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Fri. 9:00 am

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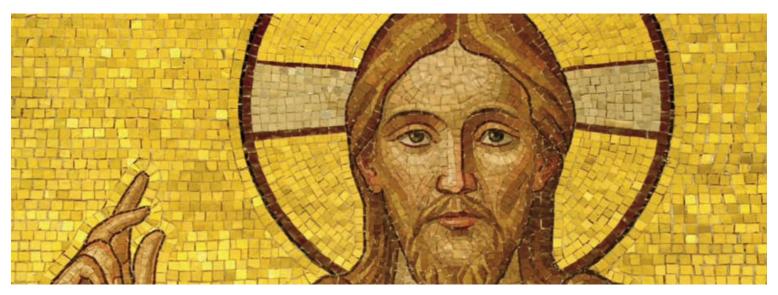
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2025



Qoheleth and Jesus warn us not to labor at piling up wealth, for eventually we all die. What we must seek is the glory of God.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Psalm 90:3

	Mass Times	Confessions		
St. Hubert Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 9:00 am Mon. 9:00 am Wed. 10:30am Thur. 9:00 am	St. Augustine Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 8:00 am Sun. 9:30 am Wed. 9:30 am Fri. 9:30 am	St. Mary Sun. 11:15 am Thur. 9:30 am	Saturday, 4:00 pm - St Augustine Saturday, 4:00 pm - St Hubert	



Dear brothers and sisters, Buongiorno! In the Gospel of today's liturgy, a man makes this request to Jesus: "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me" (Lk 12:13). This is a very common situation. Similar problems are still commonplace. How many brothers and sisters, how many members of the same family, unfortunately quarrel over their inheritance, perhaps no longer speaking to each other! Responding to the man, Jesus does not get into the details, but goes to the root of the divisions caused by the possession of things. He says clearly: "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness" (v. 15). What is covetousness? It is the unbridled greed for possessions, always desiring to be rich. This is an illness that destroys people, because the hunger for possessions creates an addiction. Above all, those who have a lot are never content, they always want more, and only for themselves. But this way, the person is no longer free: he or she is attached to, a slave of, what paradoxically was meant to serve them so as to live freely and serenely. Rather than being served by money, the person becomes a servant of money. But covetousness is a dangerous illness for society as well due to covetousness, we have today reached other paradoxes: an injustice never before seen in history, where few have so much and so many have little or nothing. Let's consider wars and conflicts as well. The lust for resources and wealth is almost always involved. How many interests are behind a war! Certainly, one of these is the arms trade. This trade is a scandal to which we must never resign ourselves.

Today, Jesus teaches us that at the heart of all this are not only some who are powerful, or certain economic systems. The covetousness that is *in everyone's heart* is at the centre. And so, let us try to ask ourselves: How is my detachment from possessions, from wealth going? Do I complain about what I lack, or do I know how to be content with what I have? In the name of money or opportunity, am I tempted to sacrifice relationships and

sacrifice time with others? And yet again, does it happen that I sacrifice legality and honesty on the altar of covetousness? I said "altar", the altar of covetousness, but why did I say altar? Because material goods, money, riches, can become a cult, a true and proper idolatry. This is why Jesus warns us with strong words. He says, you cannot serve two masters, and — let's be careful — he does not say God and the devil, no, or even the good and the bad, but, God and wealth (cf. Lk 16:13). One would expect that he would have said that you cannot serve two masters, God and the devil. Instead he says God and wealth. That wealth be at our service, yes; to serve wealth, no — that is idolatry, that is an offence to God.

And so, we might think, should no one desire to get rich? Certainly, you can; rather, it is right to want it. It is beautiful to become rich, but rich according to God! God is the richest of all. He is rich in compassion, in mercy. His wealth does not impoverish anyone, does not create guarrels and divisions. It is a richness that loves to give, to distribute, to share. Brothers and sisters, accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, for Jesus says also that life does not consist in one's possessions (cf. Lk 12:15). It depends, instead, on good relationships — with God, with others, and even with those who have less. So, let us ask ourselves: How do I want to get rich? Do I want to get rich according to God or according to my covetousness? And, returning to the topic of inheritance, what legacy do I want to leave? Money in the bank, material things, or happy people around me, good works that are not forgotten, people that I have helped to grow and mature? May Our Lady help us understand what the true goods of life are, the ones that last forever.

