

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

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

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

### **Sunday Liturgy**

The Focus for today's Mass is: Following foolishly after the things of this world leads us in the wrong direction.

Temptation is all around us. It is tempting to get ahead at the expense of others, and we are tempted to put material wealth ahead of spiritual wealth. Following Christian virtues requires grace, and takes practice and hard work. Let us pray for that grace, *for what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart if we are not rich in what matters to God?*

Our first reading speaks about of the foolishness of vanity, and misdirected labor. Saint Paul writes to the Colossians, instructing them not to return to their old way of life, but to *seek what is above*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd to *Take care to guard against all greed*, and then relates the parable of the foolish rich man.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

#### **PRIEST:**

With confidence and trust,  
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

For all pastoral leaders,  
may the Lord open their hearts and give them strength  
as they face the challenges before the Church.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For all nations with bountiful harvest,  
may they share in their abundance with the poor and needy.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick in mind, body and spirit,  
may the love of Christ and His Church bring them healing and relief.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For our loved ones who have died, may they enter into the rest and joy of heaven.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For all members of this faith community,  
may we share our material goods and live by spiritual values.  
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)  
We Pray to the Lord.

#### **PRIEST:**

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.