

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekly Stewardship of Treasure: The Lord's Portion Guide

Total Income	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
\$20,000.00	\$28.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$40.00
\$30,000.00	\$42.00	\$48.00	\$54.00	\$60.00
\$40,000.00	\$56.00	\$64.00	\$72.00	\$80.00
\$50,000.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
\$60,000.00	\$84.00	\$96.00	\$108.00	\$120.00

OFFERTORY

Needed	\$ 10,981.00
Offertory	\$ 6,118.00
Week's Overage/Deficit	\$ -4,863.00
Fiscal Year to Date Deficit	\$ -17,039.00

2nd Collection This week for Latin America & Catholic University.

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY DONATIONS can be made through your bank's "BILL PAY" option.

WILLS/ BEQUESTS/ ENDOWMENTS: The Last Will of the responsible Christian keeps the needs of our Lord's Apostolate in mind. The work of your life can continue after death. **Please remember St. John's in your will.**

DO YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES?
Please call the Office to get yours.

PARISH NEEDS LIST: Individual donations are kindly requested for the needs of our parish. Those able to help are greatly appreciated in the midst of the struggling economy of the Parish: Projector & Screen for Church, new microphones for choir (monetary donations please), piano tuning, rhythm Bar Chimes & Wire Brush for drums.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Green

Eccl 1:2,21-23/Col 3:1-5,9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Saturday Vigil

†Scott E Gallagher by Mom & Dad

†Harold McGowan

by Suzanne & Samantha McGowan

†Aleksandra Kiseleva by Renee Deuval

Sunday 8am

†Frank Schaeffer by Ellie Schaeffer

†Teresa Davino by Altar & Rosary Women's Group

†Frances Doyon by Emil Doyon

Sunday 10:30am

†Connie Melillo by Judie Heesch

†Hilda Solazzi by Helen Tullos

Edward Deitrick (Healing) by Danny & Rose Bain

Sunday 12pm

People of SJB

Monday St Eusebius of Vercelli & St Peter Julian

Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

Green

†Eve Heydorn by Joan & Stan Stoklosa

Tuesday

Green

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22

Frank Orkwis (Birthday) by Family

Wednesday St John Mary Vianney

White

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

For Those Discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood

Thursday Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Mgr

Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

Green

Success of Life Teen

Friday Transfiguration of the Lord

White

Dn 7:9-10,13-14/2Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Kelli-Shawn Brady (Healing)

by Lillian & Danny Lee

Saturday

Saturday morning Mass will Resume in September

"He [who attends Mass with all possible devotion] shall be freed from sudden death." St Augustine

Homily - 18th Sunday of the Year C

A rich man, who owned a multi-million dollar grocery store investment, was once on his deathbed. All four of his children gathered around him and were praying. The man somehow regained consciousness, looked around, saw his children and asked them in turn: “Thomas, are you here?” “Yes! Daddy, I’m here for you”, he replied. “Elizabeth, are you here?” “Of course, daddy, I will not abandon you”, she replied happily. “Martha, you are here?” She replied, “Certainly, I love you”. “And, you too, Stephen, are you here?” Absolutely, daddy, he replied proudly. To their utmost surprise, the dying father queried angrily, “All of you are here, then, who is in the grocery store?” How unfortunate! Instead of focusing on his eternal destiny, he was still preoccupied with earthly pursuits.

Brothers and sisters, such greed, even to the point of despising one’s self dignity and importance, is what Jesus condemns in today’s Gospel passage (Lk 12:13-21). Someone said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” Remember, an inheritance is a free money/asset; one has not labored for it; it was simply passed on from one to another; absolutely FREE. Perhaps, this person was even a very rich person; though very insatiable. Jesus could see through his/her greed and superficiality and dismissed him/her in these words, “‘Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?’ Then he said to the crowd, ‘Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.’” Some people simply delight in amassing wealth, no matter where it comes from. They never share; they only want more and more.

