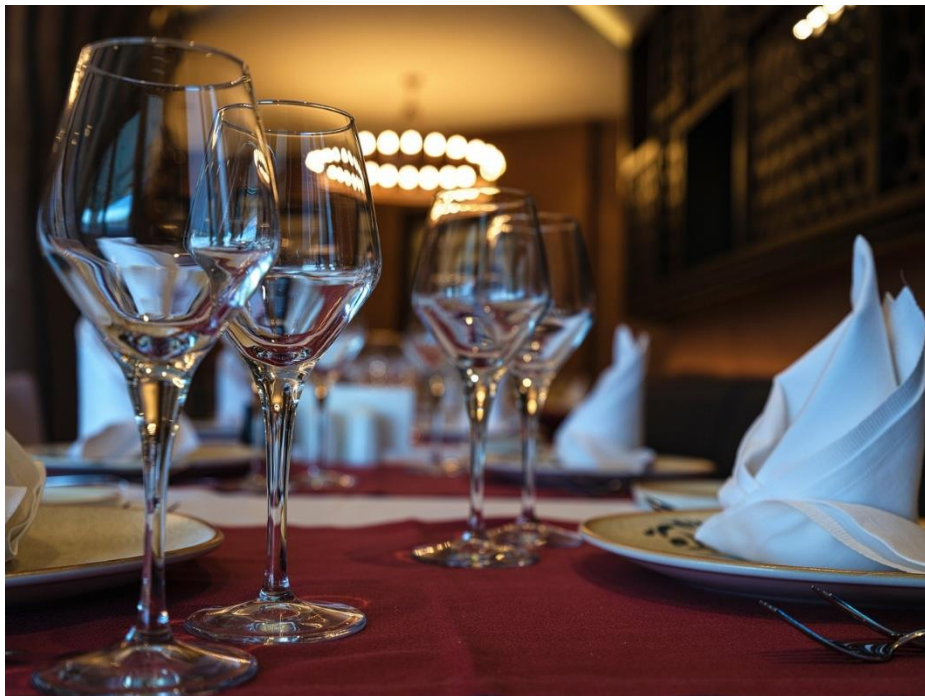




XVIII Sunday of the TO August 3'25 – Cycle C



GOD ABOVE ALL



ATMOSPHERE

We live in a world where it seems that the important thing is to have. Having followers, having things, having money, being successful. What things do take up more space in our lives? What is my heart filled with?

As always, Jesus breaks our scheme. He tells us that all this, by itself, does not fill, does not save, is not valid if it is not at the service of others. Today He speaks to us of another type of richness, to live with a great heart, with open eyes, with hands that share, with humble feet that approach others.

From silence we listen to what He says to us today. To be, now only You matter.

SINGING. I COME HERE, MY LORD – BROTES DE OLIVO

<https://youtu.be/TQKBc0GZHOY?si=CUvaDIRFIMnHf1k6>

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GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

"One of the people said to Him, 'Master, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me'. He replied: 'Man! Who has made me judge or distributor among you?' And He said to them, 'Take heed and beware of all covetousness, for even in abundance a man's life is not secured by his goods'. He told them a parable: 'The fields of a certain rich man bore much fruit; and he thought among himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have nowhere to gather my harvest?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will demolish my barns, and build larger ones, and gather there all my wheat and my goods, and I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods in store for many years. Rest, eat, drink, feast'. But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul will be claimed; the things you prepared, for whom will they will be?' Thus is the one who lays up riches for himself, and does not become rich for God's sake."

To better understand the Word Today (*Marie-Noëlle THABUT*)

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23. "All is vanity here below, wind." This way of speaking can be the expression of an exaggerated and disheartening pessimism, but also the judgment of a spirit eager for the absolute in whose eyes, nothing ephemeral has grace.

Psalms 89:3-17. The human being: dust, a dream, changing grass? Not if the human being places his hope and strength in God.

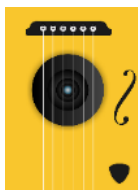
Col 3:1-5.9-11. Already risen with Christ, the Christian does not finish "putting to death in him what still belongs to the earth". The symbolic strength of the dress is such that it always explains, in some way, the personality of the wearer.

Luke 12:13-21. Jesus' answer surprises us, it seems abrupt to us: "Who sent me to be your judge or to share your inheritance?" Jesus is understood to

mean, I did not come for this, this is not a mission. Indeed, Jesus came to proclaim true life, not to talk about money! The parable that follows will explain his idea. Because, like any good pedagogue, Jesus takes advantage of the incident to draw a lesson. It is the completely normal story of a man who succeeds in business and who calculates to apply the best means and make the most of his luck. Jesus calls this behavior foolish: in the parable, God says to the man who makes plans for his wealth: "You are crazy! This very night, your soul will be claimed. And who will be the owner of what you have accumulated?" Jesus invites us to be lucid. The parable concludes: "Thus is the one who lays up riches for himself, and does not become rich for God's sake". Here Jesus indicates to us the good attitude, to seek to be rich according to God's plan. On the part of Jesus, we have here, not a philosophy lesson on the riches of the world, but rather a preaching on the urgency of putting all our riches at the service of the Kingdom of God. Yes, life is short, as was thought in the time of the prophet Isaiah, but precisely for this reason, let us hurry to make the most of it! If the good news of the Gospel is truly good, it is an urgency. This might explain why Jesus responds vividly to the one who claimed his inheritance at the beginning of our reading this Sunday. That's right, this man was wrong about priority. **And, reflecting serenely, shouldn't the most precious inheritance for us be the faith we receive from our fathers?**

Clues for Prayer

- What is your priority at this present moment? What richness do you have just for yourself?
- Share your discovery with Jesus and listen to what He tells you.
- As a community, a parish... how do we get involved in treasuring for God?



AMBIENT MUSIC.

ONE BIG HOPE - EHREN STARKS

<https://youtu.be/Kgy4dyyBt70?si=7SxoUjkj0LYIUQQf>

EMPTINESS FILLED

We live surrounded by things,
of shop windows,
of goals that shine
for a short time,
of voices that tell us
buy, keep, earn.
And without realizing it,
we make what we have
the center of who we are.
You speak loudly to us,
like the one in the Gospel,
who asked you for an inheritance
and you offered him freedom.
You remind us
that the soul is not nourished
of numbers,
that the heart does not fit
in a safe.

We have to learn
to let go, to live lightly,
to look more at those who suffer
and less at what is lacking.
Make us capable
of creating community
that shares,
that bets on the common,
that prefers to build bridges
than to build warehouses.
We want to be rich, yes,
but according to your measure,
rich in compassion,
in tenderness, in justice.
Teach us
how to calculate different,
to value what cannot be bought,
to live each day
as if it were the first and the last.
To walk empty of selfishness
and filled with You.

SINGING. NO ONE LIKE YOU. FRAY NACHO

https://youtu.be/KRZpKvuQdgs?si=DYsLGvJtvDKGe_mc

I PLACE MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS (Luis Guitarra)

<https://youtu.be/2P-XxlfAoGk?si=MUmOmCo4PMoHPMX>



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