

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** *Ecc 1:2; Col 3:1-5, 9-11 LK 12:13-21* **Reflection:** **Who is truly rich?**

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, many people crowded around him to hear his teaching. A voice came from out of the crowd asking Jesus to make a judgment in the case of two brothers fighting over an inheritance. This of course had nothing to do with what Jesus' teaching however, the interruption gave Jesus an opportunity to speak on another topic: greed.

Greed is an excessive desire for wealth and/or possessions. We need things, of course. We need clothes to wear, food to eat, a roof over our heads, etc., but our things can easily become a major preoccupation. It's not just the wealthy who can let greed and envy take control of their lives. It can be a personality trait in anyone, whether they are poor, middle class or quite wealthy, and when it does, then our possessions will end up owning us. One great harm greed does is it leads us to neglect other important facets of our lives; such as, spending time with our family and our God. I've even seen people lose all they had through gambling because they wanted to win the BIG prize. Psychologically the greedy person measures their own self-worth by what they have (or do not have). The more possessions they have, and the more wealth that is theirs (or is not theirs), the more important or unimportant they think of themselves to be; i.e., the more superior (or inferior) they consider themselves in comparison with others.

God gave us a brain, he gives us talents, he gives us strength and energy and he expects us to use the gifts he's given us to provide for ourselves and our loved ones. To have to work and to be able to enjoy the fruits of our labor is not a punishment for sin. God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise and commanded them to cultivate it and care for it before they disobeyed God. When they were told there was one thing they were not allowed to have, they decided they had to have that too.

Jesus gives us an illustration in this parable. The rich farmer wasn't portrayed as a sinful person; he didn't steal, or cheat his laborers. It was a good growing season that made him rich. Most probably he was honest, hard-working and smart – but not smart enough to fully grasp reality. He had set himself up for many years of leisure and prosperity, but in one day, someone else would end up enjoying it all because Jesus said "this night the man's soul would be required of him." The man was rich in material things, but poor in the most important thing of all: his relationship with God.

I know I'm preaching to the choir; I'm preaching to people whom I suspect have discovered, as I have, that the more I help others with what I've been given, the more it seems to come back to me. I'm preaching to people who believe that our relationship with God is the most important thing in our lives, or you wouldn't be here. An American tourist, traveling in Europe, visited a wise and famous rabbi who lived there. The American was surprised when he saw how simply the rabbi lived – in a single room with a table and chair and a number of books. "Rabbi! Where is all your furniture?" asked the tourist. "Well, where is all yours?" the rabbi asked. The American tourist answered, "My furniture? I'm just passing through here." The wise rabbi responded: "That's also true for me. Although I've lived here my entire life, I'm aware that I'm simply passing through here too!" Amen.

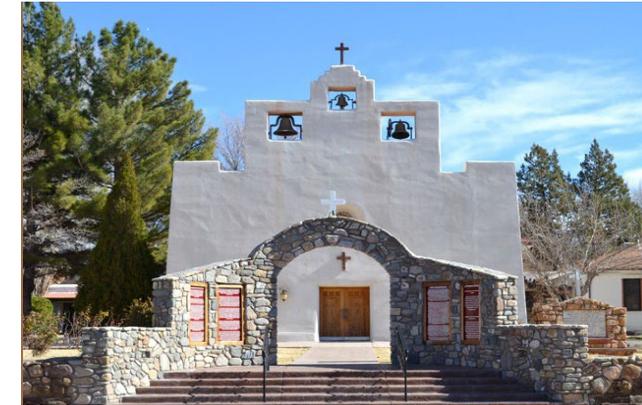
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**July 31, 2022**

**Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers**

**Office Hours:** *Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Fri. & Wed.)*

**Office Closures:** TBA

#### St. Francis de Paula Masses:

**Weekdays:** Tues. & Thur. 8am ([Communion Ser.](#)) and Wed. & Fri. 8am [**Mass**]  
[1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Anointing] Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass]

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 11:00 am Mass, CONFESSIONS: Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

PRE-BAPTISM: - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

MARRIAGE: -There is a (6) month preparation period.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: -> Every Friday of each month: to schedule -

Call Barbara Reay (575-430-4547)

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wed morning.