Against this background, Jesus posited this parable of a Rich Fool: A rich man ‘produced a bountiful harvest’ and asked himself, “‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest? ‘... I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.’” In contemporary terms, “I will buy more stocks; I will invest in bonds; I will build bigger restaurants and resorts centers.’ Then, I shall say to myself, “Now ... you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!” That is, “Rest from church; no more spending time in prayers, take more vacations, play golf, and ‘wine and dine’ for a long time to come.” Apparently, this person did not even think about donating to the Church or for charity. God may say to such people, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”

Nevertheless, some are greedy not only in life, but also in death. I once received a forwarded message attributed to an unknown author. A greedy, rich and dying

woman had told her poor husband, before she died: “Promise me that you will bury me with all my money in my casket.” The husband hesitated, then, promised to do so. A friend of the husband who heard about this told the man, “But you will not be that stupid!” The woman’s husband replied, “A promise is a promise; I gave her my word”. After the death and burial of the lady, the curious friend of the man approached again and inquired, “You don’t mean to tell me you put all her money in that casket; did you? He replied, “Of course, I did”. Then he went on, “I transferred all her money into my account and wrote a check of the entire amount and put it in her casket... She can cash it ‘over there’ if she wants to.”

Certainly, too much greed isolates people for genuine values. We should be rich in things that pertain to God through our dedication to the STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE. God wants spiritual concern put before other priorities, as Christ proclaimed, “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well” (Matt 6:31-33).

Qoheleth declares in our First Reading (Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23), “Vanity of vanities... vanity of vanities! ... For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest.” Thus, St. Paul advises us in our Second Reading (Col 3:1-5, 9-11), to live according to our new baptismal dignity which is a triumph over vanities: “If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above ...not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” Many people are lost in only secular pursuits; no church, no prayer life. How sad! Such people are only existing, but not living. Christ is our life.

Finally, Jesus is not condemning money or wealth. It is the attitude applied to it. Do we use our money or wealth for the glory of God and for the service of humanity? Has our money or assets become “a god” in our lives? St. Paul identifies “greed” today as a form of idolatry. Do I worship money by concealing the truth, killing, having an abortion, sell my body, selling my children into child labor or prostitution and exploiting others, as disposable objects, all for money? The Scripture says, “The love of money is the root of all evils” (1Tim 6:10). Beloved, may God help us to live in the freedom of the Spirit of God and enjoy our dignity as true sons and daughters of God, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Join the Men's Club & Fr. Kevin for Parish Holy Hour At 6pm this Friday

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting old eyeglasses for distribution in Afghanistan by Major Timothy Aamland. Major Aamland is part of an Army medical unit and as part of their mission, they will distribute used glasses to the Afghan population that otherwise would not be available to them. Old glasses can be placed in the basket in the church. The Knights will mail them to Major Aamland in Afghanistan while he is deployed. Our prayers are with Tim & his family.

Dear Parish Family,

The 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on September 22nd through October 31st this fall. I am hoping all of you who signed up for the March 20th prayer vigil in 2009 will again participate this coming fall. We hope to have a good turnout from our Parish. The date for SJB has been set for October 20th, a Wednesday. We need to fill a 12 hour time slot for that day which begins at 7am until 7pm.

I am in need of volunteers to help me with the sign up weekend in September. The 1st weekend in September will be the 4th and 5th. I am looking for people to help after each Mass to sign up parishioners to be part of 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. There will be notices in the bulletin for this event soon.

Please contact me as soon as possible at 489-1109 or my email address: Mizzoni51@gmail.com

Wishing you all a Blessed and Safe Summer!

Anita Schulkers
SJB 40 Days for Life Campaign Director



Congratulations and blessings to Rhianna Elyse Villon who was baptized recently.

Sunday Bible Reflection: Sections of 2 Peter 2&3 as well as parts of Jude not only warn about false teachers, but provide encouragement to build up one's faith through prayer in the Spirit, remaining in God's love, and relying upon Christ's mercy. These letters enrich our faith in dealing with today's false teachers. You are welcome to join us from 9:20am - 10:20am in the Conference Room as we reflect upon these readings.

Registration for Children's Faith Formation will be after Mass in the CFF Office on August 7/8 & 14/15. Those registering their children for the 1st time at SJB will need to bring a CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM for each child. If you have questions/need further information, please call Claire @ 489-3166.

Children's Faith Formation (CFF) program will begin on August 29. Classes start at 9am & run until 10:15. At least 1 parent per family should attend the 1st day.

