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HE WHO SERVES GOD, WINS

Someone has observed that if you put a penny close enough to your eye you can block out the sun. So it is with many good things in life including money and possessions. In and of themselves money and possessions are not bad or evil. In fact, God is the source of them as gifts to us; "for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all." (1 Chronicles 29:11b,12a)

Man's problem with possessions and riches comes from grasping them so close to our heart that they replace the Son as the center of our vision, the apple of our eye. The point of this week's Gospel reading is Jesus' warning about "trusting in riches." As long as we are in this world we still need to relate to possessions and money, but they should be a means of life, not an end. True peace and happiness is enhanced when we recognize that possessions and money are simply tools that enable us to live as God desires.

This leaves us with the question, "What should be the end or the goal of our existence?" Is it not the same issue with which Jesus confronts the rich young man? Namely, abandon anything in your life that is hindering your commitment, and come follow me. The rich young ruler did much for which he could be commended. Many would say he "had his heart in the right place." Yet his response to Jesus' challenge and invitation to sell all and come follow him, indicated a hesitancy to put the call of Christ ahead of his life of financial security.

Surprisingly it is often not just wealthy people who are beset by the problem of trusting in riches. Often, we who have little are equally preoccupied with concern about acquiring more money, and our preoccupation blocks out the reality of Jesus Christ and his call to righteous living. Concern about acquiring more possessions and money is simply another way of saying we are trusting in them. Why are we concerned? Because deep in our heart we believe (trust) that they are the key to security, comfort, freedom, peace, and a host of other inner desires.

The Scriptures do not tell us how the rich young man ultimately responded, but only indicated the emotional turmoil the decision was obviously causing. As we grow in discipleship and commitment we often experience a similar initial sorrow as we decide to abandon some attachment we love, for Someone we choose to love more, Jesus. But it is a short sorrow, and as Jesus goes on to teach in this passage this brief sorrow is replaced by surpassing joy which is a hundredfold in comparison, and eternal in value.

Maria Cristina of Savoy, the young, pretty, and cultivated queen of Naples, said... 'Although I am healthy, rich, beautiful... What then? And I possess gold and silver... What then? Almost unique in wit and learning... What then? Even if I were to enjoy the world for a thousand years... What then? Soon we die and nothing remains: Serve your God and you will have everything then!

This week's first reading says, "Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me." Today's materialistic secular world is rampant with false advice and seductive entrapment to believe that the person who has the most toys wins. Having been bombarded by these messages it will be very difficult to change the way we relate to possessions and money. Perhaps the very first application we should make is to daily, consistently pray asking God for understanding and a spirit of wisdom similar to Maria Cristina of Savoy. Then we might realize that he who has the most toys really loses, and he who serves God, wins.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

Bishop of the Diocese
 Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.
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 Diocesan Social Justice Rep

Sunday Masses
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
 Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
 Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 First Sunday of the Month
 Reconciliation/Confessions
 Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
 Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
 Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
 Please call the office

Secretary
 Sandy Johnson
 Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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 Ron Roscovich at 905-386-0648

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Ministry Schedule - Oct 20/21
Hospitality Ministers
 5:00 pm - Tony Mous
 10:00 am - Deanne & Justin Long

Altar Servers
 5:00 pm - Needed
 10:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

Next Hospitality Sunday
 October 14th - Welcome Back &
 Sign Up Sunday

October 14, 2018

**The 28th
 Sunday in
 Ordinary
 Time**

Lectors
 5:00 pm #1 - Heather Tomascin
 #2 - Tom Shields
 10:00 am #1 - Caroline Steger
 #2 - Andrew Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
 5:00 pm - Tom S. & Yolanda B.
 10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Dick

Stewardship Counting
 Lisa Poort & Jennifer Fife

October 14, 2018

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



*Lord, may the request of your people
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Monday	Oct 15	Father Christopher's Day Off. Emergency Calls Are Covered.	
Tuesday	Oct 16	St. Marguerite D'Youville 9:00 am For the special intentions of Deanne Robins	by Josie & Vern Dell
Wednesday	Oct 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch 10:30 am Gethsemane Centre Mass 6:30 pm For the special intentions of Sherry & Matt Dufries	by Doug & Maeve Devlin
Thursday	Oct 18	St. Luke 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Robert Schnaar	by John & Riky Mulder
Friday	Oct 19	9:00 am For the health and healing of Donna Hare	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Saturday	Oct 20	The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family	
Sunday	Oct 21	10:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Grace Tye +For the repose of the soul of Gemma Gillen For the health and healing of Andy Wirth	by Heather Belmont by Sherri deWilde by Joan and Bob Hignett

PARISH DISCERNMENT GROUP V
Next Parish Team Meeting is Saturday
October 20, 2018 - 9:30 am to 12 noon.
At Gethsemane Centre Wellandport.