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**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Mt 5:3

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-- July 31, 2022 // Mass Intentions**

Sat. July 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm † Jesus Lopez and Anna Henley (Anniversary)  
 Sun. July 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00 am † Florencio Griego, Belinda Miera, and Teresa Miera  
 Mon. Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> No Mass -----  
 Tue. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am \*\* Communion Service  
 Wed. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † -----  
 Thur. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am \*\* Communion Service  
 Fri. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am † Annie Chavez & Alex Chavez  
 Sat. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm †

**Mass Intentions for July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 † Chenia Mazanares  
 † Buddy Guerra  
 † Louisa Griego

 **Pray for the Sick**

Annie Brady  
 Anthony Mendez  
 Antonio Romero  
 Armado Lopez  
 Billy Brady  
 Bobby Baroz  
 Brenda Barreras  
 Brenda Travis  
 Benji Montoya  
 Carlos Hangarter  
 Chano Flores  
 Clara Bartlette  
 Colleen Boyer  
 Coonie Starr  
 Cuca Montoya  
 Danny Cordova  
 Deama Silva  
 Diana Dewitt  
 Diolanda Moore  
 Elisa Gutierrez  
 Frank Pino  
 Gary Wolffe  
 Geneva Vallejos  
 Gloria Gonzales  
 Helen Guerra

 **Pray for the Sick**

Hope Carrion  
 Janie Portillo  
 Jeff Aragon  
 Jenni(BB) Alexander  
 Joe Padilla  
 Josie Duran  
 Ken Servais  
 Judy Aguirre  
 Landon Wright  
 Loyola Romero  
 Leah Martinez  
 Luna Bella Nevarez  
 Maycee Griffin  
 Manny Diaz  
 Maria Elena Perez Lopez  
 Martha Luna  
 Monica Nik  
 Nadine Chavez  
 Natalia Walters  
 Nina Brusuelas  
 Rachelle Simons  
 Raleigha Cordova  
 Ramona Flores  
 Rachael Sanchez  
 Robert Capuchin

 **Pray for the Sick**

Robert Dixon  
 Rosa-Maria A-Camarena  
 Rose Baroz  
 Rose Salazar  
 Rosemary Cordova  
 Rosie Romero  
 Sandra Bartlette  
 Soncera Brierer  
 Sylvia Pino  
 Ysidro S Monje  
 Zack Evvs  
 Zeke Kazhe

**Let us pray for our troops in the military services:**



**Paulita Rocha –  
 Dyanna Ortega -  
 Isaiah Diaz**

**Weekend Collection Total  
 Regular Collections  
 \$1,159.15**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Today July 30 -31 For United in Ministry**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Adorers needed for the following hours: Mondays 12p - 1p, and Wednesdays 12p -1p. We are also in dire need of subs. If you cannot commit to an hour, please consider becoming a sub. If interested please call Naomi at 575-551-2498 {leave message} or Adelina at 575-921-3640.

Thank you everyone that has contributed in keeping our Adoration Program going. Thanks Naomi

**Ushers For the month of August 2022**

Sat. 5:30 >> **Billy Artiaga**  
 Sun. 11:00>> **Gilbert Gaston**

**Sacristans for the Month of July 2022**

Sat. 5:30 **Rose Baroz**  
 Sun. 7:30 -----  
 Sun. 11:00 **Chris & Corina**



Trafficking is a crime that can happen in front of our eyes and traffickers are never on vacation. Be alert to children who may be potential targets for traffickers. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

**Readers**

**Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Mass**  
 Reader 1 Rita Jarvis  
 Reader 2 -----  
**Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00 Mass**  
 Reader 1 Maureen Smith  
 Reader 2 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Mass**  
 Gabriel Vigil  
**Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00am Mass**  
 Myles Gaston

**UPCOMING RETREATS IN 2022**

Retreats are a wonderful way to enrich both our personal and our spiritual lives. We invite you to join us for some of the sponsored events listed below. A full brochure is on our website at: [holycrossretreat.org](http://holycrossretreat.org) under the "Register for Retreat" tab. You can also consider a retreat that we host as well by looking under the "Calendar" tab. So many people have been uplifted by their experiences at Holy Cross Retreat since our beginning in 1957. (Most weekend retreats have check in at 6:30pm)  
**Aug. 12-14** The Healing Power of Forgiveness. Find the courage to forgive and be forgiven.  
**Tues. Aug. 30th** Five Week course for divorced begins.  
**Sept. 3-4** FRANCISCAN FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS 90+ artists, food booths, beer and wine garden, live music!  
**Sept 9-11** Grieving Retreat, to help cope with losses of all kinds, and how we can help one another.  
**Sept. 16-18** Recovering Alcoholics/Alanon retreat led by Fr. Tom Weston SJ. He is a fine speaker!

**Annie's Cupboard:** the pantry is in need of any and all donations especially canned meat's and meat's in general. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry also assists the Soup Kitchen with foods, so all donations help both programs. Thank you for your continued generosity with donating to keep our community fed.  
**Helping Hands:** Soup Kitchen is in need of someone to cook on Wednesday. If you or anyone you know can help cook and or serve at the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. Please offer your help.  
**Annie's Cupboard, Helping Hands and for committing to Adoration, all of you are truly BLESSINGS for our programs. Soup Kitchen is Closed until further notice.**