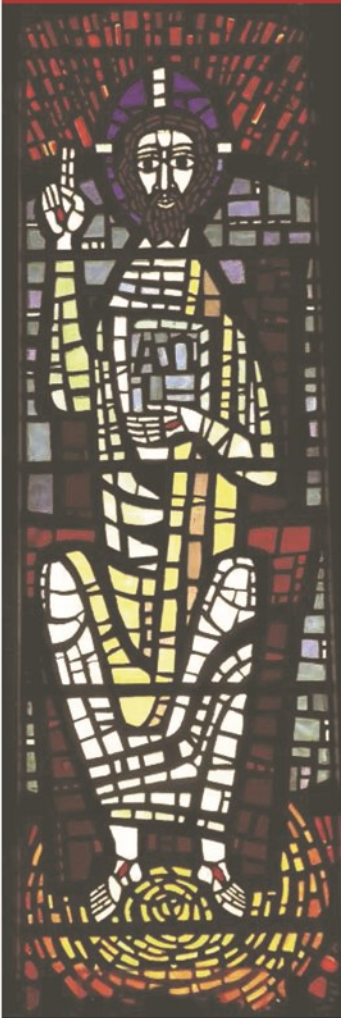


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

August 7, 2022

Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "...Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival... You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Luke 12:37a, 40

This week's reading has a familiar and recurring theme that we find in all three synoptic Gospels. We are reminded to always "being vigilant" by staying attentive... with anticipation... while preparing "in hope" that someday we will be united with Christ when he comes again. All of this can seem daunting at times, but since none of us know the "time or place" of Christ's second coming, we must remain alert and ready. What does that really mean for us? And better yet, how will we know if we are properly prepared? Well, nobody can really know the answer to that question, but we are taught that being united with Christ when He returns is contingent upon our fidelity, reliance and obedience to God. In other words, be willing to place God first and foremost in our lives, our thoughts, and our actions as we interact with others and the world around us.

There is a Greek term "Parousia" found in the New Testament used to refer to Christ's second coming. Its original translation implied or signified an... "arrival", "coming", or "presence". I know we have all, at one time or another, prepared for the coming of a guest or an event. There seems to be so much to do and sometimes it is never enough. We feel rushed, pressured and unorganized almost to the point of exhaustion and at times we can't even enjoy what should be a joyful and celebrated moment. Sometimes this is what ministry can feel like. There is a lot of planning and preparing that happens before anything can take place at any parish. Sometimes it is amazing that things go as smoothly as they do. And there are times the planners are the only ones that know there was a "glitch" or "mishap" in the process. Needless to say, none of this can take place without volunteers that assist and step up to help. Volunteers are an invaluable treasure that are essential in working together in the Church's mission. We would be at a loss without them. But why do we do it? Why add more work for an already busy life? I have to trust and believe it comes back to our ideology of the hope when Jesus returns, we will be "prepared" and "ready".

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Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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There is a secular exercise that has become quite common, called “mindfulness”. Although its roots and practices are found and used by many non-Christian religions, its general premise has great value in nurturing our faith and Christian virtues, ultimately fostering our relationship with God and others. As I was reading different commentaries on this week’s Gospel Reading, I found one article in particular that suggested visualizing yourself with Jesus. As I read further, it posed some questions such as... if Jesus were alive and “present with you”, how would you be spending your time? Wow, what a thought! Okay, I don’t think that I would sit around and waste time watching television with Him. And, without a doubt, I wouldn’t take Him shopping. But, most definitely, I would prepare a meal, eat and spend as much time as I could talking with Him and asking questions. If each of us were to examine and evaluate our day to day activities through that lens, of Jesus being alive and “present with us”, then we most certainly would plan everything quite differently. Now, I have to clarify what is wrong with that statement... because Jesus “is present” with us... in the Eucharist and remembering that Jesus is both divine and human, therefore Jesus being God, He is present with us always!

