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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers  
Call the office

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catrina Bova

Lectors:  
Genia Vanderkruk  
10:00AM Choir  
Susan McElcheran  
Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM  
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

## CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
or by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the  
Religious Education office. Couples  
expecting a child are encouraged to  
contact the office before the child is  
born. Please contact Ext 1003, for  
more information.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one  
year prior to the planned wedding date.

## Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit  
Call the office Ext 1007

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
10:00am to 3:30pm  
Wednesdays - Closed

## ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League  
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy  
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry  
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace  
[www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)  
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers  
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus  
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council  
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
2nd Saturday of the Month 1:00 PM



MASS  
INTENTIONS



*The Pastor's Nook*

**Monday, August 4**

5:30pm Moya Carton †

**Tuesday, August 5**

5:30pm Consolacion Lagdamen †

**Wednesday, August 6**

5:30pm Sr. Ritha Joseph †

**Thursday, August 7**

5:30pm Teresa Varky †

**Friday, August 8**

5:30pm Edna Schlathau †

**Saturday, August 9**

5:30pm Giovanni Maschetta

**Sunday, August 10**

10am Geroqe Pierce †

12pm Natividad in Thanksgiving

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

(August 3 - 9)

This week's Sanctuary Lamp  
burns for Sr. Ritha Joseph.  
Please keep her in your prayer.

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick**

Maryann Chard  
Mark & Anne Szuba  
Mary Kelly  
Ted Daniel  
Laura Gill  
Mark Szuba

**The Deceased**

Vivian Castellanos  
Andrea Wally  
Mary Lou Gray  
Susana Noboa  
Beverly Johnson  
Aldo Canino  
Genoveffa Farenga

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

This Sunday's readings stir our souls with a wake-up call that we dare not ignore. The Word of God confronts us with a hard truth: everything earthly is passing, and only heaven is permanent. In the words of the Preacher in Ecclesiastes, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" (Eccl 1:2). These are not words of despair, but rather of deep wisdom - wisdom that shakes us from our illusions of security in wealth, possessions, and worldly success.

Jesus reinforces this lesson in the Gospel (Luke 12:13-21) through the parable of the rich fool. The man thinks he has secured his future by building bigger barns for his abundant crops, only to discover that his soul is required of him that very night. Jesus' warning is striking and timeless: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Greed is not simply about wanting more; it's about placing our security in what we have instead of who God is. Greed is not simply about having much - it is about holding tightly, clinging to the gifts of God as though they are ours alone. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the goods of creation are destined for the whole human race" (CCC 2402). The parable of the rich fool is not a condemnation of success, but of storing up treasures for oneself while being "poor in what matters to God."

St. Gregory the Great once said: "When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." What we have - be it wealth, wisdom, joy, or time - is not ultimately ours to hoard. We are channels of God's generosity, not reservoirs.

What we have is not meant to end with us, but to flow through us, like rivers that bring life wherever they go.

Saint Basil the Great once said: "The bread you store belongs to the hungry. The cloak you keep in your chest belongs to the naked. The gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."

This message could not be more relevant in our modern culture of consumerism. We measure success by how much we accumulate, but God measures our hearts by how much we share. Generosity is not a suggestion - it is a way of life in the Kingdom of God.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta reminds us: "If you give what you do not need, it isn't giving."

The readings also challenge us to redefine our identity. In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul exhorts us: "Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed" (Col 3:5). He invites us to live as people who are risen with Christ - as those who belong to heaven and are only passing through this world.

This doesn't mean ignoring the world, but living in it with the eyes of eternity. It means holding what we have lightly, living generously, and loving deeply. It means seeing our time, talent, and treasure as gifts on loan from God, meant to be invested for the sake of others and the glory of His Kingdom. So how do we live this teaching in our daily lives? (see next page)



..... (Pastor's Nook continued)

**Examine our heart:** What do I hold onto too tightly? Is it my money? My time? My need for control?

**Live generously:** Every act of generosity breaks the grip of greed and invites God's abundance. Recognize that everything we have - material or spiritual - is meant to bless others.

**Trust God's providence.** The more we give, the more room we make for God to provide. When we give, we're not losing; we're sowing. As St. Teresa of Avila said: "God alone suffices."

**Stay heavenly minded.** Let every earthly blessing point us back to heaven - our true homeland. Don't let earthly distractions make us lose sight of our eternal destiny.

Dear friends, let us walk together as pilgrims of eternity, traveling light, with open hearts and generous hands. Let us build not bigger barns, but broader bridges - bridges of love, compassion, and service.

May we always seek "the things that are above," where Christ is seated, and may our lives reflect the beauty and generosity of our God, who withholds nothing from us even His own Son.

With prayerful blessings,  
Fr. Anish Alex

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**Join your Parish's Music Ministry** (This Fall)

The Music Ministry at St. Joan of Arc brings together the faith experience and diverse talents of many people who come to lead our worshipping community to a fully, conscious and active participation in our celebrations of Eucharist. Both of our choirs on Sunday are welcoming new members this fall. Speak with Susan McElcheran (10am Mass) or Dorothy Pellerin (12 Noon Mass) for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

**Fr. Anish's Installation Mass** (Sept. 14)

Save the date! Bishop Robert Kasun, our regional bishop, will be with us to formally install Fr. Anish as Pastor at the 12:00pm Mass. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

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Please consider a sacrificial donation and/or gift to your parish this summer. Our weekly collections make up a very significant portion of our annual budget, helping us compensate our staff, while offering great care through our many diverse programs within the parish.

**Please be generous.**

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**CATHOLIC CACKLE**

An Irish priest was trying to find a parking space.

He kept looping the car park, but no one was leaving. So he prayed, "God, if you free up a parking space for me, I promise I won't drink for a month."

Some clouds cleared and the sun beamed down onto an empty parking spot.

"Never mind, Lord, I've found one."

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