

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JULY 23 – JULY 24)

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| Donation         | \$4,042.18 |
| Donation Online  | \$1,555.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$35.00    |
| Debt Reduction   | \$0        |
| Total Donation   | \$5,632.18 |

**2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL**  
**\$24,876, Gifts Received \$33,970**



## Annual Catholic Appeal

TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to Others



[archseattle.org/GiveACA](http://archseattle.org/GiveACA)

### HELP WANTED

Are you looking for a way to help our parish?

If your answer is "YES!", please consider this opportunity:

We need someone to care for the mission candle stand. Each week, this 30-minute job requires cleaning the candle holders and checking if the wax drawer needs to be emptied. Cleaning can be done at home so pick up holders after Mass and return them cleaned the next week. Please email:

michellem@ollpsea.org if you are able to help.

# RICH

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"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

LUKE 12:21

# Christ's View on Money

## Homily by Father Joseph Vu

We don't know anything about this man who came asking Christ to settle his dispute.

- Maybe he was sincerely interested in justice.
- Maybe he was just being greedy.

In either case, Jesus makes the most of the encounter to teach one of the most basic (though not the most popular) Christian lessons:

- the meaning of life does not consist in getting rich;
- our lives do not consist of having possessions;
- or, to correct a popular bumper sticker - whoever dies with the most toys does not win anything at all.

This is the same lesson that we heard in the First Reading.

- Its emphasis on the vanity and meaninglessness of things sounds harsh, but it's really just reminding us an obvious truth: our life on earth is passing.
- It will come to an end.
- Therefore, we shouldn't pretend that it won't.
- We shouldn't treat the things of this earth, as wonderful and beautiful and useful as they are, as if they were ends in themselves.
- They aren't. They are means to an end, instruments to help us fulfill a much higher purpose, that of knowing and loving God.

We need money and possessions in order to live dignified lives, and it is certainly no sin to enjoy them.

But if striving after them makes us neglect a healthy relationship with God, the Church, and our neighbors, we will come to a tragic end, just like the rich man in the parable.

Jesus knows how easily we are tempted by money and possessions - they seem to promise so much!

That's why he makes this lesson so clear.

- "Take care to guard against all greed," he warns.
- Instead, if we want a truly fulfilling life, we should strive to be "rich in what matters to God."

### Families Sponsoring Evangelization

One very practical way to keep money in its place is to sponsor an evangelization project as a family.

If the whole family is involved in saving and sacrificing in order to reach a goal of this kind, it constantly reminds everyone in the family that money is meant to be a means to a higher end, not an end itself.

For example, a family could commit to save enough money each year

- to sponsor a missionary priest,
- or a child in an orphanage run by missionaries,
- or a seminarian during his years of formation,
- or a certain number of Masses for the souls in purgatory.

Together, as a family, you decide your goal, and then you make a plan on how you will be able to meet it.

- You make a poster with a chart on it, so you can track your progress during the year.
- You have regular updates and reports and evaluation sessions.
- And at the end of the year, when you make your goal, you celebrate with a ceremony in which the money is given to its destination.

Another way to do it is to set a more challenging goal and join forces with another family or two in order to achieve it.

Besides furthering the mission of the Church, having a family evangelization sponsorship project creates an awareness of how money can be used well.

It also contributes to family unity and growth in faith.

Jesus doesn't want us to spend our lives building barns that we will never use.

- He wants us to spend our lives building his everlasting kingdom in our hearts and in the world.
- When he comes to renew his friendship with us in Holy Communion, let's renew our commitment to following him, and leaving slavery-to-money behind.



## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Ecc 2:22)



### PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)



### SECOND READING

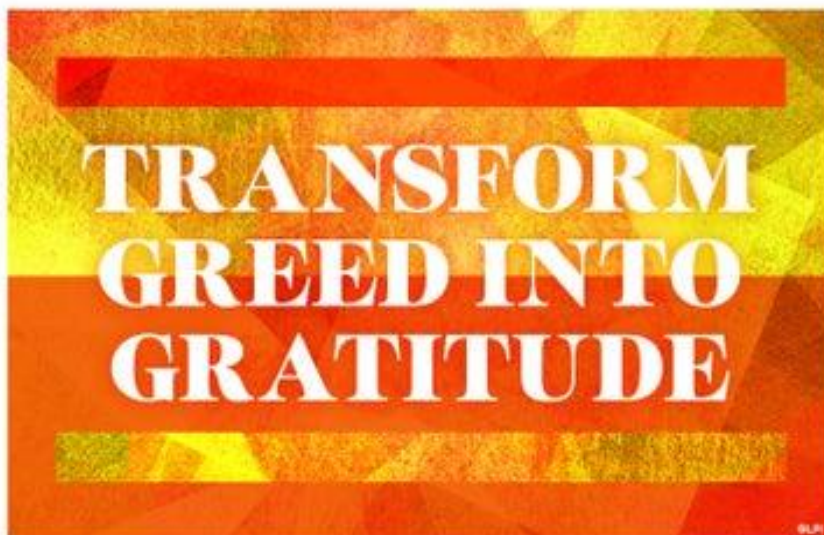
If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. (Col 3:1-2)



### GOSPEL

"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?'" (Lk 12:20)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.