

August 3-4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father Daniel Seo's FIRST Santa Clara Mass
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 **Colossians 3:1-11** **Luke 12:13-21**

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Strolling amid the shops of local Malls or the quaint streets of a distant town while on vacation, our eyes will sometimes be drawn to a shiny bauble, an intriguing work of art, a piece of clothing or jewelry, something which captures our imagination. Credit cards are swiped or Apple Pay is engaged and what was once desired becomes ours. Do we mail it home or carry it with us? Do we insure it or not? Once home we celebrate our new-found treasure, we wear it, we display it, we weave it within the story of our recent travel. It becomes OURS...and we are PROUD to own it, to possess it. We now must make room for it, on a shelf, in a closet, in a jewelry box, in our insurance registry of personal valuables. How many shirts, shoes or dresses can we own? How many pieces of jewelry are enough? How many pieces of art, how many trinkets, how many THINGS are enough to fill our lives with THINGS that will always remain THINGS? A continuation of the events of seven days ago, this weekend we honor another one of our Santa Clara de Asis interns who has EMPTIED and DETACHED himself so as to be filled with the GRACE of Jesus as one of Jesus' priests. The grace now filling **Father Daniel Seo** is not for his own aggrandizement, rather, it is for the betterment and salvation of all those he encounters. In emptying himself from his worldly attachments he has received MORE than he could have ever procured, purchased or possessed; Father Daniel's glory NOW is to give away what has been given to him through the grace of Orders; by emptying himself he shows his worthiness to be filled again, and again and again. Celebrating his First Mass among us on this particular weekend, Father Daniel highlights the difference between the false fullness offered by the world and the salvific EMPTINESS offered by God.

'Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.'

Thank you for sharing another FESTIVE weekend of celebration as we honor one more of our former Interns, FATHER DANIEL SEO, for his first Santa Clara Mass. Please join us outdoors for a delicious and festive celebration of Fr. Daniel's ordination to the fullness of Priesthood. If you have not yet returned your school backpack (which were distributed back on July 13-14), please get them to us this Monday or Tuesday as they are being delivered to the schools later this week...thanks! With the Holy Day of the ASSUMPTION OF MARY on Thursday, August 15th, you are reminded that we will have a 5:00pm Vigil on Wednesday the 14th and the usual 8:30am Mass on Thursday the 15th by which to honor the Blessed Mother. Bulletins await you with further news of upcoming events and as always, please remember on these hot Summer days, you are loved. FKB