

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15) Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

> Father John Muir $\bigcirc LPi$



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday-Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21 **Tuesday**–Nm 12:1-13//Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday–Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday- Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:24-28

Friday–Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28 **Saturday**– Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday- Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during Mass.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

July 27 \$ 2,789.00

Thank you for your very generous and continued support to the parish!

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm: Lector: John Kiesewetter Minister: John Williams, Robert Groeling

Barb Hawkins

Server: Max & Maggie

Sunday 7:30: Lector: Dee Ketchum

Minister: Denise Palmer Server: Di Williams

Sun 9am: Lector: Pete Miller Minister: Kim Giles. June Miller.

Nancy Tulchinsky Server: Noah Giles

Sun 11:15am: Lector: Fernanda Godinez Minister: Josie Hernandez, Mary Macias,

Lourdes Langford Server: Elias De la Rosa

Upcoming Events

August 4– Baptism Class Pre-Registration required **September 18–** Parish and Finance Council Meetings.

October 19–87th Annual BBQ

Observances for the Week

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AA Meetings are offered in our parish hall each Sunday 7pm and Wednesday 6pm

Prayer Requests

If you or a member of your family would like our faith community of Immaculate Conception Church to join you in prayers for special needs, call the parish office. Names will be removed periodically. If your loved one has been removed and is still in need of prayers please let us know.

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: Yolanda Cardenas, Cindy Pena , Kathleen Connoly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, Kathleen Mitchell, John Mitchell, Linda Vaccarezza, John Garioto, Marylou Armbruster, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Nicole Wong, Maggie Garcia, Lily Klauer, Mary Encinias, Patrick Mooyoung, Jeannette Martin, Judith Wong, Eric Gibson, Bobby Aceves, Kenny Fitts, Miranda Lee, Isaac Lee, Diane Alves, Nancy Pence, Rubi Melendez, Patrick Mooyoung, Nancy Appenzeller, Matt Acconero, Isaias Perez, Tim Osquisa, Sally Stephenson, Ofelia Aguirre, Oscar Carrillo, Margie LeGrand, Nicholas Matos, Phyllis Cruz, Orlando Garza, Tanner Ullon, Jeff French, Vince Milazzo, Steven Freitas, Colleen Aguirre, Martin Vallejo, David Shields, Presley Dias, Anita Pedrazzi, Jude Wong, Drea Cedillo, Octaviano Luna, Joe Postigo, Johnny Bermio, Gail Hernandez-Muhilly, Corylan Stranski, Kay Soares, Doris Stubben, Barry Eisenberg, Gigi Cutillo, Juliana Barrios, Evelyn Scally, Ramiro Acevedo, Loise Callens, Joey Dias, Phillip Cosentino, Donna Howe, Dee Ellen Emma, Dian Markowski, Rogerio Moitoso, Frank Viera

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Rick Perry, Juan Estrada, Dorris Jones. Mark Silveira,



Parish News!!!

- Our Livestream Sunday 9am Mass can be found on our YouTube page.
- Each Friday morning prior to the 8:30am morning Mass you are welcome at 8:00am for prayer of the Holy Rosary.
- AED's are located at the entrance to the church to the right of the stairs under the choir loft and also in the hall near the front door.
- We are looking for ministers, lectors and servers for our Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11:15 am and our Saturday 5pm Masses. If you would like to help serve during Mass, please contact the office for more information.
- Thank you to all who have purchased from the Religious Education Wishlist. If you would like to donate please go to the link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37NAIZ29RVDKY?ref_=wl_share

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please have all gifts delivered to: ICC P.O. Box 247 Tres Pinos, CA. 95075

The Altar Society News!

The Altar Society is organizing their White Elephant Sale and are ready to take your donations! They are looking for collectibles, gently used household items, and sporting equipment. Unfortunately, they can not take a few things such as: No clothing, no linens, no shoes or large furniture. Donations can be left on the front porch of the office. If you have any questions please reach out to Cindy Emeterio at 831-801-53701



We would like to remind you that there will be **NO 7:30am Mass** on August 10th, August 17, and August 24, 2025 but will resume on August 31st. Please enjoy our other scheduled Mass times.



Thank you for your understanding.

O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

We will be starting O.C.I.A for adults (18+) who want to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Faith. Sacraments include Baptism, and /or First Communion and/or Confirmation.

If you are interested in this year long program that begins in August, please call the parish office at 628-3216 registration forms are available.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2 5:00pm

†Kay Larkin req. by: Arlene Collison †Henriqueta Faria

req. by: Carmelina Santos

Sunday, August 3 7:30am

†Felipe Velazquez req. by: The Family **9:00am**

†Fedele Scornaienchi

req. by: Helen Casillas

11:15am

†Audrey Franco req. by: Lucia Lomanto †Henriqueta Faria

Monday, August 4 8:30am

†Meg Groeling req. by: Robert Groeling †Merle Allen Vaughn

req. by: The Alipaz Family

Tuesday, August 5
No Services

Wednesday, August 6

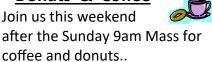
No Services
Thursday, August 7
8:30am

†Dolores Rustria Buena

Friday, August 8 8:30am

†Melania Peixoto reg. by: Lucia Peixoto

Donuts & Coffee



Registration is OPEN for our Faith Formation Classes!

Elementary and 1st Communion prep for our Religious education program begins at 7 years old. The Confirmation program begins Freshman year and continues through their Sophomore year. Applications can be picked up in our office 8:30am-1pm. Class space is limited. Please register as soon as possible. Teachers and Assistants are needed for our Religious Education Programs. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions please contact: Our Faith Formation **Director Dee Ketchum**