



We Cannot Have Two Masters

Recently, the Gospel passage for the day reminded us that as we go through life we must decide which is more important to us: the material world or God. Jesus tells us that we cannot have two masters. Some people in the world believe that they can divide their attention and priorities but sooner or later they must realize that divided loyalties means half hearted loyalty. Jesus is not condemning material wealth, but telling us that if it is not used responsibly, we will find ourselves in big trouble.

How do we use our material blessings responsibly? As Christians, we must always make sure that in some way we are aiding the poor and less fortunate in our society. In some way, we must make sure we are helping to further God's Kingdom here on earth by being good stewards. That means certainly supporting our parish, but also being mindful of requests from other worthy charities that ask for assistance.

For some people in the world, their god is their money. Certainly, money in and of itself is not evil. It is what we do with it that can cause problems. As Christians, we must choose to be generous people and abandon every inclination to be selfish. Temptations are always in front of us, so we must be strong in our resolve to do good for others with whatever resources God has blessed us with.

Father David

St. Joseph

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is March 19, but since it is on a Sunday this year, the liturgical celebration is March 20. St. Joseph is a great model of faith to look at and certainly one we might try to imitate. He is a man of action and very little words. He is certainly open to the messages that come to him from God. After intently listening, he puts into practice what is asked of him. I am reminded of the image of the apparition of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland. Our Blessed Mother is in the center. To her right is St. Joseph, with head bowed in reverence, not speaking but saying volumes by his action. To her left is St. John the Evangelist, in a pose of teaching the Gospel. St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!

Father David

Parish Library Loan Period

We have several books from our Parish Library (located in the church Coat Room) that have been out beyond the loan period. If anyone still has books out beyond the initial "take out" period, please return them. If you would like to keep the book(s) for a longer period of time, please let us know and we would be happy to extend the loan period for you. Thank you.