Dear Parishioners,
Here is the Gospel reading of today.

Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, “Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”
The disciples looked at one another, at a loss as to whom he meant.
One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side.
So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant.
He leaned back against Jesus’ chest and said to him, “Master, who is it?”
Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it.”
So he dipped the morsel and took it and handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot.
After Judas took the morsel, Satan entered him.
So Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.”
Now none of those reclining at table realized why he said this to him.
Some thought that since Judas kept the money bag, Jesus had told him, “Buy what we need for the feast,”
or to give something to the poor.
So Judas took the morsel and left at once. And it was night.

THEME FOR TODAY

Today’s theme is money. Judas betrayed Jesus for money. Money is neutral, neither good nor bad in itself. But, if we look at the world, our lives, our relationships through the eyes of money greed will take over our lives.

I would like to invite you today to place a bowl in a prominent place in your home and invite everyone in your family to place some money in it. It will remind us that money is an absolute necessity, but to be used properly and wisely. A five or ten dollar bill will mean very little to all of us. But to someone who is hungry it means food for the entire day. The Sunday after Easter I am going to have a nonperishable food drive to help Ritter House that serves the poor and the homeless of our county. I would like to invite you to donate the money in the bowl to buy nonperishable food for the food drive. May every time we look at the money in the bowl remind us how blessed we are. We all have a roof over our heads and we have food to sustain us. May God continue to bless us and our nation.

Keep safe and healthy.
Fr. Jose