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# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / Confessions: **Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church**

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 1:30pm, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 11:30am

Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

Website: [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) October 13, 2024 | 13 de octubre de 2024

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - Wisdom 7:7-11 | Psalm - 90:12-13,14-15,16-17 | Reading 1 - Hebrews 4:12-13 | Gospel - Mark 10:17-30

Primera Lectura - Sabiduría 7:7-11 | Salmo - 89:12-13,14-15,16-17 | Segunda Lectura - Hebreos 4:12-13 | Evangelio - Marcos 10:17-30

### Discipleship and Wealth

Sometimes we get the idea that having material wealth is a bad thing. We may convince ourselves that it is the poor who are favored. In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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#### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



**28th SUNDAY** in ordinary time

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

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#### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: **Isaiah (Isaías) 53:10-11**

Psalm/Salmo: **33(32),4-5,18-19,20,22**

2nd Reading/Segunda Lectura: **Hebrews (Hebreos) 4:14-16**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Mark (Marcos) 10:35-45**

**Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish** - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org). To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



October 13, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

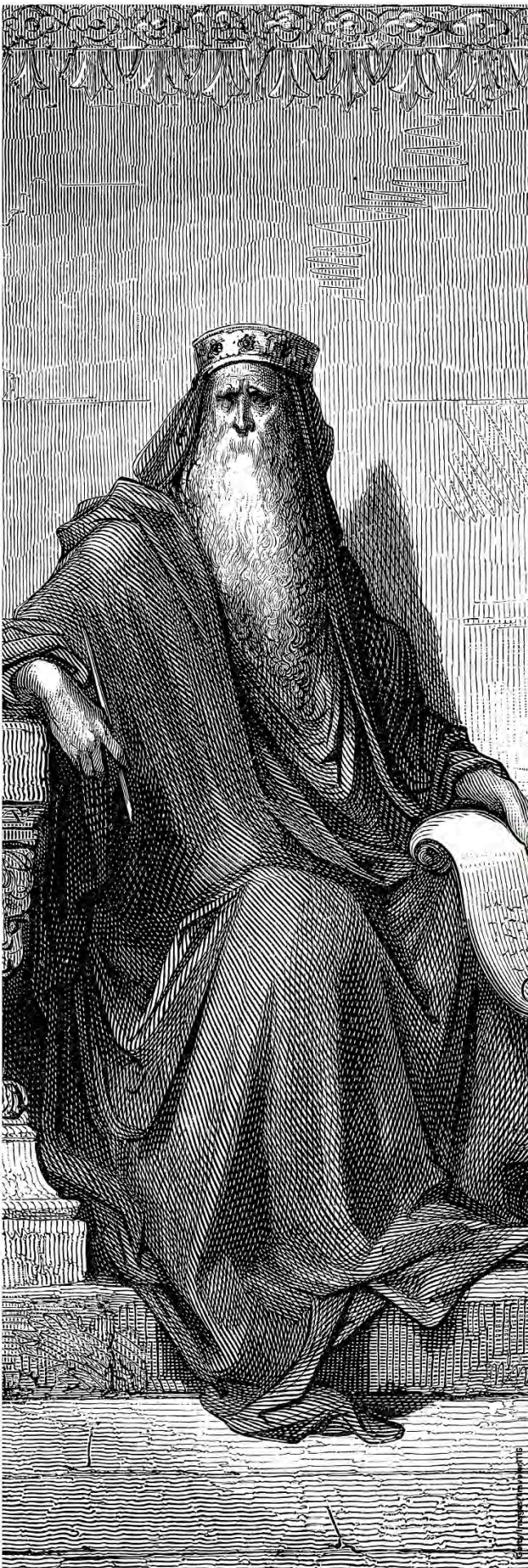
All this talk about wisdom in today's readings ... why should we care? Born of a familiarity with the heart of God, wisdom is a virtue that grants us discernment to know right from wrong and to follow God's plan. It is so important to the life of the disciple that it is a gift given to us by the Holy Spirit. In our first reading from – notice – the *Book of Wisdom*, the author, likely expressing the sentiments of King Solomon, praises and esteems wisdom above everything else. Prized over money, health, or beauty, wisdom brings together “all good things.” If wisdom is so valuable, we must follow Solomon's lead and seek it. Where do we find wisdom? In the second reading from Hebrews, we learn that we can seek wisdom in the word of God. God's word penetrates “between soul and spirit” and is “able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” Therefore, immersing ourselves in God's word allows us to discern between right and wrong and choose the path most pleasing to God.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We become familiar with God's word by reading Scripture and by turning to him in prayer. Prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments are living encounters with Jesus through which we get to know the wisdom of his heart. Still, we are faced with many distractions along the way. What distracts us? Like the rich man in our Gospel, are we distracted by wealth? Or does our desire for health or beauty keep us from the wisdom of God? Although countless temptations in our world can draw us away from pursuing God's wisdom, if we remain close to God, we invite him to help us in our weakness. As Jesus assures his disciples in the Gospel, we can be confident in God's help: “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” If we seek him and place our trust in him, our lives will begin to reflect his wisdom and communicate it to the world.

