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**AUGUST 3 AND AUGUST 10, 2025**

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23

### Responsorial

Psalms 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17

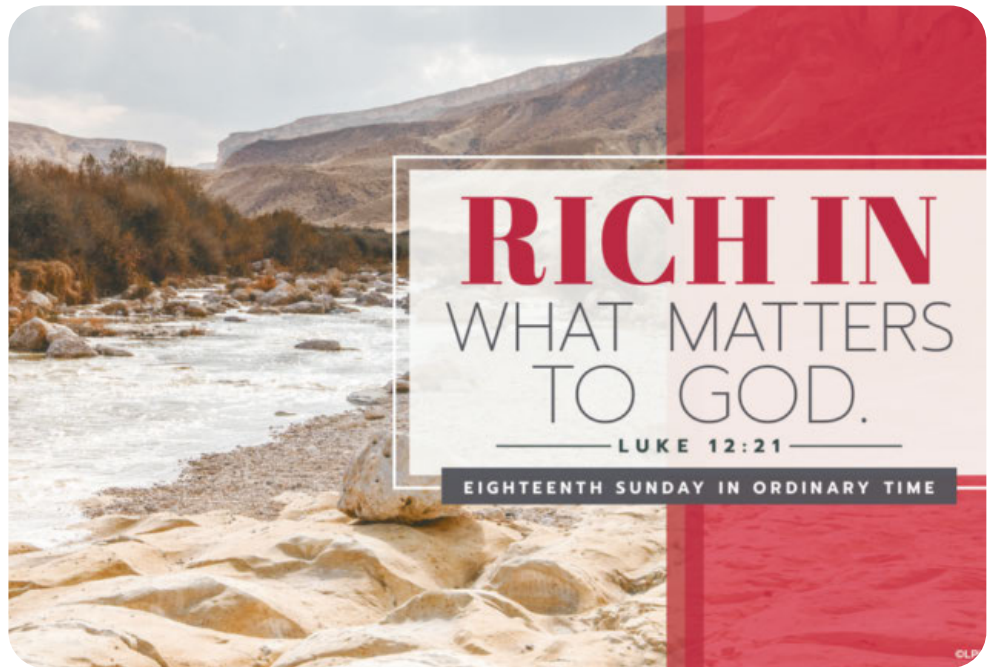
**If today you hear his  
voice, harden not your  
hearts.**

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11

### Gospel

Luke 12:13–21



<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080325.cfm>

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Wisdom 18:6–9

### Responsorial

Psalms 33:1, 12, 18–19, 20–22

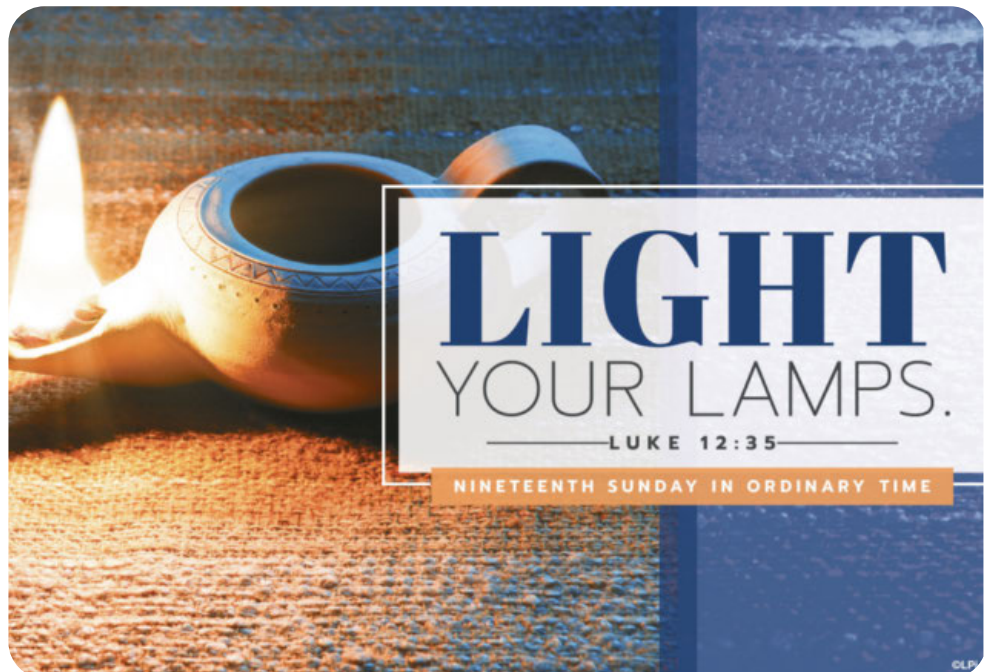
**Blessed the people the  
Lord has chosen to be  
his own.**

### Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19

### Gospel

Luke 12:32–48



<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081025.cfm>

# ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH

*We warmly welcome all visitors who have joined us to celebrate!*



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## OUR MISSION

Be Disciples, Make Disciples!

