

## The Lectionary for Mass



**First Reading:** Wisdom literature focuses on the meaning and significance of everyday life, especially in those things that matter in our relationship to God and one another. The key lesson of Ecclesiastes is that life is “vanity of vanities,” transitory like vapor or breath that quickly vanishes. Those who work hard at gaining possessions and wealth will soon die and leave the possessions to one who has not worked for them. Striving for material things brings with it worry, anxiety and sleepless nights. Death makes such struggle futile and meaningless. Wisdom’s lesson is to focus on the transitory nature of life and strive for

things that truly matter in life. Only attunement to God’s values and path, and not our limited and often distorted values, leads to the wisdom of heart necessary to face and work through life’s transitory nature.

**Responsorial Psalm 90:** This communal lament invites us to be attentive to God’s voice, God’s way of doing things, and not harden our heart in the process. Reflecting a strong wisdom focus, the psalm speaks of the transitory nature of life, along the lines of Ecclesiastes, and of our need of the Lord’s guidance “to number our days aright,/ that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Such wisdom is acquired by petitioning God to “fill us... with your kindness,” namely with *hesed* or covenant love which helps us focus on right relationship to God, others, and all creation. In doing, God’s gracious care will be ours and the work of our hands, aligned to God’s work, will indeed prosper.

**Second Reading:** If in Baptism we have been raised with Christ, then it must manifest itself in our manner of living and relating to God and one another. Our life is now hidden with Christ in God such that we no longer act but Christ acts in and through us. We are challenged to put away all that is “earthly,” namely all that causes our hearts to harden and not be attuned to Christ’s way of living and acting. In baptism we have put on Christ so we must live as Christ. Since “Christ is all and in all,” we are all bonded to each other, all divisions are eliminated, and nothing can ever separate us from God and one another.

**Gospel:** Luke’s Jesus is always attuned to the obstacles that riches pose in our efforts to attune ourselves to God’s voice and way of operating. The “rich fool” parable becomes a living example of one who has not learned that “one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Ecclesiastes’ wisdom of the “vanity” of life, the worries that come with possessions, and the uncertainty of inheritance upon death, are reiterated by Jesus as an important teaching lesson for all disciples. Jesus teaches us that we are all called to become “rich in what matters to God” and not in “storing up treasures for ourselves.” Only by responding to God’s covenant love offered to us in Christ, and striving to be in right relationship with all, will we ever achieve true wisdom of heart.

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## Prayer for Travelers

O God, Who did cause the children of Israel to traverse the Red Sea dryshod; Thou Who did point out by a star to the Magi the road that led them to Thee; grant us we beseech Thee, a prosperous journey and propitious weather; so that, under the guidance of Thy holy angels we may safely reach that journey's end, and later the haven of eternal salvation.

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy servants. Bless their journeys. Thou Who art everywhere present, shower everywhere upon them the effects of Thy mercy; so that, insured by Thy protection against all dangers, they may return to offer Thee their thanksgiving. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.** -Author Unknown, Catholic.org



Taken last Sunday at the 10:30am mass during the blessing of the birthday & wedding anniversary celebrants, travelers & children.

Happy 44th wedding anniversary to **Dick & Connie Abad!!**

### MASS INTENTIONS / LECTIONARY READINGS

July 30 Sat	<i>No morning Mass</i> 5:30 PM Mass— + In remembrance of Maxima Cabanag	<i>Readings are the same as Sunday</i>
July 31 Sun	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:30 AM Mass— For the parishioners & visitors of St. Peter Parish  10:30 AM Mass — In thanksgiving for Signe Meneses Bertrano	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21
Aug 1 Mon	9:00 AM—Word and Communion Service	Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29,43, 79-80,95,102 Mt 14:13-21
Aug 2 Tue	9:00 AM—Word and Communion Service	Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Ps 102:16-23,29 Mt 14:22-36
Aug 3 Wed	9:00 AM Mass — +In remembrance of Midardo & Virginia Orejudos	Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10-12b,13 Mt 15:21-28
Aug 4 Thu	9:00 AM Mass — +In remembrance of Herminia Decano	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 16:13-23
Aug 5 Fri	9:00AM Mass — For the intentions of Lawrence & Vanessa Chin	Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7 Dt 32:35c-36b,39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28

### New Parish Directories



There have been a lot of changes happening and we thought that it would be a good time to do a new parish directory. So Lifetouch Directories will be coming to our parish to take our pictures this fall.

We will have a variety of days and times available so that anyone who wishes can have their picture taken for our directory. We will be providing you with more specific information over the coming weeks.

### Help Wanted: MAIL CLERK

The Archdiocese of Seattle is hiring a full-time Mail Clerk. This position is responsible for the orderly function and execution of all mail services and supplies, and maintains copier equipment and stock. Cross-trains to assist at reception desk; routing calls, assisting guest and closing/opening of the reception desk. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal skills, the ability to work with a variety of people and be a detail-oriented team player. Demonstrated success working collaboratively with a variety of individuals and groups is essential in this position.

At least three years of mailroom experience required, with a knowledge of MS Office/Windows, USPS/UPS/FedEx delivery and familiarity with mailing equipment. Full job description is available at [seattlearchdiocese.org](http://seattlearchdiocese.org).

Please [email](mailto:) , fax, 206-382-4267, or mail [application](mailto:) and cover letter to: Office of Human Resources, Archdiocese of Seattle, 710 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. Resumes alone will not be accepted.

### Weekend Presiders

Aug 6/7  
Fr. Alex

Aug 13/14  
Fr. Vu

Aug 20/21  
Fr. Felino

Aug 27/28  
Fr. Negusse

**WEEKLY  
OFFERINGS  
July 23/24, 2016**

**Sunday  
Contribution  
\$ 3, 041.50**