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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 'B' – OCTOBER 13TH 2024 "GOOD TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?"

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.



Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

XXVIII DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'B'

“MAESTRO BUENO, ¿QUÉ DEBO HACER PARA ALCANZAR LA VIDA ETERNA?”

En el Evangelio de hoy, un hombre anónimo se acerca a Jesús y le pregunta qué debe hacer para heredar la vida eterna. Jesús le responde que hay que seguir los mandamientos de la Ley de Moisés. El hombre reconoce que los ha observado todos desde su infancia. Jesús le dice que sólo le falta una cosa: dar sus bienes a los pobres y seguir a Jesús. El hombre se va triste y Marcos nos dice que es porque tenía muchas posesiones.

La creencia en la resurrección y la vida eterna era un desarrollo relativamente reciente en el pensamiento judío en la época de Jesús y no era compartida por todos. Los fariseos enseñaban que habría una resurrección de entre los muertos; los saduceos no compartían esta creencia. Jesús enseñó que habría un juicio final para todos y la vida eterna (el Reino de Dios) para los creyentes.

Jesús le exige dos cosas al hombre rico que se acerca a él. Primero, debe renunciar a sus posesiones. A lo largo de la historia, algunos cristianos han tomado esto literalmente. Su ejemplo nos da testimonio de un compromiso radical con el Evangelio de Jesús. Algunos han leído esto como un requerimiento particular dirigido a este individuo específico. Otros han tratado de explicar el significado que se pretende dar a la palabra posesiones como aquellas cosas que impiden que uno siga a Jesús. Los cristianos generalmente han entendido que, como mínimo, seguir a Jesús requiere que los creyentes se aferren a las posesiones materiales con ligereza y permanezcan alertas para no buscar seguridad en la acumulación de posesiones.

El segundo requerimiento que Jesús le hace a este hombre es la invitación que extiende a todos los que quieren ser discípulos: “sígueme”. Jesús desea mucho que este hombre sea su discípulo. Creemos que la fe cristiana es una en la que cada creyente tiene una relación personal con Jesús. Así como este Evangelio nos dice que Jesús ama al hombre y se entristece cuando se va, así también Jesús nos ama y se entristece cuando no podemos seguirlo.

Vemos en la lectura de este Evangelio otro ejemplo del patrón de Marcos, que muestra a Jesús ofreciendo más detalles sobre su mensaje y significado a sus discípulos. A sus discípulos, Jesús lamenta los desafíos que enfrentan aquellos que son ricos para seguirlo y entrar en el Reino de Dios. Ante el asombro de los discípulos por la severidad de la norma de la que habla Jesús hoy, Jesús les recuerda que nada es imposible para Dios. La salvación está determinada por nuestra capacidad de confiar completamente en Dios. Pedro responde a Jesús jactándose de que los discípulos ya han dejado todo. Jesús reconoce que quienes han dejado todo por el Evangelio serán recompensados. Esta recompensa comienza ahora, en la nueva comunidad que se ganará en esta vida, y continuará en la era eterna que vendrá. Nuestra relación personal con Jesús es también una invitación a la comunidad de fe, la Iglesia.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY *COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION*

The Synod on Synodality is a three-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2024.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.”

Learn more about the synodal process by visiting the Vatican Synod website:
<https://www.synod.va/en.html>



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in
Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

October. 12th—20th 2024

Sat. Oct. 12 3:30pm: **NO CONFESSIONS**

Sat. Oct. 12th 4:30: + Pilar Paredes

Sun. Oct. 13th 9:00: + Brenda Shakal

11:00: + Jim Luttrell (2nd Anniv)

Misa en Espanol 1:00 pm: + Manuela Olvera (2do Aniv)

Wed. Oct. 16th 12:00:

Thu. Oct. 17th 12:00

Fri. Oct. 18th 12:00:

