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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019**

**Teach us to number our days aright, that we
may gain wisdom of heart.— Psalm 90:12**

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the ages. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

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

Second Reading — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2,
8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Pre registration will be this week and next week August 11th. Pre will start Sunday 18th.

NO ONE'S ENEMY

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Thursday: St. Dominic

Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saturday: St. Lawrence



THE EFFECTS OF PRAYER

Whoever prays much by night,
that person's face is fair by day.

Aug 11th

Lector Jeff

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USHERS Michael/Tom

Server Ty

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