We bring people into closer relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith by sharing the Good News through prayer, evangelization, service, liturgy and the sacraments.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms will be held during all weekend Masses the first Sunday of each month, and baptism services will be held every third Saturday of the month at 11 am. Baptismal Preparation Class is the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm in the church. Please call the office to schedule a baptism; sign up for the class on the website.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass on Saturdays from 4:00–4:45 pm, during Holy Hour on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 pm, or by appointment.

### BULLETIN

Available on [stjosaphatparish.org](http://stjosaphatparish.org) and through a link on the JosaFAST weekly email. Submit articles via link on parish website. Deadline is Tuesday at Noon.

### JOSAFast

Our weekly email is sent every Thursday around 5 pm. Sign up online or contact the Parish Office if you’d like to receive it.

### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Please stop by the sacristy before Mass to let the priests know, then go to the communion station of the presider of the liturgy.

### HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

If you would like someone to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

### PASTORAL COUNSELING

Services are available from Miriam Wolfe, M.A., L.P.C. at 773.517.3182, and Theresa A. Nollette, LSCW, M.Div., 312.540.0320 or [theresa\\_nollette@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theresa_nollette@sbcglobal.net).

### MOVING?

Email the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding to set a date. Parish Marriage Guidelines available at [www.stjosaphatparish.org](http://www.stjosaphatparish.org)

### DONATIONS

Electronic donations may be made through [GiveCentral.org](http://GiveCentral.org), or by texting SUNDAY to 312.625.5666. If you would like envelopes, or did not receive your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

### HANDS OF MERCY MINISTRIES

Contact Coordinator Jean Bystedt, [jean@jbystedt.com](mailto:jean@jbystedt.com)

### CAREER TRANSITION CENTER OF CHICAGO

Our parish has member benefits. Reference [ctcchicago.org](http://ctcchicago.org)

### ASSISTANCE FOR ABUSE CASES

Allegations concerning abuse and/or neglect should be reported to the local police. Key numbers: National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.SAFE; DCFS Hotline: 800.25.ABUSE; Archdiocese of Chicago Office of the Protection of Children and Youth: 800.994.6200

### BLESS YOUR HOME

Fr. Brett will gladly come to bless your home. Contact the Parish Office.

### EMERGENCIES

Call anytime.

### PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Parish hours are Monday–Thursday, 9 am–5 pm, Friday 9 am–Noon. Closed Saturday–Sunday.

## TROUBLE HEARING IN CHURCH?

We are pleased to offer assisted listening, using your smartphone or wifi-enabled device:

- Download the free LISTEN EVERYWHERE app
- Connect to Wifi: St. Josaphat Parish, Password: bsphat2311
- Click our channel, “Audio LBJY”
- Connect your headphones, earbuds or hearing aid to your device.



## REVISED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Exciting news—our weekday Mass schedule is getting a refresh starting Tuesday, August 5!

Tuesday morning Mass at 8:00 am will be moved to Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. Following the evening Mass, there will be a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal prayer, and the opportunity for confession. We invite everyone to join us for this new schedule, as we come together in worship and prayer.

To recap, our new weekday schedule will be:

- 8:00 am Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, followed by Holy Hour 6:30–7:30 pm.

## RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAYS

Please note: Saturday Reconciliation now begins at 4:00 pm instead of 4:15 pm — giving you an extra 15 minutes each week for confession and quiet reflection.

## SAVE THE DATE - JOSAFEST

Our annual parish festival of fun, food and friends will take place on Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14, 2025. Hope to see you there!

## COMMUNITY PARK CLEAN-UP

Many thanks to all those who answered the call to clean up and beautify our Fr. Grassi Community Park behind church.



## COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that communion under both species—the consecrated bread and the cup—is once again offered to the congregation. All who are able are invited to receive both the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Catholic Church teaches that Christ is fully present—body, blood, soul and divinity—in either species of the Eucharist. Receiving only the host or only from the cup provides the fullness of Christ; reception under both kinds is a more complete sign, but not a necessity for the full grace of the sacrament. We rejoice in sharing more fully in this sacred meal together.

## SECOND COLLECTION - AUGUST 16 & 17

Julie Lynch, a lay missionary with St. Patrick's Missionary Society, will speak at all Masses the weekend of August 16–17, and share how the Catholic Church is helping people in Narus, South Sudan, near the Kenyan border.

Julie has volunteered in Catholic schools there since 2011, and will share about the challenges faced, the importance of education and the critical role of the school feeding program of St. Joseph's Parish, Narus, South Sudan.

A second collection will be taken to support the mission's feeding program for the 3,000 students who are enrolled in the parish's 7 Catholic schools.

# HANDS OF MERCY

## ALOHA FROM THE AGING MINISTRY!

This past Sunday, the Aging Ministry of St. Josaphat was thrilled to team up with the Association of Saint Jeanne Jugan to throw a festive Hawaiian luau for our neighbor residents at Little Sisters of the Poor. Guests were welcomed with colorful leis, sipped on tropical mocktails, and enjoyed a full Hawaiian feast—complete with a roasted suckling pig sporting sunglasses!

Our volunteers helped prep the meal on Saturday, then returned Sunday to serve and celebrate with the residents before tackling cleanup together.

The Aging Ministry hosts monthly opportunities to support and connect with seniors in our neighborhood—and we'd love for you to be part of it! If you're interested in joining the fun, email us at [aging@stjosaphatparish.org](mailto:aging@stjosaphatparish.org).



## EMPOWERING SCHOOLS

Volunteers from our Hands of Mercy Empowering Schools ministry painted classrooms at Academy of St. Benedict the African on July 22. If you want to help this ministry, email [christine.frech@gmail.com](mailto:christine.frech@gmail.com).



# AROUND TOWN

## Summer Young Adult Series

What am I supposed to do with my life?

Wednesday, **August 20**, from 7–9 pm  
at Beermiscouous, 2812 N. Lincoln



Dr. Karen Ross  
*Dir. of Pathways Living Learning Community,*  
Catholic Theological Union

Scan for info and registration:

For all young adults aged 22–35



## Maryville CYO 10th Annual Golf Classic Invitational

Monday, September 8, 2025  
11 a.m.–8 p.m.

The Preserve at Oak Meadows Golf Course  
900 N. Wood Dale Road, Addison, IL 60101

For 30+ years, Maryville has run the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) as part of its mission to protect children and strengthen families. They have acquired a youth center with a gym in the under-resourced Austin community in Chicago. Their upcoming golf fundraiser will help raise necessary funds to meet needs and support the growth of the children who come there, as well as all CYO programs.

This is the primary fundraiser for the CYO, and you are invited to make it a successful day! Register here: <https://maryvilleacademy.org/event/15644>

# A CHURCH TO COME HOME TO

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY .....AUGUST 4

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

### TUESDAY.....AUGUST 5

6:00 pm Living and Deceased Mothers and Fathers

### WEDNESDAY .....AUGUST 6

8:00 am †Purgatorial Society

### FRIDAY.....AUGUST 8

8:00 am For the intentions of Pope Leo XIV

### SATURDAY .....AUGUST 9

8:00 am †The Sedzielasz Family

### SUNDAY .....AUGUST 10

8:00 am Fr. Dominic Grassi  
10:00 am Ewald-Barlock Family

### MONDAY.....AUGUST 11

8:00 am †Purgatorial Society

### TUESDAY.....AUGUST 12

6:00 pm †Sam Gagliano

### WEDNESDAY .....AUGUST 13

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

### FRIDAY.....AUGUST 15

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Josaphat

### SATURDAY .....AUGUST 16

5:00 pm For an increase in vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

### SUNDAY .....AUGUST 17

8:00 am †Patricia Ann Maloney  
10:00 am †Ruth & †Edward Subacz

## LOOKING FOR A PARISH?

We warmly welcome new parishioners. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet registered, please register through our website at [www.stjosaphatparish.org](http://www.stjosaphatparish.org).

## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Weekday Masses	8:00 am	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	(Church)
	6:00 pm	Tuesday	(Church)
Tues.	8/5	9:00 am	Facilities Committee Meeting (Zoom)
		10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		6:00 pm	Men's Group (Red Door Room)
		6:30 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer and Reconciliation (Church)
		7:30 pm	Men's AA Meeting (Red Door Room)
Fri.	8/8	12:00 pm	Parish Office closes for summer hours
Sat.	8/9	1:00 pm	Baptism (Church)
		5:00 pm	Mass, Fr. Brett (Church)
Sun.	8/10	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Brett (Church)
		10:00 am	Mass, Fr. Brett (Church)
Mon.	8/11	7:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation (Church)
Tue.	8/12	10:00 am	Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word (Zoom)
		6:00 pm	Men's Group (Red Door Room)
		6:30 pm	Holy Hour of Prayer and Reconciliation (Church)
		7:30 pm	Men's AA Meeting (Red Door Room)
Fri.	8/15	12:00 pm	Parish Office closes for summer hours
Sat.	8/16	11:00 am	Baptism Service (Church)
		4:00 pm	Reconciliation (Church)
		5:00 pm	Mass, Fr. Brett (Church)
Sun.	7/13	8:00 am	Mass, Fr. Brett (Church)
		10:00 am	Mass, Fr. Brett (Church)

Next weekend's Special Collection is for **Missionary Cooperation**. If you donate through Give Central, you can also specify an amount for this cause by selecting this "Event" (fund) or text **Mission** to **312.625.5666**. Thank you!

<b>NEXT</b>	<b>Baptismal Prep</b>	Mon.	9/8	7:00 pm	(Church)
	<b>Pre Cana</b>	Sat.	10/25	10:00 am	(Red Door Room)
					Sign up online.

## PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

*Fr. Dominic Grassi, Judith Lauth Casey, Eric Casey, Ginger F, Maria Jose de Freitas Zanvettor, Theresa and Leonard Hester, Ruth Smat, Jenna Dreixler, Mary Bitterman, Diane L, Katie R, Kay Young, Benoit Blondeau, Linda Garfield, Mike O'Brien, Betty Patrick, Frances Astorina, The Koh Family, Shirley Guignard, Kathleen and Patrick Doherty, Bill F*

### REST IN PEACE

*†Milan Dzakovic  
†Elizabeth Mungo  
†John Archibald Steele*





# Bringing Home the Word

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
August 3, 2025

## Was It Worth It?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**W**e hear many stories about women and men who value things or status over the people in their lives or over genuine fulfillment. Then, something happens that throws them back on their heels, and they are forced to face the question: *Was it worth it?* No, say the writers of today's readings. It is not worth losing yourself or the people you love. In fact, it is not worth risking your own integrity.

The Hebrew word for vanity can be translated as "worthless" or "foolish." The characters in the first reading and the gospel passage were considered

foolish because the labors and possessions that wore them down were ultimately worthless.

This idea of vanity or foolishness is a prominent theme in the Wisdom tradition. We all know that actions have consequences. It's these consequences that reveal what is good for us and what is not, what is worth pursuing and what we should avoid. Those who learn from life experiences in this way are considered wise; those who don't are deemed foolish. We all know this, as we have learned the truth of it from our own experiences.

There is one more aspect that must be considered in making wise decisions. Which consequences are worth the effort we put into achieving them? Are we looking for short-term enjoyment, or do we seek long-term satisfaction? The profit attained by the people in these readings did not last. They couldn't take it with them, so one might ask: *Was it worth it?* †

***The consequences  
of our actions reveal  
what is good for us  
and what is not,  
what is worth pursuing  
and what we should avoid.***

## ***A Word from Pope Leo XIV***

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- How do I spend my time and energy?
- At the end of my life, will I say I spent my days well?

## **Sunday Readings**

### **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

For what profit comes to mortals from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which they toil under the sun?

### **Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

### **Luke 12:13-21**

[Jesus said,] "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."



# Bringing Home the Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
August 10, 2025

## Live By Faith

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**T**he story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances

of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet, live like this we must, whether we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So, how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story, we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith. †



*Live by faith we must, believers and unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.*

## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.... Their viewpoints...are vital if we are to see the world through God’s eyes.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



## Sunday Readings

### Wisdom 18:6–9

In secret, the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and carried out with one mind the divine institution.

### Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–12

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

### Luke 12:32–48 or Luke 12:35–40

[Jesus said,] “Sell your belongings and give alms.... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- When have I acted on faith in God without knowing what would happen?
- Am I being called to act on faith today?

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