



TECH CATHOLIC

February 26, 2017  
Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time / A  
see hymnal #1113

**Mass Schedule**

(in MIT Chapel)  
Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM  
Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM\*\*  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM\*\*  
Confession after Mass – except Mon. (7 PM)  
\*\*When classes are in session

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**Joining TCC**

TCC registration by email  
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TCCM is a moderated announcement list for the Tech Catholic Community.

To subscribe or unsubscribe, go to  
http://mailman.mit.edu/  
/mailman/listinfo/tccm

To post a message in the bulletin or on the TCCM list, send an email to: tcc-updates@mit.edu

Receive emails about all our activities by signing up for our other lists at  
http://tcc.mit.edu/www/getinvolved.html#email

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday Masses with distribution of ashes will be held on 3/1 at 12:05 PM and 7:30 PM in the MIT Chapel.

**Tech Catholic Talk:** The TCT on Monday, 2/27 will be a follow-up discussion to Fr. White's Thomistic Institute talk, "Can Beauty Save the World?" Talk will be summarized, and then we'll have a chance to think and talk more about it. Pizza will be served.

**Spaghetti Suppers:** Join the TCC every Friday night from 7-9 pm in the W11 Community Room for a free spaghetti supper! This is a time for food, fellowship, and fun. Contact Sabrina Song at [sabrina.song@focus.org](mailto:sabrina.song@focus.org) with any questions.

**TCC Family Bulletin Board:** Reminder that the [tcc-family-bb@mit.edu](mailto:tcc-family-bb@mit.edu) listserv is up. If you have an MIT family and are interested in a bulletin board for trading things with other families, or if you are an MIT single person and interested in coordinating ways to help out MIT families, please sign up at [groups.mit.edu/webmoira](http://groups.mit.edu/webmoira), list tcc-family-bb!

**Living Group Rosary:** Pray in communion with peers on campus in the comfort of your living group, Sun @ 9 PM  
Contacts:

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**Bible Study:** Do you want to make friends in the TCC in a smaller group setting? Do you want to learn more about God and grow in your faith? Join a small group Bible study! Email [focusmishes@mit.edu](mailto:focusmishes@mit.edu) for more information.

**Adoration:** Mondays and Tuesdays 11 AM – 12 PM, Wednesdays 8-9 PM in the MIT Chapel.

**First Saturdays:** Monthly devotion to the Virgin Mary every 1st Saturday. Meet at 10AM in W11 for the Rosary, then to the Pru for confession, meditation, adoration and mass at 12:00 PM. A great opportunity to pray with your fellow TCC members and get off campus! Contact: Emily Cimmino (203-451-1146) or Daniel Vignon (650-963-6561). Next one is March 4th.

**BBMSK (the Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen):** We serve homeless communities in Back Bay and Cambridge giving out socks, sandwiches, and a friendly presence to folks we come across on the street. When? 6:00 PM on Tuesdays at W11 or 6:00 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays in front of St. Clement's Shrine. For more info, visit [bbmsk.org](http://bbmsk.org)!

**Taizé @ MIT:** Ecumenical Prayer Sundays at 8 PM in the MIT Chapel. Song and stillness to rest and pray.

**Fiat** is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be held on March 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, [Sr\\_Marian\\_Batho@rcab.org](mailto:Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org) or call 617- 746-5637.

**School of Community:** Run by Communion and Liberation, an international ecclesial movement. For more info contact David ([campeau@mit.edu](mailto:campeau@mit.edu)) or [boston.usa.clu@gmail.com](mailto:boston.usa.clu@gmail.com).

**"In Their Footsteps" - A Pilgrimage to Catholic France:** Jun.3-11, 2017. Join young adults from Harvard Square and beyond as they trace the paths of extraordinary French saints in Lourdes, Lisieux, Paris, and more. Open to graduating seniors, graduate students and young professionals. For more info go to [bit.ly/PilgrimageFrance2017](http://bit.ly/PilgrimageFrance2017) or contact us at [pilgrimatofrance2017@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimatofrance2017@gmail.com) (email correct!).

