

**XVIII SUNDAY GOSPEL**  
31st of July 2022. Cycle C



**ALL MY TRUST**



**IS IN YOU, LORD**

**SETTING**

Here I am Lord, I trust in You. I approach quietly, disposing my mind, my heart and my senses to listen to you internalize you and pray with you.

Settle for the little, like so many others, to be able to better value the person, what he/she is.

In what or in whom do we put our trust, our efforts? What is the use of having and accumulating?

I want to put the strength in you Lord, in order live open towards my brethren committed and supportive. Close to everyone, especially those who are in most needy.

Invest my talents, my gifts in loving You and loving others. Celebrate life, listen to your Word, and be a witness to it.

**SONG. One day at a time – Meriam Bellina**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llqNL\\_hBwKc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llqNL_hBwKc)

## **GOSPEL – Luke 12, 13-21**

"Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend! Who set me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them: "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought of himself, "What shall I do, for I have no place to store my crops? "Then he said: "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul: Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him: You fool"! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not enrich toward God."

### **We deepen the Gospel**

Jesus' response surprises us, it seems abrupt: "Who sent me to be your judge or to share your inheritance?" It goes without saying that Jesus means: I did not come for this, this is not a mission. Indeed, Jesus has come to announce 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 calculates to apply the best means and make the most of his luck. Jesus calls this behaviour foolish: in the parable, God says to the man who plans on his wealth: "You are crazy! This very night, life will be taken away from you. And who will be the owner of what you have accumulated? Jesus invites us to be transparent. The parable concludes: "This is what happens to the one who kneads for himself, instead of becoming rich according to God." Here Jesus indicates the good attitude: seek to be rich in God's sight.

We find here a habitual teaching of Jesus about the only treasure that we should look for and that is the treasure that is in heaven. Because "In view of God" could also be translated as "towards

God" or "according to God's designs" or also: "for the benefit of the

God's Kingdom". This supposes at least two things: first, never forget that the wealth come from God; second, always remember that the wealth continue to belong to God and that He entrusts us with the management of them so that we make them bear fruit for the benefit of his children.

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 take advantage of it properly! If the good news of the Gospel is really good, it is urgent. This might explain why Jesus so vividly responds to the claimant of his inheritance at the beginning of this Sunday reading. That is right, this man had the wrong priority.

And, calmly reflecting, the most precious inheritance for us should not be the faith that we received from our parents?

### **Clues for the prayers**

- What does the text say? (Reading)
- What is God telling me with this text? (Meditation)
- How do I dialogue with God with what the text tells me? (Prayer)
- How do I feel the presence of God in my life? (Contemplation)
- How do I put into practice the message of the word of God in my real life? (Action)

### **AMBIENTAL MUSIC. GUITARRA SERENA II**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tmd\\_uPFwK5g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tmd_uPFwK5g)

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**YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE  
I TRUST IN YOU**

### **NEW WOMEN**

What is the use of having?  
Isn't it necessary  
to be?  
look for the goods  
from up there...  
who are the ones to live

down here.  
Little is enough  
to live with dignity.  
To love, to serve, to be a bridge,  
Smile, imagine, and understand.  
Let us get rid of the old,  
Let us welcome the novelty.  
Let us break outdated stereotypes.  
new men and women  
with contemplative eyes,  
that they discover you in others.  
New women who love,  
that generates futures.  
New women who speak,  
different languages,  
transversal, welcoming.  
Designing narratives  
that is grateful memory,  
of endearing stories, lived,  
that tells pasts,  
live present  
and dream futures.  
New Capable women,  
that moves deliveries  
and concrete commitments.  
New women opening  
unexplored paths, pioneers.  
New women who are home,  
human warmth.  
In the day to day, they put word  
and they are above all gesture.  
Let us be like you, with you.

**SONG.** May the lord bless us- Francesca LaRosa  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qogvQ1v9sCo>



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