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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 31, 2022**

**READINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2, 21-23

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3, 1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12, 13 - 21

**A Life Without Possessions**

*“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”* Luke 12:15

Imagine what your life would be like if you had no possessions. Imagine that all you had was the clothing you wore and you went through life relying upon the generosity of others. Though, at first, this may seem like an irresponsible way to live, there are some who are called to a form of this life for a sacred reason. Those called to strict religious life are called to embrace the life of poverty, owning nothing themselves, for a reason. The reason is highlighted in this Gospel.

Too often in life we become consumed with our possessions. It’s true that material things can add “spice” to life. They can be fun, entertaining, comforting, etc. But the danger of becoming attached to the things of this world is that we begin to rely upon the pleasure they bring more than we rely upon the spiritual possessions which are of much greater value. It’s not that material possessions are bad, in and of themselves; rather, it’s that the spiritual possessions God wants us to obtain are of infinitely greater value.

Most are not called to live lives of material poverty, but all are called to live lives of poverty in spirit. This means that, though we live in the world, we are not to be of the world. We are to keep our hearts attached only to the greatest treasures of life: faith, hope and charity. When greed and love of material possessions draw us from these spiritual treasures, we must recommit ourselves to the discovery of their great value.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with greed. If that does not sit well with you and if you find yourself immediately trying to justify your attachment to

material things, then you may need this reflection more than you know. The Lord wants to give you so much more than this world can offer you. Do not make the choice to become attached to that which is “cheap” from an eternal perspective. Strive to embrace those true riches that will remain with you forever.

*Lord of true riches, help me to always keep my heart set on the riches You bestow and to never settle for those things that can never fully satisfy me. I desire the wealth of Heaven, dear Lord, not the riches of Earth. Help me to live the spiritual poverty I am called to live so as to obtain all that You desire for me. Free me from greed and selfishness and help me to find true joy in Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)*

- Mass Special Intentions:**
- Saturday July 30: 5:00 pm: For Steve & August Harvey (Health & Wellbeing) – Shelby & Family
  - Sunday July 31: 9 am: For the Parishioners of Revelstoke, Nakusp & Fauquier
  - Wednesday Aug 3: 9 am: For Courtney Federico (R.I.P) – Rita Templeton & Family
  - Thursday Aug 4: 9 am: For Sonny Pedersen (Health & Recovery) – Jean Pedersen
  - Friday Aug 5: 10:am: Funeral of Edwin Sali
  - Saturday Aug 6: 5 pm: For Fiore Zeni (R.I.P) – Candida & Family
- \* To request a Mass for special intentions, please contact Fr. Luan Vu

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Confessions are heard at 4:30 pm on Saturday before Mass or by appointment. Please contact Father Luan Vu

There will be **NO** morning Mass this Friday August 5 at 9:00 am. Instead, the funeral Mass for Edwin Sali will be at 10:00 am

**Note:** There will be **NO** Saturday evening Mass on August 13. Mass will be on Sunday morning August 14 only at 9 am. Father Luan’s last Mass in the parish will be on Sunday August 21, 2022

**Financial report for June 2022**

- Sunday Collections: \$ 5,861.17
- Total Expenses: \$ 10, 982.45
- Shortage: - **\$ 5,121.28**

*Happy Long weekend – Civic Holiday*

## **Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2022**

*For small businesses:*

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

## *Rachel's Corner*

*"I won't remember what happened with fear or tears. Now I will remember with peace, because now I know and believe they are with Jesus. I used to feel I was the only one in the whole world. I didn't want to tell anyone. Now I know I am not alone." Testimonial*

Feeling like you are the only one and not wanting to tell anyone is something most men and women feel after their involvement in an abortion decision.

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for men and women and meet others who have been down a similar road. Give yourself the chance to be free from what is destroying you on the inside. You won't be sorry you did.

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## **What is the Pope's Actual Title?**

According to the annual directory book *Annuario Pontificio* published by the Vatican, the pope's official title is: "Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the Vatican City State, Servant of the servants of God." The title pope isn't actually one of them. What do these titles mean?

- Bishop of Rome: The Diocese of Rome includes the city of Rome and the Vatican City State. Thus the Bishop of Rome is ex officio the Pope.
- Vicar of Jesus Christ: The original notion of a vicar means an earthly representative of God or Christ. As Jesus made Saint Peter the first pope, his vicar in John 21: 16- 17, each successor to the papacy is thus the vicar of Jesus Christ.
- Successor of the Prince of the Apostles: This title references Saint Peter, the first pope of the Church. In Matthew 16:18. Jesus deemed Saint Peter the Prince of the Apostles. All popes who come after him are his direct successors to the papacy and in turn the Successor of the Prince of the Apostles.
- Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church: The term "pontiff" is derived from the Latin "pontifex", which means "bridge builder", designating a member

of the college of priests in ancient Rome. By the 15th century, popes started to regularly use this title to indicate their position as the supreme member, or head of the Church.

- Primate of Italy: From the Latin “primus” meaning the first one, primate is a title bestowed upon bishops. As the Bishop of Rome, the pope is also the Primate of Italy possessing a superior authority over other bishops of the various provinces of Italy.

- Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province: Just as the pope is primate of all the provinces in Italy, this title designates his authority of a single province, the Roman province.

- Sovereign of the Vatican City State: In settling the “Roman Question”, the Vatican City State was made a separate sovereign entity from Italy in 1929 by the Lateran Treaty. The Pope is sovereign over the Vatican City State as the head of the Church.

- Servant of the servants of God: From the Latin, “servus servorum Dei”, the title was first used by Pope Saint Gregory I. The title is rooted in Matthew 20: 26-27, where Jesus teaches the Apostles they are the servants to those that serve God.

So, if not included in the 8 official titles, where does pope come from then? The title comes from the Greek “pappas” an affectionate term for father. While originally being used as an honorific designation for any bishop starting from the 3rd century, it was later reserved for the Bishop of Rome by Pope Gregory VII in the 11th century. (uCatholic.com).

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