

## BIBLE READINGS - July 31, 2022

New Revised Standard Version

### Luke 12:13-21

#### The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’

<sup>14</sup> But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” <sup>18</sup> Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”

<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’