

Phase II  
**Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes**  
August 2016

**Bulletin Corner**

Weekend of August 6/7                      19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Luke 12:34). Do you consider your relationship with God and your spouse as your greatest treasure? A person must be willing to give a complete and total gift of self for a happy and holy marriage. Treasure each moment with your beloved spouse. We know neither the day nor the hour when our loved one will be taken from us.

Weekend of August 13/14                      20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Circumstances in our relationships with one another, most notably those closest to us, will clarify who Jesus is for us and force us to make choices we might prefer to avoid. Don't “trash talk” your spouse – even among your friends. It may be tempting and just lighthearted banter, but as Stephen Covey says, “Be loyal to those not present.”

Weekend of August 20/21                      21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate...” (Luke 13:24) How do we enter through the narrow gate? We must live and act like Jesus by dying to self for the sake of another; by becoming “the last.” Who comes first in your life? God? Your spouse? Yourself?

Weekend of August 27/28                      22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading (Luke 14:1, 7-14), Jesus urges us to humble ourselves – not an easy task in today's world! Can you defer to your spouse today, perhaps in the choice of TV program or what to have for dinner?

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Weekend of August 6/7                      19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

For married couples; may they find their treasure in a whole, healthy relationship that is beneficial to both God and one another. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of August 13/14                      20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

For married people; may they realize the call to be faithful to God's word in the small, everyday things as well as at times when facing more serious challenges. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of August 20/21                      21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all families; may they rely on the foundation of faith in Christ and grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God. We pray to the Lord.

Weekend of August 27/28                      22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

For families; may they openly invite all people, especially the poor and disadvantaged, into the banquet of their lives. We pray to the Lord.