

November 5, 2017
“It’s About Time : Invest Wisely”

First Reading ~ *Romans 12:1-2*

Therefore I urge you, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies, your lives, dedicating all of yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, let God change you inside with a new way of thinking, so that you may discern what God wants for you.

Second Reading ~ *Ephesians 5:15-17*

Therefore, move carefully, living life with honor, purpose, and courage, shunning those who tolerate and enable evil, not as the unwise, but as wise, sensible, intelligent, discerning people, making the very most of your time, buying up each opportunity, investing wisely, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence, because the days of this age are filled with evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless, but try to understand and grasp what God wants for you, and wants you to do.

Third Reading ~ *from Seneca (4 BCE – 65 CE)*

It is not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste a lot of it. Life is long enough, and a sufficiently generous amount has been given to us for the highest achievements if it were all well invested. But when it is wasted in heedless luxury and spent on no good activity, we are forced at last by death’s final constraint to realize that it has passed away before we knew it was passing. So it is: we are not given a short life, but we make it short, and we are not ill-supplied, but wasteful of what we are given... Life is long if you know how to use it.