POPE FRANCIS

ANGELUS

Saint Peter's Square

Sunday, 31 July 2022

POPE LEO XIV



The Muñoz family gives Pope Leo XIV a T-shirt that reads "Da Pope" after Mass in Albano, Italy, on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Credit: Vatican Media

A Chicago family vacationing in Rome is making headlines after a video of their encounter with Pope Leo XIV on Sunday went viral.

Marcel and Ann Muñoz, along with their three children, met the pope after Mass on July 20 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Pancras in Albano, a town about 16 miles south of Rome, and gifted him a T-shirt that reads "Da Pope," — in reference to "Da Bears," which stems from the old "Superfans" sketches on "Saturday Night Live."

The Muñoz family were also wearing the custom T-shirts, which were, of course, in Bears colors — navy blue with white text and orange lines.

"He turned left, and he just kind of beelined towards us, so whatever it is, it's like everyone else is, you know, very nicely dressed for a summer Mass except us — so we did kind of stick out," Marcel Muñoz said, according to CBS News. "But you know, it's one of those things where it's like: 'Hey, you're going to be here once. Hopefully, you can catch his attention.'"

"How many people get this opportunity to be in front of the pope, to have his attention, to hold his hand? I kissed his ring, and you know, it's such — you feel blessed," Ann Muñoz said.

The family drove 45 minutes to Albano where the Holy Father was celebrating Mass at the cathedral near his vacation home at Castel Gandolfo.

On Ann's Facebook page, she wrote: "We were late and just stood at the edge before a barricade was up. Then we planted ourselves in the hot sun until Mass was over. We watched it on a screen outside and even received Communion."

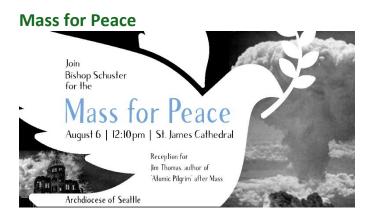
The Muñoz family are Chicago Bears season-ticket holders and said they hope the event kick-starts a winning season for the professional football team.

Who told the Pharoah "let my people go"? Article by Francesca Pollio Fenton. See here for full details.

FAITH FORMATION

Change in Adoration Hours

First Friday Adoration hours may be extended, making the new hours 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you are interested in filling in an hour please contact the parish office or watch out for the sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Help us commemorate the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan at our Annual Mass for Peace. All are invited to pray for continued peace in our world and reflect on the tragedy of war.

Faith Formation Lead Catechist Needed

Faith formation needs a Lead Catechist to prepare and teach religious education.

We have a one room schoolhouse approach using one book for the five or six students who attend. The classes are every other week. Preparation takes about two hours in between the classes and there is already a second Catechist familiar with the book resource. The lead catechist handles all the communication with the parents, keeps track of attendance and works with the helper to prepare the lessons.

Mary Beth Schoeler will give you training in the duties and get you set up for the 2025-2026 program year that runs from late September to early May.

Please let Susan Walker know if you would like to take this position.

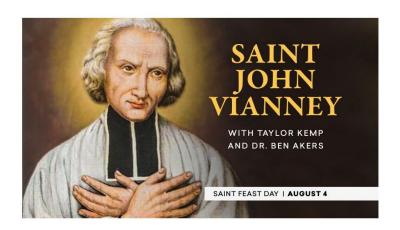
Unplug with the Lord



Would you like the opportunity to unplug and more easily hear the Lord's voice? High School juniors, seniors, and recent graduates are invited to attend this prayerful 3-day/2-night retreat at the beautiful Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center! Retreat leader Fr. Chad Hill will offer a variety of approaches to prayer as a way of growing closer to God and discerning His plan. This summer is the perfect time to get away and *Unplug with the Lord* as big decisions and next steps await this fall! Please Register HERE.