**ACT** Like Solomon, we, too, can pray for wisdom. Read Scripture prayerfully, asking God to help you understand his Word and grant you the gift of wisdom. When you come across Scripture verses that are especially meaningful to you, write them out and put them in prominent places in your home. This will help you keep God's word ever before you.





## Life of Stewardship

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life.

Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad - this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

One of the metaphors for the "eye of a needle" was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions - material goods or money - like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material - like status, pride or control.

Jesus doesn't want our stuff - our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined - peace on earth and treasure in heaven. - *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship*

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## Parish News

### Our Lady of the Rosary Month - October

For the month of October, one decade of the Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before our weekend Masses.

### Charismatic Prayer Group - Unbound Series

"Unbound has transformed many people's lives."

Unbound . . . A safe, loving, and effective model of prayer ministry by Neal Lozano, focused on individual healing and deliverance. The 8 week series of video teachings began on Tuesday, October 8 from 6:30-8pm in the Grace Parish Center.

### 40 Days For Life Campaign

Please continue to support our Respect Life Ministry in the **40DaysForLife** Campaign. This is an international event for 40 days of prayer and fasting to protect life in the womb and for an end to abortion. You're invited to join in peaceful prayer during the 40-day vigil outside St. Michael's entrance.

Come as prayer disciples as we stand up for life and participate in community outreach. Contact Romana through the office or register online at [40daysforlife.com/kona](http://40daysforlife.com/kona).

### Spiritual Book Club

Our Spiritual Book Club meeting is on Thursday, October 17 at 4pm in the Grace Parish Center. October's book is *Discerning the Will of God: An Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision Making* by Timothy Gallagher. If you would like to join the meeting on Zoom, please contact the Parish Office.

## Knights of Columbus Halloween Dinner & Dance

This is the last weekend to purchase tickets and join fellow parishioners on October 19th for 5:30pm cocktails, 6:30pm dinner and 7:30pm to 9:30pm Halloween dance (no costumes) in the Grace Parish Center. The \$40 per person ticket sales will be held this weekend after all masses on the church lanai.

## All Souls' Day Remembrance

During the month of November, names and photos to honor all those who have passed and gone to be with our Heavenly Father will be on electronic display during each Mass. **Envelopes are available in our kiosks.** Please submit your names and photos as soon as possible. If you would like to use the photo from last year, please let us know or email to [stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org](mailto:stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org).

## Ironman Triathlon

The Ironman Triathlon will be held on Saturday, October 26 and there will be no access to St. Michael's. Our 7am Daily Mass and our 4pm Vigil Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception in Holualoa.

## Kokua for Thanksgiving Meals

*"Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."*

It's that time of the year again! Our Community Outreach ministry along with our Knights of Columbus Council would like to gift one hundred families with a pre-made Thanksgiving Turkey or Ham meal complete with all the trimmings. Please consider donating \$100.00 to feed a family on Thanksgiving Day. Please make your checks payable to St. Michael's and note for Thanksgiving Family Meal. The meals will be distributed through Lei Ohana (Kupuna), Kahaluu Housing and Family Support Hawaii. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Faith Formation

### Faith Formation Classes Grades K-5

Lessons to prepare the students who will receive their Sacraments will begin soon. Please refer to your emails for updates. - *Margaret Essex, Cathecist*

### Youth Ministry Classes Grades 6-12.

Our Youth Ministry classes for October will be held on Sunday, October 20, & 27 from 5:15-7:15pm.

- *Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister*

## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

# Stewardship of Treasure

September 30th - October 6th, 2024

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 5,365.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 23,117.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 8,649.00

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,310,356.63** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

*Mahalo* for your continued generosity.

**Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.**

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OCTOBER 2024

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in *'Ohana in Christ* to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

## Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org) and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness - defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend. - *Father John Muir, ©LPI*

## Treasures From Our Tradition

How did the church dealt with "daily sins" in the first five centuries? As devout and observant as they were, our early fathers and mothers in faith could not have been all that different from us. Maybe they looked the other way when the grocer threw an extra fig in the shopping basket, or had a wandering eye for the widow next door, or had a taste for too much ale, or didn't let the truth get in the way of a good story. First of all, there was the Eucharist. The words are familiar: "This is the cup of my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sin." Especially by participating in Communion from the cup, forgiveness was achieved. Eucharist was, and remains, the Sacrament of reconciliation *par excellence*, the sign and source of unity with Christ.

There were other helps along the way: "fraternal" cor-

rection, or the course corrections we offer one another in love, prayer, fasting, works of mercy. St. Augustine listed endurance of suffering, forgiveness of insults, and added the praying of the Lord's Prayer in the liturgy. He felt that the public praying of the Our Father on Sunday and its daily use in private prayer was an essential remedy and the reason why everyone was not a candidate for canonical penance. Inherited from Augustine's practice, the Lord's Prayer in our Communion Rite still has the same purpose, preparing us for receiving and becoming the Body of Christ. - *Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

## Everyday Stewardship - God's Will Is More Important

I oftentimes say in prayer, "Grant me the wisdom to see Your will for my life and the courage to follow that will." It is a request for true discernment to see that God's will is always more important and fruitful than my own will. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking happiness and fulfillment lie in doing what I want to do and following my own wants and desires. Our entire secular culture is filled with that message. However, that road has led too many to a place of emptiness and regret. I must pray to keep in the forefront of my mind that God created me on purpose and for a purpose. Being wise enough to see that purpose is the key to true satisfaction in this world.

Giving of our gifts and talents in only ways we want to means that we become deaf and blind to the numerous times Jesus Christ calls us to give. We also easily avoid any form of real sacrifice, which often leads us to give only from our excess. Wisdom allows us to see where we are being called, even if we are unsure what increase will result from our investment. Our trust is no longer in the gift given but instead in the One who is calling us to give. When our lives of generosity and compassion are ordered in this way, it is hard for anything to steal our joy away. Our purpose is found, our aim is true, and our desire is fulfilled. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI*

## Everyday Stewardship - If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven - things like charity and justice and courage - should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they

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have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - Possessions

When I was a kid, before smartphones and Amazon, it was the toy catalogs that we waited for. They arrived in the mail, smiling children's faces splashed across the cover, like a silent promise that real happiness could be purchased within these magical pages. We fought over who got to look at them first. We imagined playtime with this Barbie or that EasyBake Oven. Without realizing it, we expected that these toys - and the fun they would create out of thin air, the excitement they would inject into our days - would give us new lives. Make us new people.

The toys we did get were fun enough, but they never made us new people. They never gave us new lives. And before long they broke or needed new batteries. They lost their allure, and they went to the attic. And then, many years later, when we got married or moved houses, we found them, and we sighed - more junk to get rid of.

It's the same now, thirty years later, as much as I hate to admit it. The catalogs have become social media, and the toys have become promotions or pay raises or home improvement projects. I scroll through the feed and my mind lights up. What if we had this? What if we could buy that? What if we could go there?

The rich young man was not sad as he walked away from Jesus because he was losing his riches. He was sad because he wasn't - because he couldn't. He couldn't give them up. Such is the dark magic of materialism: it takes hold when you're not looking. He thought he was being a good person and doing good things. But he had given his heart away, and he hadn't given it to God. And now he could not get it back. Whatever of this world we seek to possess - dollars, cars, clothes, prestige - will come to possess us, in the end.

- Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, ©LPI



As Catholics, let us witness the beautiful gift of life with civility and love, and with our peaceful prayers and our compassionate service to all those in need. - USCCB 5/10/22

## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH  
4pm - JP Urgino, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7am - Mary Peralta and Jenny Peralta, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Helen Devins Echle, Rest in Peace
- 1:30pm - Jennifer Whitesell, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Carol Johnson, Rest in Peace

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

- 7am - Gloria Giudici Floyd, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Roger Knoblauch, Rest in Peace

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

- 7am - Ricardo deMartino, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Ronnie Guillen and Daniel Guillen, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Shari Navarre and family and all those affected by Hurricane Helene

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

- 7am - Lucia Mendoza, 1st Anniversary of Death & Mariano Mendoza, Rest in Peace
- 7am - Shirlen Haanio, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Gunther Hannes, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

- 7am - Brandon Renault, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Angeline Camello, Rest in Peace

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

- 7am - Rosita Doran, Rest in Peace

## Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **326-7771**. If you'd like to request a specific day and Mass time, **please call well in advance of the date to secure it.**

