

JUNE 18, 2021
Friday of 11th Week in OT
Matthew 6: 19-23

“STORE UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN.”

Who and what is the center of our lives? What kind of treasure our lives revolve around? What are the things that we cherish, value or preoccupy that are constantly on our minds? Is treasures of this earth or of heaven that we store? In relation to the prayer of the Our Father, Jesus is focussing on the words ‘Give us this day our daily bread’. “It is a teaching about the things which are really valuable, which really count. We live in a highly materialistic world where a very large number of people seem to believe that material wealth is the solution to every problem. There is nothing that money cannot buy, no problem it cannot solve. This belief prevails even though every day it is shown to be false. Jesus urges us to put our trust and our security in something less perishable, something more lasting by what we give away, by sharing with others whatever gifts we have, especially those most in need.”¹ Let us always recall what Jesus told His disciples and those who want to follow Him: “As long as you do it the least of my brothers you do it to me.”² Jesus is reminding us that everything here on earth will fade, destroy, can be broken or steal by others so focus on treasures in heaven that will last for ever. He also mentioned that those people especially us Christians and followers of Christ who cannot perceive, look or see beyond material things like money, power, status or fame are truly in darkness. Christian life and values are not about geeting all these things but it is about who we are, and about love, friendship, service and relationships.

My sisters and brothers, let us ask ourselves where our treasure is? And we will find where our heart is also. Even if we we are experiencing difficulties nowadays, let us not forget to help, extend our hands to those in need. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver and will be rewarded a hundredfold. So, give and you will receive, help and you will rewarded everlasting life.

¹ livingspace.sacredspace.ie

² Matthew 25: 40 Holy Bible NRSVCE Canadian Bible Society