FORMED

Enjoy some of the FREE offerings on Formed. As a parishioner of St. Hubert, YOU can access all of FORMED programs for FREE!! To sign up or to access these programs visit <u>Sign in - FORMED</u>, and register or log in as a member of St. Hubert.



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of

Using your answer from the first question, what did *he* bring down from the mountain?

OUTREACH

parish priests.



All you who are thirsty, come to the water. ~Isaiah 55:1

St. Anthony's Kitchen Service

St. Anthony's Kitchen Service Wednesday Soup Lunch, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Thursday Meal Service – A Smile & A Meal.

Email sthubertchurch@sthubertchurch.org or call the parish kitchen at (360) 221-5303 by Tuesday and leave a message to request the Thursday meal service. The menu is on our website. This week, the meal will be Ham and Potatoes. When picking up your meal, please come to the parish office and one of our staff will get it for you.

PREPARES Hospital Gift Bags

Our St. Hubert PREPARES Team has added a new dimension to the growing ministry. They have been working with the Whidbey Health Medical Center Family Birthplace (WHMCFB). One in four babies born at that facility are members of families in need of assistance.

PREPARES is assembling and delivering gift bags with basic items like diapers, wipes, clothing, a thermometer, a quilt made by our PREPARES quilting group, etc. These are things that families need in order to care for the newborn during the first couple of weeks before they can receive support from other agencies. Please, take a look at the gift bag on display in the narthex. Four gift bags, two for boys and two for girls, have been delivered to the hospital. More bags are assembled and ready for delivery when the hospital calls. We are looking forward to a long-term relationship between our PREPARES program and WHMCFB.

PREPARES of St. Hubert continues to provide diapers for local families, a ministry made

possible through your donation of diapers to our playpen in the narthex and some diaper grants. We have car seats and strollers available to families in need. And we are still supporting the families at the Farm Workers Center with regular deliveries of diapers.

Please continue to support St. Hubert PREPARES by donating diapers or monetary gifts. Donations may be made using the envelopes in the narthex or via the giving portal on our website at https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4128/responses/new. Checks should be made out to St. Hubert Church with PREPARES in the memo.

COMMUNITY

Parking Lot Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped put on our Parking Lot Sale! Thanks to you, it was a major success in supporting our Prepares Ministry!

STEWARDSHIP

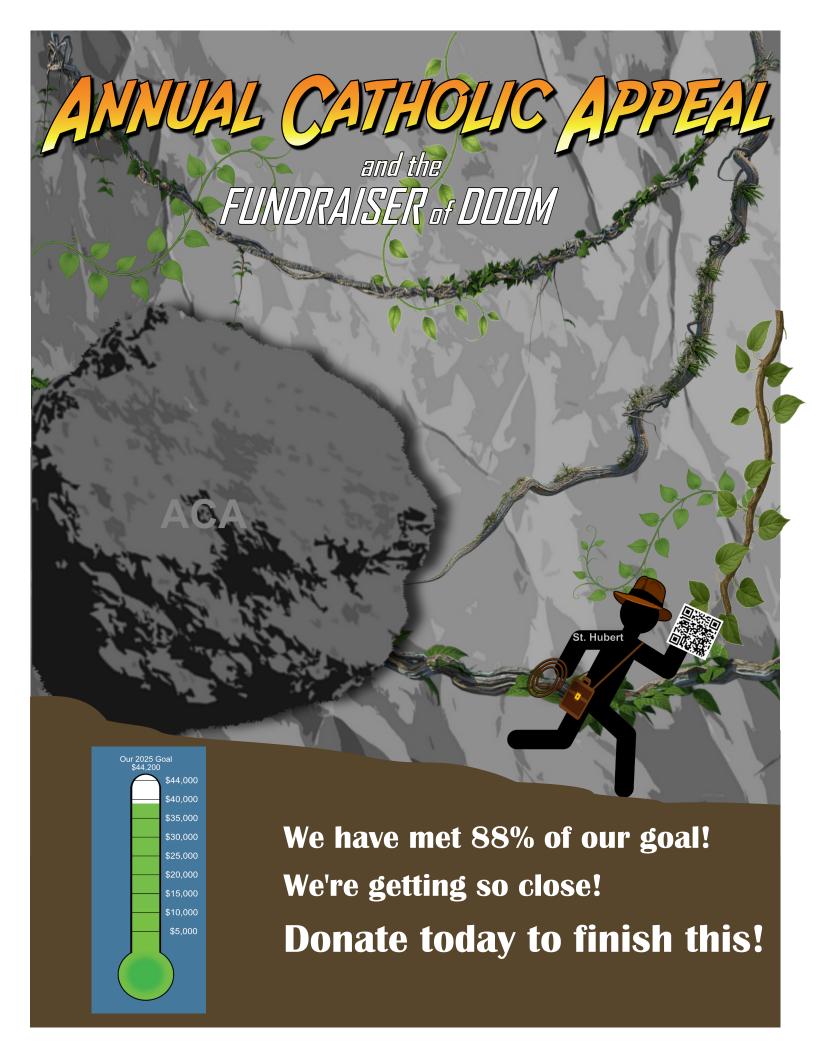
This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples—these and all the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today. To learn more, visit today. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa











