finding contentment in God and the simple gifts of life such as enjoying work and relationships.

The verses in Psalm 90 call us to consider our relationship with God and make our lives meaningful to fulfill His purpose. We are all called to ask for God's intervention as Moses did in the passage:

Fill us at daybreak with Your mercy, that all our days we may sing for joy.

Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, asks us to recall our Baptismal transformation and surrender ourselves to Christ by allowing Him to work through us for the betterment of the Kingdom. We should be heartened by the passage:

...since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.

Paul is explicit in that he demands we put to death our *immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and greed that is idolatry*. In other words, our sinful self is external but by God's grace, we allow the

Sermon Continued ➔



Our Pastor, Father George

From Father George:

The new church Tabernacle - The reaction to replacing our church Tabernacle has been very positive and many parishioners *like it*. This gives me confidence that we accept the change and are happy to have the new one in our church. May it serve in our church to preserve the Eucharist and to become a focus point of our prayers.

Did you know? - The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord celebrated on Wednesday, August 6 was celebrated by 5th century East Syrians, inserted into the general liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church in 1457 by Pope Callistus III to celebrate the defeat, announced in Rome on 6 August, of the Turks at Belgrade. (August 6th occurs 40 days before the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, September 14th).

Next Sunday, August 10, 2025, is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family, Father George



Prayer Intention for August 2025 - For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

☛ Sunday Sermon from Deacon Pat continued from previous column

Holy Spirit to internally transform our nature - our new self. Thus, we are able live our baptismal vow to love God and neighbor!

In the Gospel, we learn the *Parable of the Rich Fool* in which Jesus teaches us the importance of prioritizing spiritual richness over material accumulation. The passage echoes the theme from Ecclesiastes of the "vanity of fleeting wealth" and emphasizes the need to seek God's kingdom first. It is our wake-up call to examine our priorities. The lesson is that the true value of our lives lies in eternal, not temporary, treasures. Remember:

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About our speaker: Fr. Fausto Stampiglia PhD, MA, MS, our retired Pastor of St. Martha, serving from 1991-2022, is a Pallottine member of the Society of Catholic Apostolate since 1953. Fr. Fausto is a member of the Pontifical Academy of Liturgy in Rome since 1961. Upon the gracious presentation of our Bishop Dewane, Pope Benedict conferred in 2010 to Fr. Fausto the Papal Medal for Meritorious Service to the Pope and to the Church. Fr. Fausto has been named Theologian to the Bishop from 1987 to 2022 by the Bishop of Venice.

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Events & Announcements



Pray for Safety! Hurricane Season is upon us - The 2025 Atlantic hurricane season has begun in Florida! The season runs from June 1 to November 30. With a history of these storms producing destruction in the region, Bishop Frank J. Dewane reminds us that we must pray for safety: *As the new Atlantic Hurricane Season arrives, let us all ask God for protection and safety and also pray for the people who continue to recover from previous disasters.* - Bishop Frank J. Dewane.

Children Throughout the World Need Our Help! Don't Let Children Go Hungry! - The termination of **Catholic Relief Services' McGovern-Dole Food for Education school feeding programs** has cut off daily meals for more than 900,000 children in 13 countries. Please email your members of Congress, asking them to urge the administration to reverse these terminations and **reinstate Catholic Relief Services' USDA-funded food programs** so that they can continue to provide lifesaving and life-affirming food aid. Visit: support.crs.org/act/mcgovern-dole.

Fifth Annual Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference - October 18 at St. John XXIII in Fort Myers. Engaged couples are welcome! Learn more/register, togetherinholiness.org/venice or contact Jim Gontis, gontis@dioceseofvenice.org / 941.486.4754.

Kids Corner

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Count the objects in each group.

Draw lines to match the groups with the right number.

4



2



1



3



MISSION I will forgive those who hurt me.

Weekly Mass Intentions



Sun, Aug 3 **Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21**

7:30am..... [GS]Oma Handley by the Family
9:00am..... [JR]Bernard Jaje by Bernadette Fauster
10:30am..... [FS]For All Parishioners
12:00pm..... [GS]Kathleen Mislyan by Stephen Mislyan
12:00pm..... [](Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm..... [JR]Gerald J. Boryszewski, Jr. by the Family

Mon, Aug 4 **Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21**

7:30am..... [JV]Richard Blake by Vivian Blake
8:30am..... [JR]Thomas Breedlove by John Schaefer
12:00pm..... [GS]Domingo Tengco by Romulo and Mafalda Tengco

Tue, Aug 5 **Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36**

7:30am..... [JV]Joe Arch by Terry and Lindy Donahue
8:30am..... [GS]Bob Corey by John
12:00pm..... [JV]Barbara Maggio by James Maggio

Wed, Aug 6 **Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36**

7:30am..... [GS]Fr. Patrick Wilson by John Corey
8:30am..... [JR]Larry Corsaro by the Corsaro Family
12:00pm..... [JR]Marc Louis by Sonia

Thu, Aug 7 **Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23**

7:30am..... [JR]Mary Frances McAdam by John and Stephanie Iacopelli
8:30am..... [JV](L) Nick Corsaro by the Corsaro Family
12:00pm..... [FS]Frances Link by the Family

Fri, Aug 8 **Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28**

7:30am..... [GS]Thomas & Marie Kelly & Fams. by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
8:30am..... [FS]Joe Russo by his Wife
12:00pm..... [JR](L) Joshua Duarte by Mom

Sat, Aug 9 **Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20**

7:30am..... [JV]Sarah and Joseph Dormeyer by David and Paula Shigley
8:30am..... [FS](L) Erick Dunn by Rita Dunn
4:00pm..... [JR]John O'Brian by Joann Wojcik
5:30pm..... [GS]Frank Herrera by the Family

Sun, Aug 10 **Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48**

7:30am..... [JR]Edna Koury by Bill Koury
9:00am..... [FS]Robert and Ann Corey by John Corey
10:30am..... [GS]For All Parishioners
12:00pm..... [JR](L) Fiorella Duarte by Adriana
12:00pm..... [JV](Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm..... [GS]L & D Mbrs of the Plouffe Family by Joe and Betty Plouffey

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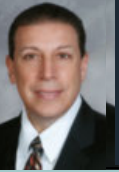
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