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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 4, 2019

**Take care to
guard against
all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life
does not
consist of
possessions.**

LUKE 12:15

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The author of Ecclesiastes, who is identified as Qoheleth (or “teacher”), draws a disturbing picture about the value of human life and of human effort. “All things are vanity” suggests that everything that we do is transient, frail, and perhaps meaningless. Qoheleth explores deep questions about life with blunt honesty, and he rejects superficial answers. Just as in the Psalms, and in Job, he echoes the universal human longing for clarity and truth. Qoheleth’s reflections, though dark and hinting at despair, remind us that life remains mysterious and beyond full understanding.

Today’s responsorial psalm offers a faith response to Qoheleth’s struggles. Despair can cast a veil over our eyes, hiding God’s love from us. God does not provide us with all the answers. But God offers meaning, the only real and lasting meaning, to our work and to our lives. When necessary, we can accept and live into life’s limitations, rather than seek to defeat them or escape from them. Our frailty and transience can open us into loving relationship with the limitless and the eternal.

WEALTH AND IDOLATRY

In today’s Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus vividly demonstrates his concern about the dangers of wealth in the parable of the rich fool. The problem is not about saving for the future. The problem is revealed in the rich man’s language of self-absorption: it’s all about him. There is no gratitude or responsibility toward God or toward others. He seems to believe that he can secure his future by hoarding his wealth and possessions. It is a form of idolatry.

Part of how we decide what gives life meaning is deciding who or what we serve. Who or what claims our primary energies and best efforts? Idolatry places one’s primary trust in something imagined or created, instead of God. Idolatry is a central theme discussed throughout the scriptures, and idolatry of wealth is no less a danger in modern times than it was in ancient days.

Today’s Readings: Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23; Ps 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17; Col 3:1–5, 9–11; Lk 12:13–21

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AUG 3 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Debbie & John D. Curia†**
(Curia Family)

AUG 4 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Deceased members of the Skrzypek Family†**
(Gordon Family)

10:00 A.M. **All of our benefactors**
(Veronica DiCola and Rosemary Patrone)

NO MASSES
AUG 5 - AUG 9 *Poland Pilgrimage*

AUG 10 SATURDAY
4:00 P.M. **Don Gordon†**
(Gordon Family)

AUG 11 SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. **Dorothy Wayman†**
(Margaret and Bob Shutler)
10:00 A.M. **Bob and Bernadine Miller†**
(Miller/Porter families)

Weekday Masses Available at St. Jude

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The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week

for:

Don Gordon

Requested by

Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

8/10 4:00 p.m. Danny Prado/Julie Fecat

8/11 8:00 a.m. Tom Wise/Cathy Frame

8/11 10:00 a.m. P. Whitwam/L. Yoho

Altar Servers:

8/3 4:00 p.m. Please Volunteer

8/4 8:00 a.m. Laberdee Family

8/4 10:00 a.m. Miller

Gift Bearers:

8/10 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec

8/11 8:00 a.m. Dan & Lori Laberdee

8/11 10:00 a.m. Georgia Pettit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of August 4, 2019

Joe Pavilkey

Greeters:

8/3 4:00 p.m. Gina & Mark Hedrick

8/4 8:00 a.m. Kitty Pazyk & Roger Frame

8/4 10:00 a.m. Sue Church & Cindy Gunto

Bingo: August 9, 2019

Raffle: Rick Targosky

Kitchen: Ellen McCormick

Hearing Assistance devices are available at weekend Masses. Please ask an usher if you want one.



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Memorial Offerings - \$75.00

Attendance - 281

Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen, pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage.

Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents.

Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (P.S.R.):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

Church Office Phone: 304-845-1593

Church Hall Phone: 304-845-9238

Xavier Hall Phone: 304-845-7080

Rev. That Son Cell: 408-858-7467

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Website: sfxmoundville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Sharon McGee, Tony & Jerrie Skvarka, Carolyn Harris, Donna Colucci, Peggy Mysliwicz, Zelma Imhof, Joe Church, Bobby Kleinedler; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick, Rachel Kerekes; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt, Helen Cuchta, Ron Jaworski.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of *Rebecca Blatt*
May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS HELP

A group from our parish will be traveling to the southern border of Texas to support Catholic Charities of Rio Grande Valley in its efforts to furnish respite care to refugees.

The center in McAllen is providing basic needs to an overwhelming 300-600 people daily. If you are willing to join in this endeavor, call the parish office. You can also reach CCRGV directly by contacting Michelle Nunez at 956-702-4088. You may also Contact Nunez by email at mnunez@cdob.org.

ONE HUNDRED and THIRTEEN

During the past four years, we buried 113 parishioners—along with their most precious treasures: their talents and wisdom and experiences. But each of our living parishioners—from our oldest members (John Bierce and Helen Remke) to our youngest (Karson Robinson and Dominic Mangino) are blessed with a wealth of unexpected, possibly underappreciated, but always unique and wonderful gifts.

*Use your gifts before you bury your treasures.
Get involved with parish life!*



- Aug. 15** - Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- Aug. 22** - Turn in raffle tickets to the office
- Aug. 25** - Parish Picnic
- Nov. 7** - Bus trip to Lancaster

**AWARD-WINNING MENTAL HEALTH
ADVOCATE TO SPEAK AT FOUR SEASONS**

Amy Gamble, a 1982 John Marshall High School graduate, former Olympian, author, and award-winning mental health advocate, will give a free mental health presentation Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. at Four Seasons Pool.

DID YOU KNOW:

- * One in Five U.S. adults experience mental illness.
- * Six million U.S. adults live with bipolar disorder.
- * 42 million U.S. adults live with anxiety disorder.
- * Half of all chronic mental illness begins by age 14; three-quarters by age 24.
- * Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide.
- * Of adults in the U.S. with any mental disorder in a one-year period, 14.4 percent have one disorder, 5.8 percent have two disorders and 6 percent have three or more.

RCIA FALL CLASSES FORMING

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Is their someone you know who, for whatever reasons, has not yet been fully initiated into the faith through the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Are *you* interested in re-acquainting yourself with tenets of our faith? If you can answer yes to any of these pesky questions—please talk to Father or office staff: we are planning our fall RCIA class now.

Office of Safe Environment

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