PRAYER CORNER

Stephen Berard, Charlotte Blackwell, Sarah Brock, June Brown, Charlie Childs, Terri Desrosiers, The Drnec Family, Nicholas Grant, Doug Hammer, Henri Hardenberg, Catherine Holman, Collete Larson, Megan Kukuk, Eleanor Maloney, Ethan & Grace Munnich, Kathleen O'Guin, Maria Rudman, Duffy Schoeler, Donald Shull, Lori Stewart, Amy Stuart, Tom Sulich, Kathey Von Doran, Trish Zapinski

Do you have an addition to the prayer corner?

Please call the parish office, visit the office, or fill out this <u>form</u> online and the prayer will be added to the next bulletin.

Mass Intentions

8/2- St. Hubert Parish8/3- (RIP) Caren Warren8/6- (I) Charlie and Kathy Childs



REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May They Rest in Peace:

Braulio Herrera Abuan, David Barrett, Giovanni Carosi, Richard Egge, Paul Firnstahl, Jim Grilliot, Karen Johnson, Maria Kelly, Georgia Loe, Eloisa Murphy, Jo Petterson, Lee Rogge, Gary Poland, John Scehovic, Bob Sullivan, Will Surface, Laddie Taylor.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Communion for the Homebound



Please call the parish office at (360) 221-5383 to arrange to have Communion brought to you.

Divine Mercy Prayer Circle

Join the circle of prayer by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who are dying, and in return once they pass on into heaven, they will pray for us. To join the Divine Mercy Circle, email DivineMercyCircle@aol.com. Prayer requests should be sent to DivineMercyCircle@aol.com and cc: sthubertchurch@sthubertchurch.org

Living Light Prayer Group

You are invited to pray with us on Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the church, for an hour of praise, reflections, and intercession. We pray for each other, and for special intentions.

Grief Support Meeting



If you have lost a loved one, please join us for the monthly meeting of the St. Hubert Grief Support Group. Meetings are 1:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month in the library, CORE Room 8. The group provides a place for people to connect with others who have also had a death in their lives, and to share their unique grief journey in a safe, supportive environment. Connecting with others who have this common bond of experience can be a source of comfort and helpful in building momentum toward healing.

August 3 – 16										
9a Mass	9a Mass Parish Office Closed	12p Women of St. Hubert Arts and Crafts 3p Living Light Prayer Group	10:15a Divine Mercy 10:30a Mass 11a St. A's Soup	9a Mass 2:30p Wedding 3p Writers Group 5:30p Whidbey Climate Action Community Conversation	9a Mass Rosary after Mass Parish Office Closed	8a Men's Group 4p Confession 5p Mass	9			
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Church Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00pm - 6:30 pm Sunday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Augustine Parish Office Hours

Monday: Closed to the public

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm information@staugustineoh.org Parish Office(360) 675-2303

St. Hubert Parish Office Hours

Tuesday -Thursday: 9:30 am- 4:30 pm Monday and Friday: Closed to the public

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St. Mary - 207 North Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239

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No quiz last week! Have you found both questions for this week yet? There are 2!