No weekday Masses

Sat. Vigil Oct. 19th 4:30: - People of the Parish

Sun. Oct. 20th 9:00 + Rosa Palma Morales

11:15 + Jose Guadalupe Valdez (18th Anniv)

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October: 5th & 6th: **\$ 2,979.50**

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OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Daryl Lyon, Sean Devine, Trini Resendiz

Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Michele Higa (1st year) Susan Franks (2nd year) Jennifer Bodner Supply teacher:
- **Confirmation:** Alondra Klemek (1st year).
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** Derwin Borling

Bereavement Ministry:

Trudy Dowd

Manna Ministry:

Janice Hawkins

Human Trafficking

Brendan Cook

Parish Hall & Events:

Berni Aliotti

Social Media:

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Dede Woodhead

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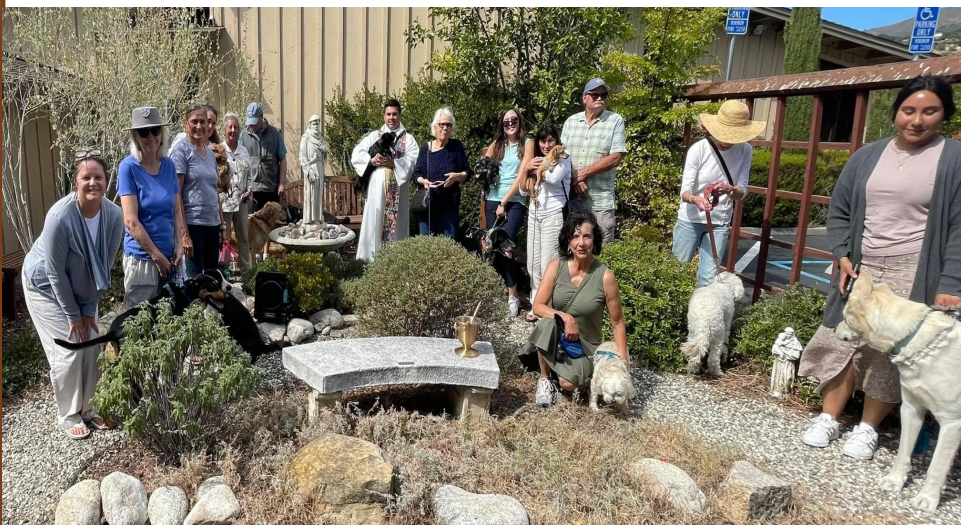
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SUN. OCT. 6TH 2024

To commemorate the feast of St. Francis, of Assisi (Oct 4th) our parish community gathered by St. Francis Garden, where the blessing of the animals took place. **Francis Possessed Spiritual Insight to See God's Praise in All of Nature** Francis's renowned love and care for the environment and animals make him the most popular saint among nature-loving groups. But Francis was always transparent about why he enjoyed such an affinity with creation. He referred to every element in nature as his "brother" and "sister" because he recognized the fingerprints and majesty of Creator God in them.

Not only was Francis awestruck by God's masterful design in creation, but he also had spiritual eyes to discern that the Almighty had equipped every living thing with a unique means to offer God praise. (Psalm 19:1, Psalm 66:4, Psalm 148:1-14, Revelation 5:13) This incredible revelation thrilled Francis. The thought that he could join in symphonic union with all creation to praise God so overwhelmed the humble man, that he wrote the following prayer, which is still cherished today—eight hundred years after his passing: *The Canticle of Creation*



EVENT CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 14th- Fri. Oct. 18th.
Annual Priest's Retreat. No
weekday Masses. Church
carpets will be cleaned.

Fri. Nov. 1st: **All Saints Day**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
12 Noon English Mass
6:30pm Bilingual Mass

All Souls Envelopes for
intention for Masses.
Sat. Nov. 2nd
4:30 pm. Vigil Mass
7:00 pm in Cachagua.

Thu. Nov. 28th.
Thanksgiving Bilingual Mass
9:00 am

Fri. Dec 6th, 5:30 PM **Natale**
Christmas Dinner