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Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

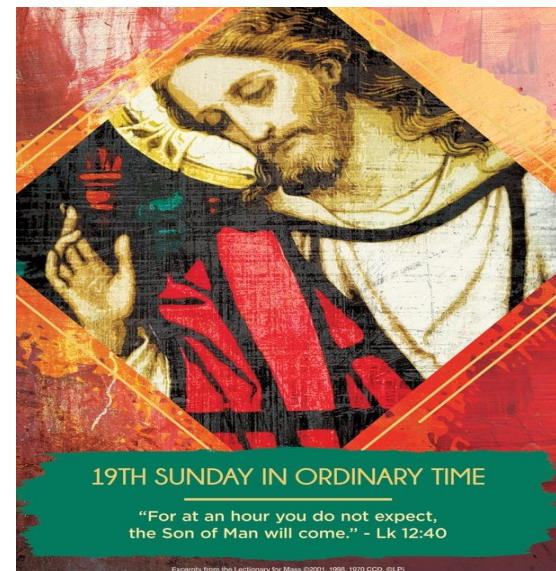
Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Lk 12:48)

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August 10, 2025 19th Sunday Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:40

My Dear Parishioners:

Today we have very much a continuation of last week’s theme. If you remember, it was about the things of this world passing away.

A few weeks ago I was watching TV. I laughed when I realized on the TV was a show about hoarding. It was a show trying to help people that are compulsive hoarders and it goes inside their homes and examines the psychology behind why people have the compulsion to accumulate and store large quantities of goods. I was fascinated by the series because I can tend to be a bit of a hoarder myself when it comes to books and movies, and I watched to see if I could find out causes this need in people.

Apparently there were hoarders in Jesus’ time as well, according to our readings today. But we are also given a reason why people hoard: fear. Greed presumes fear. Greed is not simply an issue of power . . it is more an issue of fear.

My grandparents had the experience of the depression and they seldom threw anything away. They kept rolls of string, rubber bands, and all sorts of things. The fear that the Depression left them with made them want to make sure they would never be without.

In a like vein, people a few years ago had no fears. The economy seemed great, banks seemed happy to lend, and people got themselves into great debt because they had no fear of failure. If we get rid of fear, we get this change in attitude.

Jesus often told his disciples not to be afraid. In today’s reading he tells them not to be hoarders either. Trust in God and do not be afraid. Instead of storing things up on earth and hoarding for a better day, let God take care of that, and concern yourself with the future in heaven. If you have to hoard, hoard your good deeds and collect as many of them as you can.

In today’s readings Jesus takes care of the present first. For the present, get rid of what you don’t really need and make gifts to the poor. Then, look to the future. Act in a way that prepares you for the kingdom. Evaluate what you do by thinking whether or not the Master would like it if he returned and saw you doing it.

Jesus in this reading is preparing his follows for the future; just as in the first reading today God has prepared the Hebrews for their future: “the night of the deliverance from Egypt was made known beforehand to our ancestors, so that they might rejoice....” Knowing that God would be true to his word, that he would deliver them, he would lead them to a Promised Land, allowed the Hebrew people to live in joy even when the present was difficult.

Similarly, Jesus promises the kingdom of heaven and wants his followers – those who have been ‘in the know’ to be joyful, because he is true to his word and it will happen in the future. This changes our attitude to the present then, it changes our behavior, and it changes our need to concentrate on earthly things which pass, and allows us to concentrate on the final goal. And as we know, that final goal is the kingdom of heaven. When everyone acts in accordance with that, we can have a little bit of heaven even while we are on earth.

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” With knowledge comes responsibility. We must gird our loins – fasten our belts – to be ready for action, just as the Hebrews had to do at the Passover, to be ready to journey.

What can all of this mean for us today, this week? Following the Gospel will bring you both freedom and joy. Christ promises us this. But to follow the Good News there is a price – we have to give up those things that pull our hearts and minds away from God – possessions, the inclination to abuse any power we might have, our reliance on having enough time to turn things around before the end comes. In our world today there is still the inequity between the well-off and the poor. Jesus has not yet come again. We still have time to right this in our own world, in our own neighborhood, and in our own families. We must find ways to be good stewards of the world and the possessions given to us. And it starts with each one of us.

I often quote our previous Bishop McRaith. “No one gets into heaven without a good reference from the poor.” If Jesus should return tomorrow, will we have done all we could to put into practice his message?

Blessings, Fr. John

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Mass Intentions

August 14 -- Sam Thruston

August 17--Larry Allen

August 24 -- Larry Allen

August 31-- Larry Allen

August Birthdays

21 -- Kyler Carmona, Dee Brasher

24 -- Celena Hagan

25 -- Denise Richardson

*Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died, especially **Calvin McHenry**.*

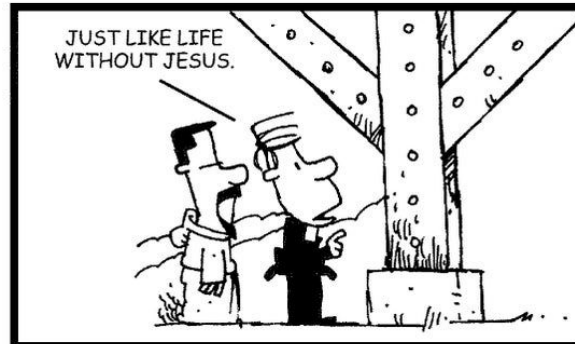
Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick:

Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Pam Weafer, David Strawn, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Emma Latta, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Larry Clark, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Happenings

August 10 -- Raffle Drawing

August 14 -- Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Vigil Mass 6pm



August 3 \$1,109.00

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May each give according to what the Lord has blessed us with.

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34).** Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
	Lectors
<u>August 10:</u>	Layson Brooks, Misty Sanford
<u>August 17:</u>	Katie Goins, Jacques Williams
<u>August 3:</u>	Greg Gough, Wayne Stephens
	Eucharistic Ministers
<u>August 10:</u>	Denise and Greg Richardson Holy Hollis
<u>August 17:</u>	Cindy Clark, Michelle Jones, Misty Sanford
<u>August 31:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Janet Clark, Rita Moorman
	Collection & Gifts
<u>August 10:</u>	Laverne Thames, Wonet Taylor
<u>August 17:</u>	Barbara Hammond, Burnell Hamilton
<u>August 31:</u>	Dee and Brennah Brasher



Are You Talking To Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night’s thunderous approval of Fr. Mike’s message.

“When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor’s repentance,” she said. “He is not.”

In other words: he’s talking about your repentance.

We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud.

And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the *others*. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren’t being vigilant.

In today’s Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, “Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?” (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: “Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?”

Whoever we are. Wherever we’re from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He’s talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Observances for the week of August 10

Monday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Friday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Stephen of Hungary