So, let’s go back to mindfulness, if we begin to live with an awareness that Jesus is present always, hopefully it will guide us in being prepared and alert. *“Christians who practice mindfulness engage in this process with an awareness that God’s presence is part of what is present in the moment, acknowledging that all we observe in each moment is given by God.”* (Dr. Irene Kraegel, www.thebanner.org)

Although I have revisited these Readings so many times, this week it gave me a lot to reflect on and reminded me to allow room for the “presence” of Christ in my life every day. If not, I am alone on my journey and it can become very daunting and lonely. There is one last item that I wanted to share with you was this image of a coffee mug which brought me a smile and laughter. It also reminded me that I would also want to spend time with Jesus laughing, because I imagine Him wanting to laugh with us also!



Have a wonderful week as you welcome Jesus to be present in your life.

Many blessings,

Linda

Prayer & Life Workshop

*“The **Prayer & Life Workshop** is one of the most faith building journeys I have encountered. The workshop is progressive and each week a different prayer method is introduced, along with Scripture readings and a message. It is exactly what the name says – prayer and life. I have learned ways of prayer, ways to be near God, and these ways with practice have permeated my daily life. It is silent, peaceful, grateful daily practice that gives you time with God as one might have with a dear friend. A gift!”* Jane Toon

In these 15 week session Workshops you will learn a different method of prayer each that will help you develop a closer walk with our Lord Christ Jesus. Come and experience how prayer can change your life and give you healing, peace of mind and heart that can only come from God.

Fall Workshop: Wednesday evenings, August 10 to November 16, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Cardinal Newman Hall.

To register: Email Regina Flores mflowers03@live.com Workshop facilitator.

Family Life Ministries

Joy of Love Moms

The Joy of Love Moms Group invites families to the west playground after 9:30am Mass for an opportunity for children and families to meet, socialize and play together. Please join us!

Men’s Scripture Reflection and Discussion Group

This ministry meets on Tuesday mornings beginning August 9 at 8:30am in the Community Room after our 8:00am Eucharistic Service.

Prayer Ministry

Christian Meditation

This ministry will continue their summer break for the month of August and will resume in September after Labor Day on Tuesdays - TBD. Sessions include 20 minutes of silent meditation followed by a brief lesson about this ancient Christian prayer tradition and discussion. The group is a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Meetings are facilitated by Benita Lankford. For information email contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 7 Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

7:30am Mass for Purita B. Laciste Chapel
 9:30am Mass for John Godburn Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Gary Payne and RCIA Dismissal Chapel
 5:00pm EM and Altar Server Workshop Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

Monday, August 8 Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

8:00am Mass for Betsy Lucido Chapel
 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study St. John XXIII

Tuesday, August 9 EZ 2:8-3:4; MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 8:30am Men's Morning Scripture Study Chapel

Wednesday, August 10 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

8:00am Mass Int. of Brian Nicholson Chapel
 6:30pm Prayer and Life Workshop CNH 105
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus CNH 104
 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Community Room

Thursday, August 11 Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

8:00am Communion Service Chapel
 4:00pm Confessions Chapel
 6:00pm Mass Int. of Michael Manzo Chapel

Friday, August 12 Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

8:00am Mass Int. of Monica Baker Chapel

Saturday, August 13 Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

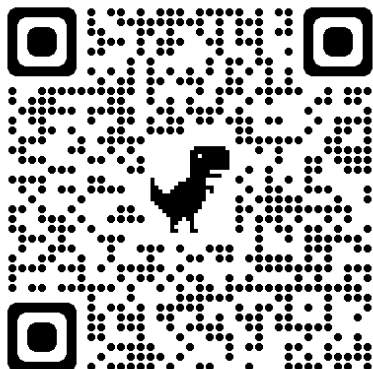
Mission Appeal
 8:00am Marriage Prep Workshop CNH 101-103
 5:00pm Mass for Maria Murao Chapel

Sunday, August 14 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Mission Appeal
 7:30am Mass Sr. Donna Shanahan, C.S.J. Chapel
 9:30am Mass for Lai Pham Chapel
 11:30am Mass for Peppino Caraccilo and RCIA Dismissal Chapel
 5:00pm EM and Altar Server Workshop Chapel
 7:00pm Mass Chapel

Live Streaming

We will be live streaming our 9:30am Mass on Sundays. Use the QR Code below to tune in.