***"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."***

—Matthew 25:35

**The Food Pantry Ministry**  
The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**

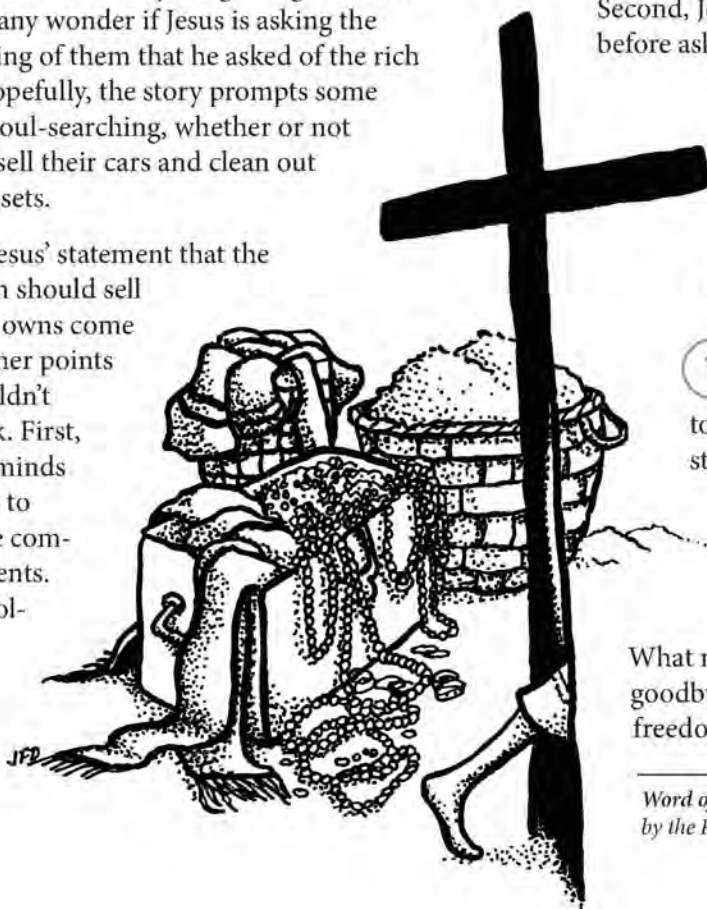
# Is Jesus Asking the Same of Us?

## This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Wisdom 7:7-11 - Solomon and the riches of wisdom
- ▶ Hebrews 4:12-13 - God's living word
- ▶ Mark 10:17-30 - The danger of riches—Jesus and the rich man

This story of the rich man who goes away sad because “he had many possessions” is one of the most provocative stories in the Gospels. In the last 2,000 years, countless people *have* given away their riches (if not all of their possessions) to serve Jesus more freely. Famous people like Saint Francis, Saint Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, and Oscar Romero chose to live with little to follow their callings. So have countless other “unknowns,” such as Jesuit Volunteers, international aid workers, Catholic sisters, missionaries, etc. During that same period, millions of others have heard or read this passage and felt guilty because they haven’t sold everything and given to the poor. Many wonder if Jesus is asking the same thing of them that he asked of the rich man. Hopefully, the story prompts some honest soul-searching, whether or not readers sell their cars and clean out their closets.

Before Jesus’ statement that the rich man should sell what he owns come a few other points we shouldn’t overlook. First, Jesus reminds the man to obey the commandments. Do we fol-



“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**Sheepish Question:**  
Which of God's rules have I ignored or broken lately?

low these ourselves? If not, maybe this is the place for us to start, before we put our house on the market. Second, Jesus looked at the rich man with love even before asking him to give up his possessions. (No one can ever read this passage and say that Jesus disapproves of rich people.) Can we believe Jesus looks upon us like this first, before asking us to give anything up to follow him?

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever given up something that was dear to you (possessions, a chance to make more money, a relationship, social status, etc.) which then enabled you to follow God's call more freely? Please share.
- 2 What in your life now is “holding you hostage” so that you are not free to follow an invitation from God?

What might Jesus be inviting you to let go of or say goodbye to so you can move forward with more freedom?

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## PARISH EVENTS

(may change without advance notice)

### MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm  
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

### TUESDAY

- Coffee, Sweets & Tweets with Fr. Lio 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm  
(resumes on Tuesday, September 3)

### WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm

### THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm  
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm

### FRIDAY - NO EVENTS

### SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

### SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 12:30-1:30pm  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father After 1:30 Mass  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:15-11:20am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm  
(See the Faith Formation section of bulletin for class dates)

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