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SOSJ -1 – The Last Things I: Particular Judgement Saturday, November 18, 2023

Luke 12: 15-21

Then Jesus said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.”

Questions

1. What is my personal idea about how the encounter with Christ at death happens? What influences my ideas about that encounter? What does the Church teach about what exactly happens?
2. If I was told I would meet Christ in judgement tomorrow at noon, how would I change my life, besides taking the day off from work? Should I make those changes anyway even if I expect to live a long life?
3. A loved one is dying who is ambiguous about faith; not hostile but lukewarm. Knowing he or she is about to meet Christ, what can I do to encourage their preparation besides the sacraments? What would be a healthy way to structure conversations?
4. How should a father approach talking about death to his children as they grow up? As toddlers, as pre-teens, as teens? How often is it healthy to talk about death?