



Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	J	Y	M	E	F	Q	C	N	I	X	V	A	T	B	D	P	R	L	Z	W	U	K	G	O	H

1. 14-18-5-13-1-22-18-5

2. 1-5-19-19

3. 16-5-1-14-18-25-3-1

4. 26-5-13-12-5-9

5. 14-26-10-5-6

6. 4-25-14-26

7. 24-10-12-5

8. 26-5-13-18-14

SELL	TREASURE	THIEF	DESTROYS
GIVE	HEAVEN	MOTH	HEART

If then you have been raised with Christ, *seek the things* that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Set your minds* on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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REFLECTION

Today’s Gospel passage (cf. Lk 12:13-21) begins with the narrative of a man who stands up among the multitude and asks Jesus to settle a legal matter concerning a family inheritance. However, Jesus does not address the matter in his reply, but rather urges the people to eschew covetousness, that is, the greed of possession. In order to divert his listeners from this exhausting search for wealth, Jesus tells the parable of the foolish rich man who believes he is happy because he has had the good fortune to reap an exceptional harvest and he feels secure thanks to the goods he has accumulated. It would do you good to read it today; it is in the 12th Chapter of Saint Luke, verse 13. It is a beautiful parable that teaches us a great deal. The narrative comes to the fore in the contrast between what the rich man plans for himself and what God plans for him instead. The rich man puts three considerations before his soul, that is, himself: the accumulated goods, the many years that these goods appear to ensure him, and thirdly tranquility and unrestrained enjoyment (cf v. 19). But the word that God addresses to him nullifies his plans. Let us think about quarrels over inheritance, many family quarrels. And how many people; we all know some stories about many people, who turn up at the time of death: nephews, grandchildren come around to see: “what is my share?”, and they cart everything away. It is within this contrast that the term “fool” — because he thinks about things that he believes to be concrete but that are fantasy — with which God addresses this man, is justified. He is foolish because in practice he has denied God, he has not taken Him into account. The end of the parable as recounted by the Evangelist is uniquely effective: “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God” (v. 21). It is a warning which reveals the horizon towards which we are called to look. Material goods are necessary — they are goods! — but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven. Saint Paul also reminds us of this in today’s second reading. It says “seek the things that are above.... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Col 3:1-2). It is understood that this does not mean estranging oneself from reality, but rather seeking the things that have true value: justice, solidarity, welcome, fraternity, peace, all things that make up the true dignity of mankind.

It is a case of leading a life that is fulfilled not according to a worldly manner, but rather according to the style of the Gospel: to love God with all one’s being, and love one’s neighbour as Jesus loved him, that is, in service and in giving oneself. Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger; it never satisfies. May the Virgin Mary help us not to be attracted by forms of security that fade, but rather to be credible witnesses of the eternal values of the gospel, each day.

Pope Francis

NOTICES

Battle Hill Pilgrimage takes place next Sunday, August 10th, 2025 at the Battle Hill Shine. Please make arrangements to attend.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belmont invites all to her take away BBQ on Friday 8th August, 2025 at the church grounds, at a cost of \$20.00 starting time 4pm to 7pm.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima R.C. Parish invites all to their Annual Emancipation Drum Mass and Brunch this Sunday 3rd August, 2025 at 8 am at the church, St Paul's.

WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 2)

04 Monday - St. John Mary Vianney, Priest
Numbers 11: 4b-15; Matthew 14: 13-21

05 Tuesday - Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Numbers 12: 1-13 ; Matthew 14: 22-36 or Matthew 15: 1-2, 10-14

06 Wednesday - Transfiguration of the Lord Feast
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Luke 9: 28b-36

07 Thursday - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Numbers 20: 1-13; Matthew 16: 13-23

08 Friday - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 4: 32-40; Matthew 16: 24-28

09 Saturday - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 6: 4-13; Matthew 17: 14-20

Nutrition Tip for the week

Keep hydrated everyday. Aim for urine to be pale yellow. If urine is dark yellow and smells, you need to drink more water. Flavor water with fresh fruits like lemon or mango, vegetables like cucumber and spices like bay leaf.

Catechesis Corner

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT cont...

You shall not kill. (Ex 20:13; cf. Deut 5:17)

II. RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF PERSONS

Respect for Life

It is an illusion to claim moral neutrality in scientific research and its applications. On the other hand, guiding principles cannot be inferred from simple technical efficiency, or from the usefulness accruing to some at the expense of others or, even worse, from prevailing ideologies. Science and technology by their very nature require unconditional respect for fundamental moral criteria. They must be at the service of the human person, of his inalienable rights, of his true and integral good, in conformity with the plan and the will of God.

Research or experimentation on the human being cannot legitimate acts that are in themselves contrary to the dignity of persons and to the moral law. The subjects' potential consent does not justify such acts. Experimentation on human beings is not morally legitimate if it exposes the subject's life or physical and psychological integrity to disproportionate or avoidable risks. Experimentation on human beings does not conform to the dignity of the person if it takes place without the informed consent of the subject or those who legitimately speak for him.

Organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good sought for the recipient. Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity. It is not morally acceptable if the donor or his proxy has not given explicit consent. Moreover, it is not morally admissible to bring about the disabling mutilation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of other persons.

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Limo Grant, Ann Bishop, Thelma Joseph, Michael Philbert, Dean Andrew, Clarissa Bain, Arnold Joseph, Ambrose Noel, Andrea Jessica, Veronica Thomas, Emma Joseph, Joseph Ross, Finley Gill.

COLLECTIONS:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time /C - 27th July, 2025

Cathedral 6.00 p.m.	\$ 609.00	Belmont	\$ 712.92
Cathedral 8.00 a.m.	\$ 467.68	Mt. Mortiz	\$ 210.00
Brizan/Happy Hill	\$ 438.70	Fontenoy	\$ 153.25
Tempe	\$ 179.85		
Total:	\$ 2,771.40		

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time / C - August 03rd, 2025

Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m.
Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Happy Hill - Wednesday - 6 pm

CONFESSON:

Cathedral: Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
(Priests available at request)

Welcome!

Possessions exercise a big hold on our hearts. The result is that we forget the more important things in life. Jesus said our main concern should be to 'make ourselves rich in the sight of God'. In truth, all of us are poor before God. We are rich when we place our hope and trust in Him.

First Reading: From the Book of Ecclesiastes chapter 1 verse 2, and chapter 2 verses 21 to 23. The things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them.

Second Reading: Through Baptism, we share in the life of Christ. And we hear some of the conclusions that follow from this. From the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 9 to 11.

Gospel: According to Luke chapter 12 verses 13 to 21. Jesus warns against greed and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God.