July Contributions

2021		2022	
July 4	\$17,450.17	July 3	\$21,273.10
July 11 ACH	\$19,343.33	July 10 ACH	\$21,967.35
July 18 ACH	\$14,913.68	July 17 ACH	\$19,316.15
July 25	\$ 6,847.52	July 24	\$10,572.50
		July 31	\$14,325.54
July Total	\$58,554.70	July Total	\$87,454.64

Prayers:

- ◆ **For those who died this week:** Dolores Monahan
- ◆ **Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:**
 Joan Renner, Margery Toll, Kristal Lowe Limon, Abigail Love, Linda Alvarez, Julissa Mojarras, Estefania Medina, Mary Garr, Kathy Papagni, Michael Vienna, Issac Orozco, Diana Mock, Sandra Barrie, Nettie Shute, Sandy Keith, Dan Dungy, Isabel Wiggins, Monica Becerra, Alice Schultz, Dick and Jan White, Sr. Joanne Bauer, Jan Fusselman, Nyla Zender, JoAnn Myers, Monica Baker (Lucido), David Toll, Susan Olson, Mary Yoakum, Olivia King, Maria Coronel, Clara Marrone, Penny Mull, Judy Marchi, Raymond Ram, Nacho Flores, William Rogal, Donna Garcia, Kim Bach, John Cook, Joey Perez, John Morgenroth, Walt Whelan, Martin Zapata, Carl Britto, Hannah York, Lisa Pinedo, Lexi Leon, Frances' Parents, Toni Schneider, Bill Simon, Zenaida Billena, Ani Lara, Sally Caglia, Maria Sanchez, Camila Carouso, Mary Ann Goff, Ramona Egan, Maryjane Abella

To better serve our Faith Family we are updating our list of prayers. **Names for the sick / special intentions will remain in the bulletin for one month then removed from the list unless otherwise notified.** If deceased, names are only published the week they died. If you have someone who is in need of prayers please contact the office at 436-3434 or go on our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Intentions" tab.

Parish Information

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am & 7:00pm
Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am
 First Tuesday 6:00pm, Thursday at 6:00pm
Communion Services: Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am
Reconciliation: Thursday 4:00pm to 5:45pm or call the office for an appointment.
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
 CLOSED FRIDAY

Spirituality of the 12 Steps

This course is a spiritual journey through the 12 Steps to help you grow in your relationship and intimacy with God through Christ Jesus. It will introduce you to the spirituality of the 12 Steps through the integration of Sacred Scripture and aspects of Ignatian Spirituality to enrich your journey along the Spiritual 12 Steps.

When: Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, beginning September, 8, 2022 and continuing through Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Where: Cardinal Newman Hall, Room 103

Fee: \$20 for materials.

Facilitator: John Prandini, MA - Director of Ministries

To Register: email John Prandini, Director of Ministries at prandinij@csufnewman.com

Ignatian Retreat for Busy People

Join us in this spiritually invigorating 34-week Ignatian Spirituality Retreat specifically designed for busy people. Experience your relationship with God coming alive in the midst of everyday life and discover a freedom and peace too often out of reach in the modern world. This can be a self-directed online retreat or you can choose to meet with others to enrich your experience in a supportive group setting to share your insights gained each week.

The Retreat begins with an in-person orientation on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Newman Center Community Room.

Each Sunday thereafter, you will be provided with an online link to the week's retreat materials that takes only 10 - 20 minutes to read or listen to.

Retreat Fee: A \$20 materials fee for retreat materials.

Weekly optional discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm in the Community Room, facilitated by John Prandini, MA - Director of Ministries

To Register or for information: email John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.

Book Study: The Universal Christ

How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM.