**Graduate Summer Seminar on Science and Religion:** June 5-9, 2017 the Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture hosts at the University of Pennsylvania a Graduate Summer Seminar on Science and Religion. For questions please email Marisa March ([mamarch@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:mamarch@sas.upenn.edu)) or call 215-275-4026. See: <http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=539cf1b0d0746c7699dcdea9f&id=23f6a83f6d&e=913f696596>

**February/March**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Masses 9:30AM, 1 PM, 5 PM Donuts in W11 following Masses	27 7:30 PM Mass 8PM: MND	28 12:05PM Mass	1 Ash Wednesday 12:05PM Mass 7:30 PM Mass	2 12:05PM Mass	3 12:05PM Mass 7PM: Spaghetti Supper	4
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## “Avarice,” from *The Spiritual Life*, by Rev. Adolphe Tanquerey, S.S., D.D

**891. The Nature of Avarice.** Avarice is *the inordinate love of earthly goods*. To point out wherein the disorder lies, we must first recall *the end for which God has given man temporal goods*. A) God's purpose is twofold: our own personal benefit and that of our brethren. a) Earthly goods are given us to minister to our temporal needs of body and soul, to preserve our life and the life of those dependent upon us, and to procure the means of cultivating our mind and developing our other faculties. Among these goods: i) some are *necessary* for the present or the future: it is our duty to acquire them through honest work; 2) others are *useful* in order that we may gradually increase our resources, safe-guard our welfare or that of others, contribute to the common good by promoting the arts or sciences. It is not at all forbidden to desire these for a good purpose, so long as we give a due share to the poor and to good works. b) These goods are also given us that we may aid those of our brethren who are in need. We are, therefore, in a measure God's stewards, and should use our superfluous goods for the relief of the poor.

**895. The Malice of Avarice.** A) Avarice is a sign of *mistrust in God*, Who has promised to watch over us with the care of a father, and not to allow us to lack the things we need, provided we trust in Him. He would have us consider *"the birds of the air that sow not nor do they reap, nor gather into barns, and the lilies of the field that labor not, neither do they spin"* (Mt. 6:26-8). This is not to encourage us to sloth, but to calm our anxieties and urge us to place our confidence in our Heavenly Father. But the avaricious man instead of putting his trust in God, puts it in the abundance of his riches, and insults God by distrusting Him... This lack of confidence in God is accompanied by too great a confidence in self and personal efforts; man wants to be his own *providence* and thus he falls into a species of idolatry making money his god. Now, no man can serve two masters, God and Wealth: *"You cannot serve God and mammon"* (Mt. 6.24). This sin is *of itself grave* for the reasons just adduced. It is likewise grave when it causes one to infringe upon important rights of others through the employment of fraudulent means to obtain and retain wealth; to sin against charity by omitting necessary almsgiving, or to fail against the virtue of *religion*, by allowing oneself to become so absorbed in business that one disregards religious duties. It constitutes but a venial sin when it does not cause one to fail in any of the great Christian virtues, duties to God included. B) With regard to Christian perfection, the inordinate love of riches is a very serious obstacle. a) It is a passion that *tends to supplant God in the human heart*. That heart which is God's temple is crowded with all sorts of desires bent upon the things of earth, filled with all sorts of anxieties and distracting preoccupations. Yet, to effect our union with God, we must empty our heart of all creatures, of all worldly cares... We must, above all, empty the heart of all pride; but attachment to riches develops pride, since we place greater confidence in our riches than in our God. To fasten our heart on riches is to hinder the love of God, *for where our heart is there is also our treasure*. To detach the heart from riches is to lay it open to God. A soul despoiled of riches has God for its possessions; *its wealth is the wealth of God Himself*. b) Avarice also leads to lack of mortification and to sensuality, for when we have money and love it, we either wish to enjoy the pleasures that money can procure, or if we forego these pleasures, our heart clings to the money itself. In either case money becomes an idol that makes us turn away from God.

**897. Remedies of Avarice.** A) The great remedy is the profound conviction, resting upon reason and faith, that wealth is not an end, but a *means* given us by Providence to provide for our needs and those of our brethren; that God ever remains the Sovereign Master of all; that we are in truth but administrators who must one day render an account to the Sovereign Judge. Riches moreover are goods that *pass away with time*, goods we cannot take along with us into the next world. If we are wise, we shall lay up treasures not for this world but for eternity. *"Lay not up to yourselves treasures on earth: where the rust and moth consume and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven where neither the rust nor the moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal"* (MT. 6:21) B) The most effective way of detaching ourselves from riches is to *invest our wealth in the bank of heaven* by giving generously to the poor and to good works. A gift to the poor is a loan to God; it yields a hundredfold even in this world, in the joys which come to us from giving happiness to those around us. But above all, it yields a hundredfold for heaven, where Christ, considering as given to Himself what we have bestowed upon the least of His children, will take care to give us imperishable goods in exchange for those we sacrificed for Him. The truly wise, therefore, are those who exchange the treasures of this earth for those of glory. To seek God and holiness is the sum-total of Christian prudence: *"Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God and His justice: and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Mt. 6:33) C) Perfect souls go further: they sell all to give to the poor, or they renounce all ownership by the religious vow of poverty, or they retain their capital but use the income only according to the advice of a wise spiritual director, and thus while they remain in the state in which God's providence has placed them, they live in the practice of detachment of mind and heart.