

**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year C**

Saturday, August 3, 2013

Reading: 1) Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23    2) Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11      3) Luke 12:13-21

**The focus for today's Mass is: Grow rich in the sight of God.**

The author of Ecclesiastes reminds us that we cannot take worldly wealth with us when we die. It will go to another.

Paul tells us that we are to seek the higher things and form ourselves into the image of God.

Jesus bluntly teaches that greed and wealth do not guarantee us long life. Death can come at any time.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**Let us focus on the needs of all as we offer our prayers to our heavenly Father.**

**For all religious leaders of the Church, that they faithfully model lives of humility and poverty, setting a good example for all believers,**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For leaders of nations, may they work to guarantee the common good of all citizens,**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in body, mind or spirit,**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our deceased loved ones,**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For each of us, may we be beacons of justice and compassion throughout the community,**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions.....(very long pause)**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Lord God, you know us and you search for us. Help us to set our lives in order by caring for the poor and working for justice. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**

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