ST. MARTIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation and First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Package has been presented to our young people.

PARENT MEETING

Tuesday October 23, at 7:00pm in the Church

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tues. Dec. 11 & 18, 2018 – 7pm

PARENT MEETING

Thursday November 15 at 7pm in the Church

FIRST EUCHARIST

To be confirmed based on numbers.
Sunday. Apr 28 and May 5, 2019 – 1pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OCTOBERFEST DINNER DANCE

October 27th
Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner at 7:00pm
Food provided by The Best Little Menu
Music by 5th Avenue
Tickets: \$25.00/person
Tickets will be sold after every Mass.
All proceeds go to the KOC

PRIEST STUDY DAYS

October 29th to 30th.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
No celebration of weekday Masses for those dates. Sorry for the inconvenience.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The Diocesan SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY support group monthly meeting. September topics are:

- Working Through The Anger - Oct 22

Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays from 7pm to 9pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls. For a pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

BISHOP'S CHARTIES DINNER

Saturday October 20th, Club Roma St. Catharines.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.
There will be door prizes, a 50/50 draw and a silent auction with many stellar items. Circle the date October 20th, and plan on joining us.
Tickets \$50.00 per person.
Please contact the Knights of Columbus St. Martin of Tours Council 16241. Speak with a Knight following Mass. Or visit church notice board for further information. Thank you

BLESSED TRINITY'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, October 28th marks Blessed Trinity's 15th annual Pilgrimage walk in support of the impoverished community of Las Pajas in the Dominican Republic. This annual event raises funds and awareness for less fortunate communities. Since the inception of this annual walk, the people of Las Pajas have seen improvement in education, health, and living conditions. But there is still more to do.

If you wish to assist with this great cause, donations can be made at the Blessed Trinity Student Services Department. You are most welcome to join our walk. We begin the day with Mass at 9 am in our gym, followed by our walk at 10 am.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we walk on Sunday, October 28th.

CANONIZATIONS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

The following seven blessed will be canonized by Pope Francis as saints of the Church:

- Paul VI pope (Giovanni Battista Montini) (1897-1978)
- Oscar Romero Galdamez archbishop of San Salvador, martyr (1917-1980)
- Francesco Spinelli diocesan priest, religious founder (1853-1913)
- Vincenzo Romano diocesan priest (1751-1831)
- Maria Katharina Kaspar virgin, religious founder (1820-1898)
- Nazaria de Santa Teresa de Jesus (Nazaria March Mesa) religious founder (1889-1943)
- Nunzio Sulprizio layman (1817-1836)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 6/7, 2018

Sunday Offering (69 Env):	\$ 1,548.00
Loose:	\$ 108.00
Facility Maintenance (41 Env):	\$ 551.00
Loose:	\$ 119.25
Late Bishop's Collection (1 Env):	\$ 50.00

*Thank you for your tithe/stewardship.
God Bless.*

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Theme: "With Youth, We Proclaim The Gospel to All." The Church has a lasting mission to perform in this world, a mission that is ever more apparent, and the need for it is ever more urgent. In fact, mission isn't something the Church does. It is what the Church is! **This year, World Mission Sunday is on October 21.** This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that offers emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war-torn countries, provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It offers financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Petition To The House of Commons An Initiative of the Catholic Women's League with Alliance for Life Ontario

Please sign the petition in the parish hall this Sunday at Coffee Social, to support the full legal protection to the child not yet born from the beginning of his/her biological development as a human being. We urge the House of Commons to show leadership in fostering a life sustaining society. Thank you.

BEST WISHES THIS WEEK TO

Birthdays:

Ryan Mirco/Drew Pouliot - Oct 14
Kayla Raposo – Oct 14
Manuel Araujo – Oct 16
Deborah Pogoda/Tyson Bruculieri – Oct 17
Sean Tracey – Oct 18
John Bartol/Martin Ridland – Oct 19
Fatima Araujo – Oct 21

Anniversaries:

Peirre & Mary Anne Paradis – Oct 16
Antonio & Genevieve Leitao – Oct 18
Thomas & Meghan Valeri – Oct 18
Rick & Leslie-Ann Legge – Oct 19