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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022



The Rich Fool

LUKE 12:13-21

May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours:

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The ten commandments were summarized into two prohibitions: do not worship false idols and do not covet what belongs to another. It's the flip side of the two great commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Jesus warned the man who wanted half of his brother's inheritance to "beware of all covetousness." To covet is to wish to get wrongfully what another possesses or to begrudge what God has given to another. Jesus restates the commandment "do not covet," but he also states that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his or her possessions. Jesus reinforces his point with a parable about a foolish rich man (Luke 12:16-21). Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness - it's mine, all mine, and no one else's. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! What is Jesus' lesson on using material possessions? It is in giving that we receive. Those who are rich towards God receive ample reward; not only in this life, but in eternity as well. Let this be our prayer today: Lord Jesus, free my heart from all possessiveness and from coveting what belongs to another. May I desire you alone as the one true treasure worth possessing above all else. Help me to make good use of the material blessings you give me that I may use them generously for your glory and for the good of others.

Readings for Next Sunday, August 7, 2022

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-12

Luke 12:35-40

† Saint of the Week: St. Alphonsus Liguori

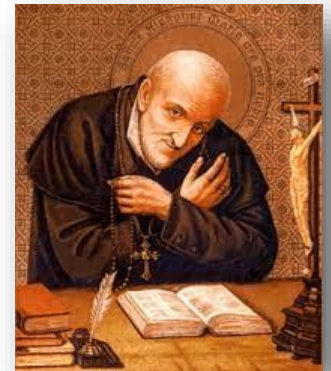
St. Alphonsus Marie Liguori was born on September 27, 1696 near Naples, Italy. He was the oldest of seven children, raised by a devout mother of Spanish descent. Educated at the University of Naples, Alphonsus received his doctorate at the age of sixteen. By age nineteen he was practicing law, but he saw the transitory nature of the secular world and retreated from the courts and his fame.

While visiting a local hospital in 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God. He was ordained a priest in 1726 and spent the following years on missions throughout Naples. In 1732, Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. The foundation faced immediate problems, and after just one year, Alphonsus found himself with only one lay brother.

He started again, recruited new members, and in 1743 became the prior of two new congregations, one for men and one for women. In 1762, he accepted the papal command as See of St. Agatha of the Goths near Naples. For 13 years Alphonsus fed the poor, instructed families, reorganized the seminary and taught theology. His austerities were rigorous, and he suffered daily the pain from rheumatism that was beginning to deform his body. He spent several years having to drink from tubes because his head was so bent forward. An attack of rheumatic fever left him paralyzed.

In 1780, Alphonsus was tricked into signing a submission for royal approval of his congregation. This submission altered the original rule, and as a result he was denied any authority among the Redemptorists. Excluded from his own congregation, Alphonsus suffered great anguish. But he overcame his depression, and experienced visions, performed miracles, and gave prophecies. He died peacefully on August 1, 1787, near Naples as the Angelus was ringing.

St. Alphonsus Liguori is the patron of confessors and moral theologians. In liturgical art he is depicted as bent over with rheumatism or as a young priest.



Feast Day: August 1



Pray the Rosary

We gather to pray the rosary as a congregation 30 minutes before each weekday Mass. Please join us!

Why pray the Rosary? Here are just five of the many reasons...one for each decade.

- 1) To receive the Blessed Mother's 15 promises, including the assurance of receiving the sacraments at the time of death; never being conquered by misfortune; and her own special protection.
- 2) For peace throughout our troubled world, as well as our own spiritual peace and our own war against temptation.
- 3) To reflect on the Gospel mysteries and the events of Jesus' life, helping us to imitate him more fully.
- 4) Spiritual healing, allowing God to enter our hearts. As we meditate through the repetitive prayers, we can better hear God. We hear him in the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.
- 5) The power of prayer is unspeakable. It is our lifeline to God!

Thank You Fr. Giles!

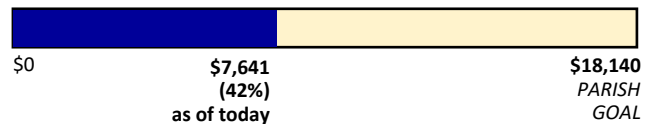
While we are very much looking forward to Fr. Thomas' return, we are also saddened to say farewell (for now!) to Fr. Giles. This is his last weekend celebrating Mass here this summer.

We will certainly miss his words of wisdom, sense of humor, and inspiring Henry Homilies. We are very grateful to him for being willing to travel every weekend, allowing all of us to attend Mass at our own church. We thank you, Fr. Giles, and remember you in our prayers as you return to "normal" life!

Fr. Thomas will begin his journey back to the United States this week. We pray for his safe and uneventful travel back to us!



Assumption Parish



Our 2022 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign is now underway. Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 30	4:00 p.m.	Soul of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Daniel Labonte.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, July 31	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Joe Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
		Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
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Saturday, August 6	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Maureen, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families .....	Dean Alt
Sunday, August 7	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Tom Sauer .....	K of C Council 10545
		Soul of Ron Chiccehitto .....	Jan Chiccehitto

**Reminder...there are no weekday Masses while Fr. Thomas is on vacation.**



## Collections & Attendance

July 23-24, 2022

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$1,930
Loose Donations .....	\$322
Votive Candles .....	\$105
Poor Box .....	\$156
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,513</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 7/23 .....	57
Sunday, 7/24 .....	78
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>135</b>

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, August 6

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Meredythe Barrick  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, August 7

Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury and Nick McKenzie  
EM: Nancy Starcher  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

### Saturday, August 13

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: to be named  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Dena DeMasi & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, August 14

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Jane Placka & Beverley Iser  
EM: Tina Stephen  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

## Free Community Pool Party

The Grace United Methodist Church is sponsoring a free community pool party at the Keyser pool on Thursday, August 4, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Come and bring a friend!



## Statement from Bishop Mark Brennan on the Need for a Culture of Life

A few weeks ago the Supreme Court of the United States, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overruled *Roe v. Wade*, clearing the way for Americans in their respective states to enact legal protections for unborn human life. This week, in its extraordinary session, the West Virginia Legislature has taken steps to consider legislation to end most abortions in the Mountain State.

I support the strongest possible protections for the unborn and I am grateful for the work of our representatives in government in taking up this important issue this week. But the end of abortion will not be the end of the journey, it will be a new beginning and an opportunity for all of us to work towards a culture of life in our state.

That means working together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families; strengthening medical, economic and emotional supports for pregnant women and for West Virginia's children; addressing housing and food insecurity, improving protections for victims of domestic violence, promoting paid maternity leave, and expanding the availability and affordability of childcare. So too must we support adoption reforms, support adoptive families, and expand resources available to kinship families. Embracing life, supporting families, and assisting those among us that are most vulnerable is how we will heal the cultural wounds of abortion.

I know that many West Virginians feel strongly about this issue and that this week's discussions in the Legislature are not going to change hearts and minds overnight, but despite the controversy, this moment presents an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the love of God for each human life from the instant of his or her conception. We have been presented with an opportunity to begin to heal from the scars of *Roe* and a chance to work together to foster a culture of life in West Virginia.

+Mark E. Brennan  
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



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