

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 03rd, 2025

Intentions:

August 03 - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory and for those who have no one to pray for them, requested by Janne Campbell.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection

July 27 - T.B.A.

Thank You



August 04

St. John Vianney (Patron of priests) This French priest is known around the world by the title "Cure of Ars" " St. John Mary Vianney was born in 1786 near Lyons, France, three years before the French Revolution. At 20, he enrolled in school but found studying difficult; having learned the rudiments of theology, he was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, a remote French hamlet, where most of the people were not interested in religion. He spent the rest of his life serving his parishioners. Devoted to prayer and fasting, he became so renowned as a confessor that, between 1830 and 1845, visitors and pilgrims numbered in the hundreds every day. When he walked from the confessional, pilgrims would surge after him, cutting pieces from his clothing and his hair. The priest heard confessions for 12 to 16 hours a day, and from 1844 until his death, he gave a short lesson in the church every morning. People were healed and converted, and many were given appropriate words of wisdom or advice even before they had explained their predicament. His reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification.

Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested a imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ.

His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Gospel Reflection: The rich man in the parable would have had enough in his present storehouses; seeking more, he builds more storehouses only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. We work hard for what we think is important to us, but we may end up with nothing because we have missed the whole point: life. We tend to think we can provide for our own future, but the gospel reminds us that the future is God's. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. We belong to God and God can demand an accounting of us at any time. The only security we truly possess is a loving relationship with God. *(Living Liturgy, p.184)*



Masses during the Week

Wed: 8:00am adoration/confession 9am mass at St Michael

Thurs: 8:30am, confession, 9am mass at St. Michael

Fri: 8:30am, confession, 9am mass at St. Michael

Bereavement Support Group will commence on Monday September 22nd 2025 from 2-4pm. The group will be held at St Isidore parish Hall. The sessions will be weekly for 6 weeks with a one month break and will resume for another 6 weeks. Please contact

Irena konopacki to register or for further information at

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Next Sunday, youths of Spanish origin in Ottawa will be coming to St. Michael's parish on pilgrimage. They will be saying the Rosary in English and a talk encouraging catholic youths to live our catholic value will be given by a presenter. Youths of our parish from 14 years and above are encouraged to attend.



Administrator's Corner

Treasure that Lasts, Investing in Eternity

The liturgy of this weekend reminds us to stop and think about what really matters. It's easy to focus on money, success, and things we own, but these don't last. The readings point us to something greater; the treasure that lasts. The concept of treasure has a dual meaning in the biblical perspective. On one hand, it refers to valuable possessions, wealth, or resources collected and stored. On the other hand, it means unique riches of immense value in the spiritual realm. Humanity in ancient times had this wrong mentality of displaying wealth, land ownership, and livestock as a sign of God's blessings to the faithful.

Ecclesiastes tells us that working hard just to gain wealth is empty. Life is short, and we can't take anything with us. Psalm 90 teaches us to ask God to help us use our time well, reminding us that each day is a gift.

As St. Ignatius Loyola writes in his Spiritual Exercises, "The human person is created to praise, reverence, and serve God Our Lord, and by doing so, to save his or her soul." This raises important questions about our priorities in life. Why do we give special place to certain things? Material goods have transient value, but spiritual things have eternal value.

The parable of the rich fool in the Gospel is a powerful reminder to prioritize our relationship with God and our ultimate goal of salvation. The rich man is not condemned for forgetting that the ultimate purpose of his life is salvation but for making no preparations for it. He was too busy investing in this world, and that is the ultimate vanity.

As St. Augustine says, "That is our final good, which is loved for its own sake and all other things for the sake of it." This challenges us to reevaluate our priorities and focus on what truly matters. What is the barometer for measuring true life for you and me? Have we been defining life in terms of our career, house, stock portfolio, achievements, knowledge, or popularity?

When we define life according to these things, we can be devastated when they are taken away. St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that the real end for which man is made is to be reunited with the goodness of God through virtuous behavior and the use of reason to know and love God above all.

To get our priorities right, we need to maintain a hierarchy of our values: faith, family, work, health, friendship, and community engagement. We should ask ourselves: How does my financial spending serve my purpose in life? How is my day structured? Do I have quality time to nurture my spirit and relationships?

The story of Mother Teresa and the old man with the lamp is a beautiful illustration of how spiritual light can bring hope and meaning to our lives. Mother Teresa once met an old man living in what she called "a most terrible condition." One of the many ways she and her Missionaries of Charity sisters took care of their beloved poor people was to go into their homes, where the sisters would clean their houses, wash their clothes, and give them baths. Mother talked with this old man and asked him for permission to clean his home. At first, he refused, but at last she convinced him to allow her to do it. While she was cleaning, she found a very beautiful old lamp, covered with dirt and dust. "Do you not light the lamp?" she asked him, "For whom?" he replied. I don't need to light the lamp for no one visits me" "If the sisters come to you, will you light the lamp?" Mother Teresa asked. "Yes, I'd do it!" he answered. After that day, the sisters would go to visit him, and he would light the lamp. Years later, the old man asked the sisters to deliver a message to Mother Teresa: "Tell my friend, the light she lit in my life is still burning!"

As St. John Paul II said, "The so-called 'third age' is first of all 'a value in itself... The elderly possess a wealth of experience, knowledge, and teaching." This reminds us to see the elderly not as liabilities but as assets and to lavish our time, talents, and treasure in celebrating them.

Ultimately, the question remains: What treasures are we investing in? Are they earthly or eternal? Jesus teaches us to be rich in what matters to God. Let's focus on investing in eternity and prioritizing our relationship with Him.

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Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Saturday 4:00 pm Mass
	Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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