- **When:** This book study begins on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, and will continue on Wednesdays for 10 sessions through October 26, 2022.
- **Where:** Newman Center Cafeteria.
- **To Register:** Please contact John Prandini at prandinij@csufnewman.com.
- Please purchase the book in advance and read the Introduction "Before We Begin".
- **Facilitated by:** John Prandini, M.A., Director of Ministries
- **Registration Deadline:** August 22, 2022
- No fee
- Bring your lunch and a friend!



Campus Ministry News!

Week of August 7 - 14

Seeking Wednesday Student Night volunteers:

We begin our Wednesday Student Dinners August 31st. This evening has been the bedrock of our outreach to our students, all made possible by YOU!

There are two ways to help:

Meals: You, along with 5 others will provide either a meal from a restaurant, a gift card (e.g., VISA gift card/cash), or a homemade dish (main dish, salad, or dessert).

Kitchen: You can help in preparing all that is needed to serve dinner alongside 2 other volunteers.

The commitment consists of one Wednesday a month. To sign-up you may reach out to our campus ministry administrative assistant at catholicclub@csufnewman.com. You can also find a Google Form to sign up on the Website Homepage under Campus Ministries.

Please indicate what Wednesdays of the month and area you'd prefer to volunteer. Thank you!

Young Adult Bible Study

Every Monday at 6:00pm, join other young adults to reflect and share how the word of God challenges us and lives in our lives. Come join us in the Student Lounge.

School Supply Drive

One way we have been able to help in preparing students for their studies is easing the burden of buying school supplies. You'll find, located by the reception desk, a bin to collect donations. Items that students most request are: pens, index cards, highlighters, pencils. Thank you!

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Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server Workshop

Are you interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server? Are you currently serving but would like a refresher on best practices? There will be a training this Sunday, August 7 at 5:00pm. Trainings will be held in the Chapel for both positions. If you have any questions, or if you cannot make either training but would still like to be trained to serve, please contact Liturgy Director Karl Gurney karl@csufnewman.com

From Fr. Byron Macias, CMF

As I am typing this, we are literally flying from New York to Miami. I am accompanying the Claret Movie people: Pablo, the movie director, and Lucia, the movie producer and distributor. These people book about 10 interviews a day. Yesterday the last two interviews were at Radio Maria in New York; then, we had to set up for a satellite interview with EWTN.

Toward the end of the day, tired, hungry and sticky because of the humidity, we rode the train home. Both Lucia and Pablo pulled out their respective children's pictures on their phones and gazed into them. Their children are away, at home, in Spain.

I looked at Pablo y Lucia getting lost in their children's pictures. Their eyes lighted up and a smile came into their lips. For the seconds they gazed into the pictures, I am pretty sure they were at home.

I asked them: What's the most important thing that you have? You can infer their answer...

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus says: "Where your treasure is there also will your heart be" We have heard this so many times in our lives (or at least once a year on a Sunday Mass) and at face value it is a good indicator of where our hearts should be: in the life-giving, meaningful and liberating things in life.

Yet, I believe Jesus is also inviting us to think about what God's treasure is. I'm pretty sure if God had a cellphone, God would pull out your picture and smile and his eyes would light up just like Lucia's and Pablo's. Not many people have played all the cards for you; but God has! God has wanted to be with us and among us because we are that important to God... we are his treasure.

Let this news, this Good News, warm your heart during cold moments; let this good news fill your existence, your good fights and efforts with purpose; and let this good news inspire you to live in such a way that your words and actions can remind others that they too, are God's treasures.

Claret Movie

Treat yourself to get to know about the saint that moved Fr. Paul and me to become Claretians. Please support the movie SLAVES AND KINGS, THE LIFE OF ST. ANTHONY CLARET in movie theaters AUGUST 22 in English and AUGUST 23 in Spanish everywhere in the US. Support Catholic Films and get to know about a great Saint of the Church. Find tickets at: www.slavesandkingsthemovie.com

Saintly Quote

"Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well." St. Anthony Mary Claret

Have a Laugh

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

Adult Confirmation Help Needed

Our adult confirmation program goes from the end of September to the beginning of January. We are looking for people to be a part of the formation team. Whether you would like to do a presentation, lead prayer, help with paperwork and phone-calling, or shop for snacks, we can use your help.

