

The “Gospel” of Health and Wealth

There’s a current in modern Protestantism that is popularly called the “prosperity gospel.” Although rejected by many Protestants, it still has its disciples. Its basic tenet is that if you’re faithful and generous with God, he will bless you with prosperity in this life. The kind of prosperity expected is usually health and wealth. The natural conclusion is that economic blessings are signs of your faith. The opposite would also be true. If you are poor, you just might lack faith or God’s favor.

Without a doubt, God promises us prosperity. Just look at the prophesy of Isaiah in today’s reading. Yet, as always for Christians, we have to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and his revelation in the New Testament. The life of Jesus, the Son of God, was the most prosperous life ever lived. Yet, he wasn’t rewarded

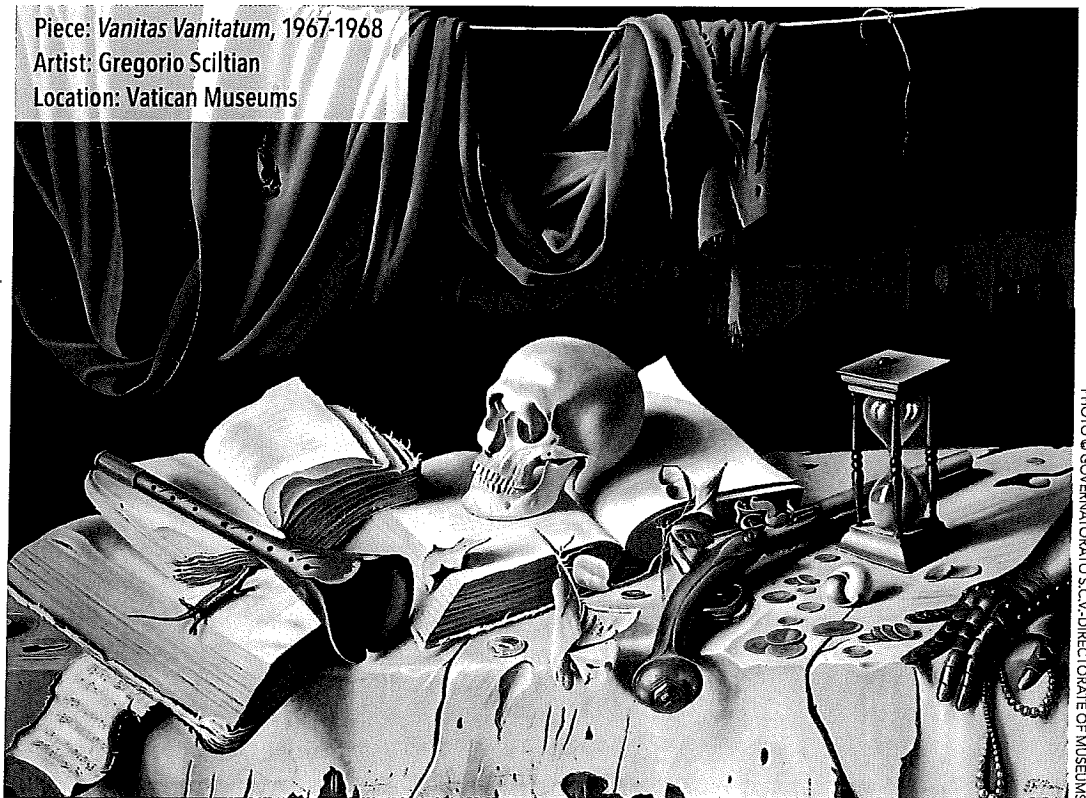
with material wealth. In fact, he was downright poor. Although he was faithful and generous, God blessed him with challenges and, ultimately, the cross.

Paul didn’t glory in his apostolic successes but in the cross of Jesus. He knew that the victory of the cross was his greatest treasure. He saw in his difficulties not a curse but a sign of his true authenticity as a follower of Christ.

We should no doubt strive for sufficient material progress and prosperity for ourselves, our family, our business, and our nation. But above all we should strive for eternal prosperity, which is living and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, whether we are materially wealthy or not.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Vanitas Vanitatum*, 1967-1968
Artist: Gregorio Sciltian
Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Is material wealth too much of a concern of mine?

How can my family and I learn to focus on eternal treasures?

[Jesus said,] “...Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Luke 10:20

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Cyndi in office Tues & Friday

10-2pm & by appointments.

Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2

Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm Tues-

Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am

Confessions: in GS Lometa

Sunday 7:30-7:55am

Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:

Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am

Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:

Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am

Shared Blessing:

Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm

Baptismal Class

Call the office for date.

Clase de Bautismo

Llamar la oficina para la fecha.

Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am

Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour

after the 6pm Spanish Mass.

Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

For Those Who Have Died

Reynaldo De La Cruz, Luis Torres,

Espirion Moreno, Robert Maldonado,

Mike Medina, Mario Gill Josephine Valadez,

Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda, William

Clayton, Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer,

Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, July 8

8:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday/Martes, July 9

8:00am: Maya Franco Birthday

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 10

8:00am: †Pete Castillo

6:00pm: Joe & Annie Klepac

Thursday/Jueves, July 11

6:00pm: † Sergio Rivera

Friday/Viernes, July 12

8:00am: †Bill Klepac

†Josef Buenker

Saturday/Sábado, July 13

5:30pm: †Damian Maldonado

Sunday/Domingo, July 14

8:00am: (GS) †Margaret Ruyon

10:00am: †Ed Dimas

†William Clayton

†Josef Buenker

12:15pm: †Rey DeLa Cruz

Sacrificial Giving: June 29/30

1st Collection: \$2256.41

2nd Collection: \$460.55

Children's Collection: \$39.00

Counters: July 9

Mary Cisneros

Libby Hidalgo

LECTORS July 6/7

Sat 5:30pm: Teresa Swift

Sun 10:00am: Victor Olivarez

Simon Valles

Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas

Nancy Miranda

July 13/14

Sat 5:30pm: Wanda Bunting

Sun 10:00am: Karen DeZarn

Clay Harrington

Dom 12:15pm: Rosa y

Eduardo Arevalo

EMHC July 6/7

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Berna Buenker

Jan Millsap

Dom 12:15pm: Rosa Arevalo

Bernarda Abreu

July 13/14

Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Lily Olivarez

Andrea Cardon

Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas

Nancy Miranda

Those Who Serve Our Country

Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark

Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke

Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia,

Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self, Brandon

Crawford, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Felix DeLeon, Ronnie Phillips, Father Jim Robertson, Pete Castillo, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Julia Aguilar, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian & Solomon Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard & Dalia Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,

Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

The Bible Timeline:

Continues to meet in the cafeteria on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:

Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY:

Meets every first Saturday of the month at 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Devine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.

GRUPO SAN BENITO:

Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.

MENS PRAYER GROUP:

Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday mornings @ 6:00am in the upstairs hall.

ROSARY CRUSADE:

Starting a Rosary Crusade. Please feel free to join us or if you would like for us to come say a rosary at your house, please contact Vickie Franco @ 512-540-1199 or Stella Morua @ 512-564-0683 to make arrangements. *(More details to come)*

CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO:

Se comenza una Cruzada de Rosario. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros, o si desesea que vengamos a decir un rosario en su casa, por favor póngase en contacto con Vickie Franco, al numero 512-540-1199 o con Estella Morua, al numero 512-564-0683 para hacer los arreglos. *(Más detalles por venir)*

ATTENTION: all Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion your schedules are ready, they are located at the back of the church. (Subject to change).

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's ACTS Retreat, Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, September 19-22, 2019

PILGRIMAGE MEETING:

Sunday, July 28th, @ 4:00pm

SECOND SUNDAY MOVIE NIGHT:

July 14th, @ 5:00PM "INTERVIEW WITH GOD"

FOOD FAIR:

Can anyone out-cook Father Paul? Save the date! **November 9, 2019, 1st Annual "Taste of St. Mary's" Food Fair, (More details coming soon).**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER:

In today's Gosper, Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs, instructing the Into whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this household." In this day and age, how do we, as disciples, bring peace?

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús envia a los discípulos hacia fuera en parejas, instruyéndoles que "en cualquier casa que entren, primero digan "la paz esté en esta casa". Es este momento, Como, nosotros, como discípulos, llevamos la paz?

Good Shepherd Announcements

Lectors: Dianna Furlan

Altar Society: Monica Ivey

Flowers: Gail Eltgroth

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:

Please join us Thursdays at 4:15 in the Family Life Center

WEEKDAY MASS:

No mass this week due to the fact that it's July 4th

SHARED BLESSINGS:

We have been blessed to be able to give thousands of dollars to local scholarships, the Lometa Volunteer Fire Department, the Senior Center, Senterfitt, as well as many other worthy community causes, as we begin our 8th year, we are in need of a little help from our church family, we need two volunteers to take money on Wednesdays (a two hour shift each, PLEASE HELP, call Anna, Linda, Rebecca or Heather

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Please join us for fellowship and some breakfast, July 14 after mass.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Available during the week or on Sunday. Call or come by the St. Mary office to make arrangements.

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Sacrificial Giving:

June 30

Main Collection: \$ 469.00

2nd Collection: \$119.00

Children's Collection for June: \$34.00

Calendar

Monday

JULY 8

Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday

JULY 9

Weekday

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday

JULY 10

Weekday

Gn 41:55–57;
42:5–7a, 17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

Thursday

JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29;

45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

Friday

JULY 12

Weekday

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

Saturday

JULY 13

Weekday

Gn 49:29–32;

50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

JULY 14

*Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Dt 30:10–14

Col 1:15–20

Lk 10:25–37

Dear Padre,

Why so many collections during Mass?

For many, besides a boring homily, the collection is the most unpleasant part of the Mass. Some grudgingly drop small bills, while others believe contributing a twenty is reasonable. A second collection may elicit silent groans—unless it's for a recent calamity.

Since the early Church, a collection has been part of the liturgy. It was intended to support needy members (including widows and orphans) and the clergy. The collection was an expression of fellowship or communion.

This communion had several dimensions: communion of faith, communion of heart and mind (unity and friendship among members), communion of the table (the Eucharist), and communion of goods.

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common,” writes Luke in Acts 4:32. “There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need” (Acts 4:34–35).

Even today, at Mass we celebrate our communion of faith, heart, and mind. The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion between Christ and the community. Likewise, a communion of goods is concretely expressed during the collection.

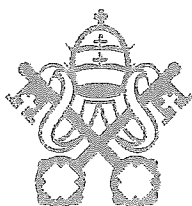
This is what the Eucharist is about—not just sharing bread and wine, but sharing resources and gifts which ultimately are blessings from God.

—Fr. Amado L. Picardal, CSSR, SThD

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A Word from Pope Francis

Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear

of losing what we have.

—Blessing of ashes, March 5, 2014