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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

-- Psalm 90:12



Daily Mass

Week of August 4th – 8th

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Wednesday: 8:00 Bernadina & Charles Elsenius+
Thursday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+
Friday: 8:00 Della Roberts+



Cecilia Uyeda.

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Dan, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and

Weekly Collections

July 27, 2025

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Today's Readings

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

AN OLD ENGLISH PRAYER!

Give us, Lord,
a bit of sun
a bit of work and
a bit of fun.

Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to share with you my thoughts about some of the basic tenets of Catholicism. One of the central characteristics of our religion is our understanding of the importance of community. We are a communal religion. We live our faith in the context of relationship. We believe that one of the

most important messages that Jesus came to share with us is that we are called to live as one family. Jesus did not die on the cross to save you and me individually; he died to save us collectively. It is not acceptable for a Catholic to say, "I don't need to go to church; I have a personal relationship with Jesus." Salvation for us is a communal experience.

Unfortunately, one of the consequences of original sin is that we have a false sense of the importance of "self." Because of sin, we are all inclined to believe what is false about ourselves and to deny what is true. But, St. Paul describes our true nature perfectly when he says, "We were made incomplete; we find our completeness in the Lord and each other." This is why we Catholics celebrate the sacraments -- to remind ourselves of who we are.

The Eucharist is the central sacrament of our faith because it best epitomizes our belief and our need. When we participate in the Mass, we are making two statements: first, we are acknowledging that we are one with each other through our oneness with Jesus; second, we are also admitting that, although we know the first statement to be true, because of our false sense of "self" we don't live what we profess to believe.

The simple truth is this: we need to attend Mass frequently in order to develop the wisdom and courage necessary to live according to our true nature. The Mass is not an option to be experienced when we find it convenient; it is a necessity of life.

Love, Fr. Leo

Planning!

If you are planning for a year,
sow rice.
If you are planning for a decade,
plant trees.
If you are planning for a lifetime,
educate a person.

-- Chinese Proverb



Faith Formation Begins Soon Register Now!

Religious education and sacrament preparation for kids in Kindergarten through 9th grade begins on Sunday, September 14th. Register before Monday, September 1st, for a \$25 discount. For more information about the program, please click on the Faith Formation tab on the Parish website at: <https://corpuschristipiedmont.org>. If you have any additional questions, contact Rebecca Pelle at: familyfaith@cc-parish.org.

Barns Filled With Riches!

The mortgage is paid off. So are the loans that were taken out for college tuition and children's weddings. The second home that was once a far-off dream is now so close that it seems safe to dig out the real estate magazines. And then...a daughter or son can no longer take care of a child. It's time to start over, this time as grandparents in the parents' role. Thousands of older adults face this situation today, becoming temporary or permanent guardians of their grandchildren.

Vanity of vanities. The years of toil with sights set on a great reward now belong to someone else: food, clothing, braces, summer camps and school tuition.

But, as one grandmother said of her 13-year-old granddaughter, Megan, "It has all been worth it. She brings such joy. What would I do without her?"

And so the barns filled with "riches" are again taken down, and new and true riches are discovered. Once again a new self is found in Christ, and the storehouse is filled with life that is truly pleasing to God.

Saints & Special Observances!

Monday, August 4 th :	St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday, August 5 th :	The Dedication of the Basilica Of St. Mary Major
Wednesday, August 6 th :	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday, August 7 th :	St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday, August 8 th :	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday, August 9 th :	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

The Effects of Prayer!

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

-- Islamic Saying

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Readings For The Week August 4th -- 9th

Monday: First Reading Numbers 11:4b-15;
Psalm 81;
Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday: First Reading Numbers 12:1-13;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Matthew 14:22-26

Wednesday: First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;
Psalm 97;
Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday: First Reading Numbers 20:1-13;
Psalm 95;
Gospel Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-40;
Psalm 77;
Gospel Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: First Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-13;
Psalm 18;
Gospel Matthew 17:14-20

Treasures From Our Tradition!

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion.

In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet, different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, "But we've always done it this way," you are on very thin ice indeed!

