

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025
Year of the Holy Spirit

What Brings True Happiness?

- Last week we learned that money and wealth cannot bring real happiness.
- This week we are thinking about honor, fame, and power — and if they can make us happy.

Can Honor Make Us Happy?

- Honor means people respect or admire you.
- But real honor isn't about winning awards or being popular.
- Real honor comes when others see something truly good in you.
- Happiness comes from within our hearts — from knowing we did something good, even if no one sees it.

Can Fame Make Us Happy?

- Fame means being known by many people.
- Some are famous for good things, others for bad things.
- The most important thing is to be known and loved by God.
- God knows who we truly are inside.
- We should try to live in a way that makes God proud, not just people.
- Our true identity is being children of God — that's what matters most.

Can Power Make Us Happy?

- Power means having control or being able to make things happen.
- Power can be used for good or bad.
- Even powerful people can be unhappy if their hearts are filled with evil.
- The greatest power is love — choosing to love others, even when it's hard.
- The saints showed true power through love and sacrifice.
- For example, Saint Maximilian Kolbe showed true power by giving his life to save another man during World War II. His love was stronger than any earthly power.

True Happiness

- Honor, fame, and power do not bring lasting happiness.
- True happiness comes from loving God, having faith in God, doing good deeds, and having hope in our hearts.
- When we live with love and goodness in our hearts, we find the joy that never fades.
- Having strong hope in God helps you see life in a happy and positive way.

Fr. Saucier's Sunday Sermon

