

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 14, 2018

To be rich, for good or for evil?

For those who think it is easy to enter into heaven, then read today's Gospel. The eye of the needle to which the text refers, is a narrow arch in the streets of Jerusalem and it turns out that it is very difficult for a camel to pass through, though not impossible. Well it will be more difficult for a rich man to enter heaven, as Jesus has said. Wealth can be an obstacle; yet, in other passages Jesus clarifies that money that is well administered can become works of charity and a responsibility for the good of the earth, thus it could facilitate one's entrance in to heaven.

1. Wealth has a seductive and oppressive force; it has a hypnotizing power. USA has a strong and powerful temptation to face in our culture of glamour, stars, and moguls. In and of themselves, material goods are neither good nor bad, but they become bad when we transform them into the objective of our life. Wealth hardens the heart of man and makes him insensitive to the pain of those around him. Due to money, weapons are sold, and it is the main cause of the majority of our wars; for the love of money, entire towns are plunged into misery, while others are enslaved; for the love of money, marital infidelity rises, children are abandoned, and old friendships break up.

With our money we can buy heaven or hell; it all depends on whether we choose to use it for good or bad. The best destiny for the goods of this world is to share them: "Look, sell everything that you have and give it to the poor", says Jesus to the young rich man. The majority of the people go crazy because they live to have, but they would be happy if they procured what is important to have - to live.

2. It should not surprise us as to the question that is asked of Jesus: "Lord, who will be able to be saved?" And the answer: "For man it is impossible, it is only possible for God". This theme carries us to the same heart of the Christian existence. The faithful disciple refuses the idolatry of wealth; on the other hand, the one that is attached to the things of this world will seek vainly for his own salvation in the goods of this world. Charles de Foucauld confessed: "From the moment that I knew Christ, I knew that I couldn't continue living without Him". It is what the parable of the precious pearl teaches us - in which the merchant sells everything that he has and goes to find the pearl of great value.

3. Do not forget that at the end of our life, we will give an account of our life before God. He will not judge me for the works that I carried out, but for the motives that I had - in what I did or did not do. The effort will be accredited more than the

results; He will look at my heart more than at my hands. In the end, if the heart is clean, then it will be impossible for the hands not to work with pure intention.

Sisters and brothers: The question of the rich person, is the question for all mankind: "What will I do to inherit eternal life?" And I? Am I excessively worried about money? Do I consume too much? Do I enjoy all that I have? **We must learn to give that which is ours to the needy to discover the secret of true Christian happiness!**

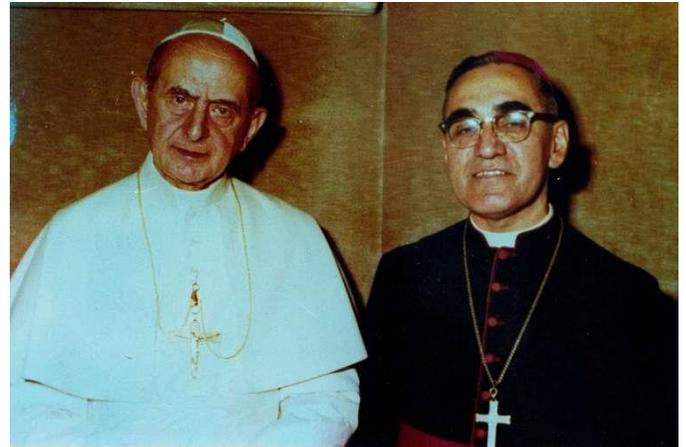
Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Rest in Peace

Joan C. Peters, 75. Died Monday, October 8th. Memorial Mass at Nativity on Friday, October 19 at 11:30 am

Eternal rest grant unto her, oh Lord



The Holy Father this Sunday canonizes the great Pope Paul VI the great defender of Life and author of "Humane Vitae" as well as the beloved martyr Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador who died killed for defending the weak of his society. Pray for us! The Canonization mass can be seen online at EWTN or on cable re-broadcasts will occur.

Celebrate Respect Life Month! Every Day is Pro Life Day but October in a special way is a month to honor life. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 13 - 20, 2018

Sat. 10/13	8:00 am	+Glyssa Villacorta
	5:30pm	+Patricia Hallman
Sun. 10/14	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00am	+Veronica Good Johnson
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 10/15	12:00	+Anthony Peires
Tue 10/16	12:00	Damian Family
Wed. 10/17	12:00	+Anthony Peires
Thu. 10/18	12:00	Carlos Gonzalez (birthday)
Fri. 10/19	11:30am	+Joan G. Peters-Memorial Mass
Sat. 10/20	8:00 am	+Anthony Peires
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *William Cammack, *Lukas Pastier, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Sheryl Newman, *Amelie Ongbehallal, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta



October *-* Month of Rosary
Mary is our great intercessor with the Lord, and interceding with her through the Rosary can be an especially uplifting and fruitful way for those we

Love. Invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother for healing, strengthening of faith etc. There will be note paper and a basket available by the Rosary Tree for parishioners to place their intercessions during the Month of October.



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"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!" Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The second presentation: Estate Planning and Charitable Giving will be held **Tuesday, October 16th**. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20th**. All presentations will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.



To all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity. Next event: Saturday, November 17th.



Fall dates

Walking in the Spirit. Saturday, October 20, 9am – 1:30pm. With Father Evans, Brother Michael and Catherine Tolnay. Lite lunch will be served.

Fr. Patrick Hake from Ft. Wayne (served us last year as a Deacon) will be the Celebrant and Homilist at the 10 am Mass & 1 pm Mass in Spanish Oct 28th. Please make him feel welcome!

ATTENDANCE REPORT

10/7/18

Attendance: 401 souls
Offerings & Tithes: \$5,888
Spanish Mass: \$192
Utility fund: \$145

Question of the week: How does my attachment to my possessions keep me from entering the kingdom of God? How might God assist me in making it possible?

Religious Education registration ended on Sunday, October 7.