

August 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

While we appreciate when someone gives something impressive to us, are there times, we rarely look at the *quality* of our giving to others. We expect a lot better from others don't we?

However, "Giving" of itself is not enough. It has to have a certain quality to it. It is *the way we give* and *the spirit in which we give*, that is important.

In today's Gospel Jesus sets for us a very high standard. Real giving, he says has no trace of self-interest in it.

If we look through the Gospel we will see how Jesus practiced this "unselfish giving". He shared his life and time of the day with others. He mingled with, and bestowed himself on those who had nothing to give him in return. Nor did he ask for anything.

The Good Shepherd is happy when he has found the lost sheep; no matter what hardships he suffers and endures in searching for it. He is happy when, as a result of his loving care, the sheep are thriving. He does not seek any personal profit or gains.

Happy are we and blessed shall we be, if we reach that stage where giving has become part of our nature. **To give is not a luxury for a Christian.** It is our first and fundamental duty as followers of Christ. It is something so obvious that we should not even talk about it or look for recognition. A true Christian loves his/her brother without expecting any reward for it.

"If you want to be happy, give, without counting or regrets."
- Michael Quoist.

'The ideal giving is when the giver does not even know to whom he/she is giving,
and when
the receiver does not know from whom he/she is receiving.'
- Saying of the Rabbis.



VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mientras que apreciamos cuando alguien nos da algo impresiona te, hay veces, que raramente miramos la *calidad* de lo que le damos a los demás. ¿Esperamos mucho más de otros o no?

Sin embargo, "Dar" por sí mismo no es suficiente. Tiene que tener una cierta cualidad. Es la *forma en que damos* y *el espíritu en el que damos*, eso es lo importante.

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús establece un estándar muy alto para nosotros. Dar verdaderamente, no tiene ningún rastro de propio interés en el, dice Jesús.

Si miramos el Evangelio veremos cómo Jesús practicaba esto "el dar desinteresadamente". Compartió Su vida y Su tiempo del día con los demás. Se mezclaba con y les otorgaba a aquellos que no tenían nada que darle a cambio. Ni les pidió algo.

El Buen Pastor es feliz cuando a encontrado la oveja perdida; sin importar las dificultades que sufre y perdura en la búsqueda. El es feliz cuando, como consecuencia de su amoroso cuidado, las ovejas están prosperando. No busca algún beneficio o ganancia personal.

Somos felices y bendecidos seremos, si llegamos a esa etapa donde el dar es parte de nuestra naturaleza. **El dar no es un lujo para un Cristiano.** Es nuestro primer y fundamental deber como seguidores de Cristo. Es algo tan obvio que no debemos hablar de ello o buscar reconocimiento. Un verdadero Cristiano ama a su hermano sin esperar alguna recompensa por ello.

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- Michael Quoist.

'El dar ideal es cuando el donante no sabe ni siquiera a quien le está dando,
y cuando
el receptor no sabe de quien está recibiendo.'
-Refrán de los Rabinos.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 23 – August 24, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 248.16

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,323.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

August 31: St. Vincent de Paul

September 7: Reserve Fund

September 14: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

September 21: Priests' Retirement Fund

September 28: Archdiocese for Military Services

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment: \$31,021.00
YTD we paid: \$16,029.54
Balance we owe: \$14,991.46

Pledges Balance \$1,075.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 6

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
August 30, 2025	August 31, 2025	September 1, 2025	September 2, 2025	September 3, 2025
9:00am Lolita Caceres ☩	8:00m Parish of St. John	9:00am ☩ Liwayway Espino ☩ Frisco & Consolacion Apalit	9:00am Lita Echiverri ☩	9:00am Melanie Ouiba ☩ ☩ Avegale Salunga
4:30pm Parish of St. John	10:00am ☩ Rosario Mendoza ☩ Frisco Apalit, Jr. ☩ Mel Ventura, Perfecto Hierro, Jr. ☩ Pedro & Felisa Limpin Paulino Limpin ☩ Students & Teachers of St. John's School			
	12:00pm ☩ Doris Salomon	THURSDAY September 4, 2025	FRIDAY September 5, 2025	SATURDAY September 6, 2025
		9:00am Parish of St. John	9:00am ☩ Evelyn Gatbunton ☩ ☩ Lorenza Ramirez ☩ ☩ Sonia Andaya ☩ Benjamin Caceres	9:00am ☩ Brooks Walter, Jr. 4:30pm Parish of St. John

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