Ready to answer your call to discipleship? "Our Catholic Faith: Mission, Formation and Ministry" is scheduled for August 27/28 at Holy Family Catholic Church (5125 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd. Orlando, FL 32819). It costs only \$25 per person (spouse an additional \$10). This conference will be presented in English and in Spanish and will offer a deeper invitation to fully engage our call to discipleship. For more information contact: eclayton@orlandodiocese.org or see: www.orlandodiocese.org/collaborative_ministry/index.php.

Ministry to the Sick Training will be held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Ocala. Please contact Gretchen Caprio in order to register for this important ministry (465-7413). Currently a very few minister to 200+/- homebound each month through SJB.

The Altar and Rosary Group is continuing to support Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one of our local schools. A container is available in the Narthex.

Are you an adult baptized Catholic desiring to receive 1st Communion or Confirmation? Do you know someone interested in learning about Catholic beliefs or updating information? Please call Ann Marie at 489-3643.

Zumba will begin August 30th at 7pm in Room 6&8. Please let the Office know if you will be attending so we make sure there's enough space. Make sure you are well enough to experience this intense work out--talk to your doctor before attending.

Visit us on the web:

Women Priests? Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), responded to a clarification from the Vatican that raised the attempted ordination of a woman to a “more grave delict,” or a Church crime that is always referred to the Holy See, in a July 15 statement.:

The Vatican’s clarification today of the seriousness with which it holds offenses against the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a welcome statement.

The seven sacraments are an integral and identifying part of the Catholic Church and the faith life of each Catholic. To feign any sacrament would be egregious. The Catholic Church through its long and constant teaching holds that ordination has been, from the beginning, reserved to men, a fact which cannot be changed despite changing times.

All Catholics are called to Christian service. Women have responded with extraordinary generosity. Historically, women have had an essential role in the life of the Church. This is true especially through their volunteer work in parishes, their professional service and their membership in religious communities, lay movements and other organizations, where they serve in a range of areas such as health care and education.

Today women serve in Church leadership positions at all levels. Women hold nearly half of diocesan administrative and professional positions—a fact that compares favorably to the U.S. workforce as a whole. Women also hold about one-quarter of the top diocesan positions, such as chancellor, school superintendent or chief financial officer. About 80 percent of lay parish ministers are women.

The Church’s gratitude to women cannot be stated strongly enough. Women offer unique insight, creative abilities and unstinting generosity at the very heart of the Catholic Church. Their activity and determinative participation explains much of what makes the Catholic Church the powerful force for goodness and holiness that it is.

Learn more at USCCB.org

Teens & Young Adults, and anyone else interested are asked to help with [face painting](#) at the October Carnival. Please contact Maureen through the Office or Maureen@stjohncc.com. You don’t have to be a great artist to help. All supplies will be provided.

We are in need of a [guitarist](#) for the Life Teen Mass. The songs are simple and most remain the same each month. Please help!!!

Parents! We have only gotten a few [response forms](#) returned. Without more support, Life Teen will not be possible. Please email Maureen & Fr. Emmanuel to let them know that you want Life Teen to be a part of our youth ministry program.

MONDAY

8am Mass

9:30am Sausage Sales

12pm Bulletin Announcements Due

1pm Craft Group

TUESDAY

8am Mass

11:30am Bingo

WEDNESDAY

8am Mass

5pm Life Teen Band/Choir Practice

5:30pm Bingo

THURSDAY

8am Mass

10am Living Waters Prayer Group

3pm Ambo Announcements Due

FRIDAY

8am Mass

Adoration until Noon

6pm Holy Hour

SATURDAY

10am Miraculous Medal Novena

3:30pm Confessions

4:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

8am Mass

9am Coffee and...

9:20am Sunday Bible Reflection

10:30am Mass

11:30am Coffee and...

11:45am RCIA

12pm Spanish Mass

1pm Coffee and...

Country Fair Update: Mark your calendar for October 1-3, 2010. SJB’s Country Fair will include games for all ages, face painting, a dunking booth featuring Fr. Emmanuel, climbing wall, and so much more!

To volunteer, contact the Office.

The fair is in need of donations of wine bottles (unopened) and mason/canning jars.

If you have a tent to lend, please contact the Office.