



31 July 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION:

It makes no sense to accumulate if one day we will die. What we must accumulate is love, and the ability to share, the ability not to remain indifferent when faced with the needs of others. Our treasures must be mercy, love, kindness, and charity. When we pursue these, then we have heard our Lord's message and are on the path of a true disciple.

READINGS:

First Reading: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14&17
Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Today we lift up our hearts in prayer that God's compassion and mercy will be open to those most in need.

Response: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer

For the Church: that God grant a spirit of gratitude to appreciate all the gifts He has given us to become rich through words of Faith, attitudes of Hope and deeds of Love. We pray to the Lord.

For freedom of heart in the grace of detachment: that we may never be seduced by the illusions of wealth, fame, power or control nor allow these to dominate our lives. We pray to the Lord.

For all who bear the burden of poverty or financial struggles particularly the unemployed: that God will sustain them, help them use resources wisely and open new opportunities for them. We pray to the Lord.

For the sick and the housebound, the burdened and the bereaved, that Christ's love will comfort them in their need. We pray to the Lord.

For parents and grandparents: that they be slow to anger, quick to hear, and eager to accept their children and grandchildren for the precious treasures they are.

Celebrant: God of life, receive these prayers of intercession. May your mercy flow in abundance upon all who are in need. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.