

From the Desk of the Pastor

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Possessions exercise a big hold over the human heart. But when we are preoccupied with material possessions, could we forget the more important things in life?

Is Jesus suggesting that it is sinful to be rich and successful?

A modest amount of money and material possessions are obviously necessary if we are to live up to our needs and dignity as human beings and children of God. Christ was aware of this, and therefore we can surmise, that the parable is not about what we 'need' to live.

The man in the story was rich to begin with, but still he wasn't satisfied. It is about "greed", pure and simple.

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. So how much is enough?

When we have obtained those things which are necessary to live (food, shelter, warmth...) where do we go from there?

Do we go on to stockpile more of them, in pursuit of superfluities ...

Greed is certainly dangerous. It is a sickening attitude of mind and heart. It is one of the capital sins which coalesces into cheating, stealing, lying, quarreling, fighting and even war.

While, Christ's parable is directed at the rich man in the sense that it is a sin to be rich when our hearts are cold and insensitive to the sufferings of those not so fortunate as we are;

Christ's parable is equally directed at each of us, because anyone can be bitten by bug of greed.

A poor person can be just as greedy as a wealthy person, maybe even greedier.

It is not how much we possess that does the damage, but our attitude towards what we possess.



DECIMOCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Lo que poseemos ejerce una gran retención al corazón humano.

¿Pero cuando nos preocupamos por las posesiones materiales, podríamos olvidarnos de las cosas más importantes en la vida?

¿Está Jesús sugiriendo que es un pecado ser rico y exitoso?

Una cantidad modesta de posesiones materiales y dinero son obviamente necesarias si estamos a la altura de nuestras necesidades y dignidad como seres humanos e hijos de Dios. Cristo estaba consciente de esto, y por lo tanto podemos suponer, que la parábola no se trata de lo que 'necesitamos' para vivir.

El hombre en la historia estaba rico, pero aún no estaba satisfecho. Se trata de "avaricia", pura y simple. La avaricia es como un fuego – entre más madera le pones a la pila, más quiere.

Para la persona codiciosa, no existe suficiente. Entonces, ¿cuánto es suficiente?

¿Cuando hemos obtenido esas cosas que son necesarias para vivir (comida, refugio, calor...) a dónde vamos desde aquí?

¿Vamos a almacenar más de ello, en búsqueda de superfluidades...

La codicia es ciertamente peligrosa. Es una actitud enfermiza de mente y corazón. Es uno de los pecados capitales que se une al engaño, el robo, la mentira, la pelea, y hasta la guerra.

Mientras, que la parábola de Cristo se dirige al hombre rico en el sentido de que es un pecado ser rico cuando nuestros corazones están fríos e insensibles al sufrimiento de aquellos no tan afortunados como nosotros;

La parábola de Cristo está dirigida igualmente a cada uno de nosotros, porque todos podemos ser mordidos por la avaricia. Una persona pobre puede ser tan codiciosa como una persona rica, tal vez más avaricioso.

No es lo mucho que poseemos lo que hace daño, pero nuestra actitud hacia lo que poseemos.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

July 19 – July 20, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 261.00
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,224.72
Music Ministry.....\$ 715.00

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$14,330.26
Balance we owe:	\$16,690.74
Pledges Balance	\$1,390.00

Thank you for your generosity

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

August 3: Reserve Fund

August 10: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

August 31: St. Vincent de Paul

September 7: Reserve Fund

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

July 26 – July 27, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 296.76
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,554.55
Mission Appeal.....\$1,090.76

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2 TO AUGUST 9

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
August 2, 2025	August 3, 2025	August 4, 2025	August 5, 2025	August 6, 2025
9:00am Parish of St. John	8:00m ✠ Fr. Harold Meyer	9:00am ✠ Dominga Josefina Mendoza ✠ Maria Dulce Garza del Rosario	9:00am ✠ Benjamin Caceres	9:00am Young Men's Institute
4:30pm ✠ Henry & Teresa Thran	10:00am ✠ Mel Ventura and Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Galang Texas Flood Victims	THURSDAY August 7, 2025	FRIDAY August 8, 2025	SATURDAY August 9, 2025
	12:00pm Parish of St. John	9:00am Julianne Parayo 🙏	9:00am ✠ Fr. Jerry Dybdal ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves	9:00am Parish of St. John
				4:30pm ✠ Rufino Labari

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