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July 31 — 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humor, or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support, and help others. God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament

Scriptures are clear about tithing – giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity.

Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some, it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others, it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control, or fame. For still others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs, or sexual activities. Greed also turns our life away from God and away from loving and serving Him in Himself and in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God. *(frtonyhomilies)*

XVIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO C)

Il messaggio essenziale del Vangelo di oggi è talmente chiaro che, in realtà, non ha bisogno di interpretazione: "Guardatevi e tenetevi lontano da ogni cupidigia, perché la vita di un uomo non dipende dai suoi beni". E "arricchitevi davanti a Dio!".

Ma, siccome conquistare dei beni è un'aspirazione fondamentale umana, vale quindi la pena entrare nei dettagli della parabola del ricco stolto raccontata da Gesù. La ricchezza conferisce agli uomini una certa sicurezza, permette loro di disporre della propria vita, di non dipendere completamente dagli altri o dallo Stato, di organizzare la propria sfera di vita, di occuparsi di cose che fanno loro piacere, di concretizzare grandi missioni o grandi scopi. In questa misura, i beni sono necessari per una giusta esistenza. Gesù non mette in questione il buon impiego dei beni e delle ricchezze. Ma afferma che beni e ricchezze portano gli uomini a sentirsi lontani da Dio e dal prossimo, a pensare di essere assicurati contro la miseria, la vecchiaia e la morte e a soddisfare i piaceri di questo mondo. E ancora, per molti uomini, il successo materiale è il simbolo della benedizione di Dio. Pensano di avere compiuto bene il loro ruolo nella vita quando acquisiscono ricchezza e considerazione. E che Dio non possa pretendere di più da loro. Ora, anche per essi, il principale comandamento è l'ultimo criterio che permetterà di giudicare la loro vita.

Ecco perché la ricchezza deve essere per ognuno un mezzo di azione: un mezzo per impegnarsi per gli altri. Aiutando coloro che sono nello sconforto e condividendo con generosità, si sarà veramente ricchi: ricchi agli occhi di Dio. *(lachiesa.it)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake

Recently deceased: Stefano Strano, Eugenio Cimino, George Borg, Lucia Gentile, Valerio Markesich, Teresita Dulfo Galdo, Rolando Florita, Leo Montecillo, Emmanuel Manuel

Anniversaries: George Serafino, Giordana Limosani, Agata Gualono, Antonietta Rendina, Angelo Guida, Antonio Treglia, Frank Scicluna, Ersilio Salvatore, Vito DiGirolamo, Mario Benfati, Lisa, Giovanna, Gabriele Riti, Gelsomina Lumbaca, Umberto DiGiorgio, Maria Attard, Sandy Rode, Luciana and Elio Raffaeli, Maria Catalano, Francesco Paladino, Paola Cutello, Jose Medalle, Vincenzo Bascetta, Enza Tabacco, Judith Karistiano

*NB. Please remember that only names of the **recently** deceased and **recent** anniversaries will be printed in the Parish bulletin*

Rosters for weekend masses (Aug 6/7)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: L. Iaria

Sunday 10.30 am : G. Gamberale

Bus driver: J. Butera

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

Joke of the week

An Irishman living in New York City walks into a bar one day and orders three shots of whiskey. The bartender serves the three shots which the Irishman downs. He pays his tab and leaves.

This goes on every day for a couple of weeks until the bartender says "You know, if you want instead of serving you three shots I could pour you a drink in a bigger glass."

The Irishman says "No, you see, I have two brothers back home in Ireland, and every day I like to have one shot for me and one for each of me brothers. It reminds me of the good times we had growing up."

The bartender says "Okay, no problem".

About a month later the Irishman orders two shots of whiskey instead of three. The bartender serves up the two shots and says "Is everything ok back home? Did something happen to one of your brothers?"

The Irishman says "Oh no, me brothers are fine. It's just that I've decided to quit drinking."

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>

Festival Mass

2022 NORTHERN CENTRAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING

WHEN: Sunday 11th September, 12:30pm
 WHERE: St Matthew's Catholic Church
 95 William St, Fawkner North
 RSVP: by Thursday 1st September
 to rohans@svdp-vic.org.au

Please note RSVP is essential for catering and planning purposes. Proof of vaccination will be required.

This inspiring event—which celebrates our year in service—will include:

- Mass
- Commissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents.
- Commissioning and recommissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Members, Associate Members and Volunteers.
- Presentation of long service badges and acknowledgment of Emeritus Vincentians.
- Social gathering with light lunch provided.

"(Festivals) encourage and maintain unity of both spirit and action among members and volunteers." The Rule

Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends and parishioners to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there!