Call or email Fr. Paul if you have questions or would like to assist with this wonderful ministry.

High School Confirmation

It is that time of year for Confirmation Registration, the forms for registration will be up on the website beginning Tuesday, August 9, 2022. We are looking forward to the coming year. Please register early and complete all the steps as the classes fill up fast. Registered members of St. Paul Catholic Newman Parish will have priority.

Questions, email Sister Kathleen, SSND or Cristina Oseguera.

Deacon John's Blog

Keep up with Deacon John as he travels through Italy through his blog! <http://ljsupino.blogspot.com/>.

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Knights Installation Mass

The John C Dugan Assembly will be holding their annual installation of Council Officers on August 13 after the 5:00pm Mass. The new Council officers are:

Grand Knight- Bruce Myers PGK
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We would like to ask anyone who would like to stay after Mass to see the installation you are all welcome to.

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Second Collection Last Weekend

Last weekend will had a second collection for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$15,000, and we have raised \$8,562.01 so far. It is not too late to contribute. You can send in a payment or make a donation on our website: <https://csufnewman.com/giving/credit-card-donation>. Thank you for your generous support .

Books Available

We are in the process of freeing up space in our library. People are welcome to look at the books and take any they would like. We would like for them to be put to good use and find a good home. Books are still available in the front lobby for you to take this weekend.

Mission Appeal

Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Fresno collaborates with mission groups every year to raise fund for their missions through a program called the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. **Fr. Benjamin Okon, MSP** will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St. Paul **next weekend, August 13-14**. There will be a second collection to support them in their work.

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 293 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Southern Sudan), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have over 120 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide freshwater wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding / building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul to as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. May God bless you!

Find out more about them on www.msppfathers.org.

Bag Stuffing for Congress!!!

Location: Pastoral Center, Office of Formation and Evangelization

9/17/2022: 9 am - 12pm

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for our Diocesan Congress & Youth Day 2022
para nuestro Congreso Diocesano y Dia Juvenil
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We are seeking volunteers for our Annual Diocesan Congress, Friday and Saturday, October 7-8 and Youth Day October 9, 2022. For those that might be interested in volunteering or simply would like more information please free to contact us at the Office of Formation and Evangelization, Diocese of Fresno.



Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo, estamos buscando voluntarios/as para nuestro Congreso Diocesano Anual el cual se llevará acabo el Viernes y Sábado 7 y 8 de Octubre, 2022 y Día Juvenil el día 9 de Octubre. Si tienen interés en donar su tiempo como voluntarios/as o para recibir más información favor de comunicarse con nosotros en la Oficina de Formación y Evangelización de nuestra Diócesis de Fresno.

To Volunteer register: [Register Here](#)
Para servir como Voluntario/a: [Regístrense Aquí](#)



For more information please contact us at the Office of Formation and Evangelization:
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Bad or Good News?

