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## ***Catholic Community***

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**Our Mission Statement:** The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

## **August 4, 2013 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 • Psalm 90:3-6, 12-17 • Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 •  
Luke 12:13-21**

**Celebrant: Fr Herbert Gillessen**

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August 2013**

**Parents and Teachers:** That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life.

**The Church in Africa:** That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.

### **The First Principle and Foundation**

The goal of our life is to live with God forever. God, who loves us, gave us life.

Our own response of love allows God's life to flow into us without limit.

All the things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily.

As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us develop as loving persons.

But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal.

In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all of these created gifts insofar as we have a choice and are not bound by some obligation.

We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or short one.

For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper response to our life in God.

Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening his life in me.

-St. Ignatius as paraphrased by David L. Fleming SJ

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