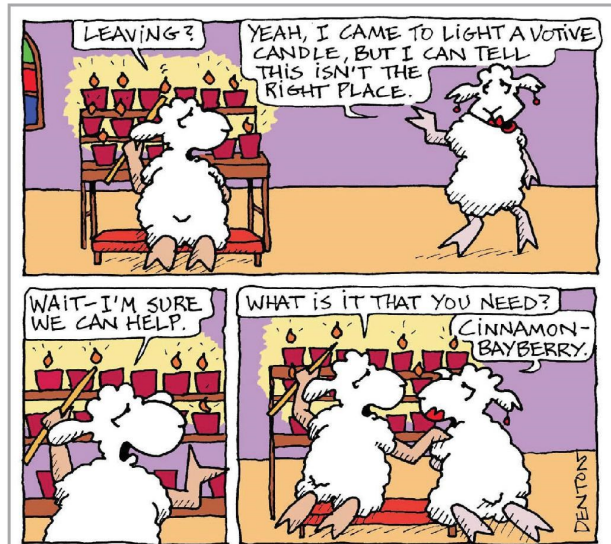
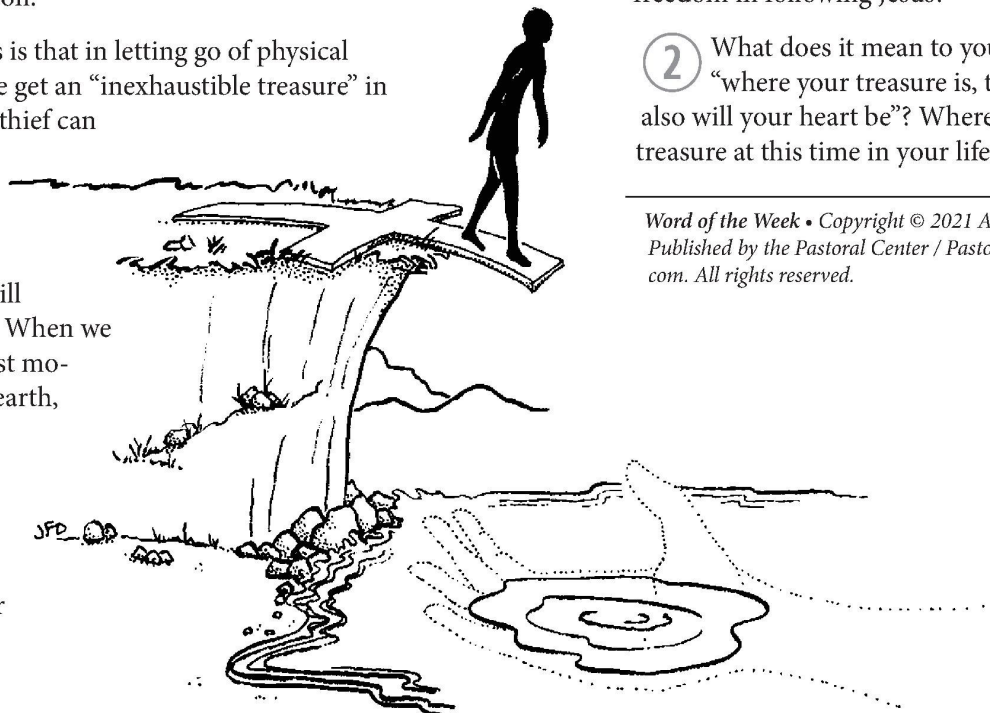
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Wisdom 18:6-9 - On the death of the Egyptian firstborn
- ▶ Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 - Faith of Abraham
- ▶ Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 - Depend on God, not possessions

Luke's Gospel, more than any others, has an emphasis on money, possessions, and wealth. Luke includes parables about riches (such as last week's parable about the rich man who built bigger barns) that are not found in Matthew, Mark, or John. The Gospel also states several times that Jesus directed his disciples to go out and continue his ministry without taking any personal belongings along with them.

It's a challenge that is hard for most of us to hear, and we can quickly go to rationalizations about why we may not be called to do the same thing. Of course it would have been just as hard for Jesus' disciples to hear too. But instead of reacting to what sounds like bad news to us ("sell your belongings and give alms") can we instead listen for the good news in the directive? After all, Jesus didn't come to make our lives more difficult, or impoverished. He said that he came so that we may have life, and have life in its fullness. So if he is asking us to sell our possessions, he must have good reason.

The good news is that in letting go of physical possessions, we get an "inexhaustible treasure" in return that no thief can reach, nor corruption can touch. "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." When we come to our last moments on this earth, where do we want our treasure to be? In our material belongings? Or



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"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival."

Sheepish Question:

As God's servant, how can I be ready to meet others' needs in unexpected situations?

in the store of love we have given and received amidst our relationships?

Questions of the Week

- 1 What might you be invited to let go of ("sell") so that you can have more freedom in following Jesus?
- 2 What does it mean to you that "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be"? Where is your treasure at this time in your life?

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