

STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO - ST. AGNES, LITTLE DOVER
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TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 13, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, October 19 - 4:30 p.m. - St, Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*
- 6:00 p.m. - St Joseph - †*Denise Cashin*

Sunday, October 20 - 9:30 a.m - St. Agnes Hall - †*William Junior Peitzsche*
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Eddie Garcia*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 17, 6:30 pm – St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - Available when requested, please contact the parish office.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *What's Your Own Choice?*

The rich man was a good man. It takes a good-hearted person to inquire how to attain eternal life. To have kept all the commandments since he was young meant he was good. But good as he was, there was something he lacked. He lacked detachment, and Jesus challenged him to make a choice between God and his wealth. He could not respond to the challenge. Rich as he was, he could not possess eternal life. So, he went away sad. Without money, we can do nothing. But money cannot purchase eternal life. The wise mind sees the ultimate worthlessness of material prosperity. The courageous person detaches from wealth in order to be attached to Christ. The one who is materially rich but detached from God is the poorest person in the world. The one who has no riches but is attached to God is the richest person in the world. A choice can make or break a person. Solomon could have asked for anything from the Lord but he chose to ask for the wisdom of God and he preferred this over the scepters and thrones. But we see a contrasting story in the Gospel. A young man wanting to possess eternal life but unwilling to forgo his earthly possessions and riches approaches Jesus asking him how to obtain eternal life. To inherit the eternal life that Jesus offers, one should empty oneself and follow him. Hence the question is where do we want to be for eternity? Opting for Jesus would require us to leave everything and follow him.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (30)	620.00
Loose	10.00
St. Agnes (18)	260.00
Loose	15.00
St. Joseph	N/A
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	95.00

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 6:15 p.m. We need members for this committee.

Ministries Schedule, October 20

Lector - Ginny Boudreau

Cleaners - Oct 13 - 19 -Irene/Juanita

Ways & Means

Trivia Night - Wow, 20 teams, just amazing, profit was 1,463.00! Thank you to those who helped in any way, much appreciated.

Grocery Prize Bingo (Meal in a Box) - will be held Sunday, October 20, 2:00 p.m.. This will be a grocery bingo. We are accepting donations of grocery items, gift cards, etc.

ST. AGNES NEWS - Fall Fun Day - Thank you for your support

WILMOT CEMETERY - A public meeting will be held at All Saints Anglican Church Basement Sunday, October 20th at 2:30 pm for those interested in forming a stewards committee.

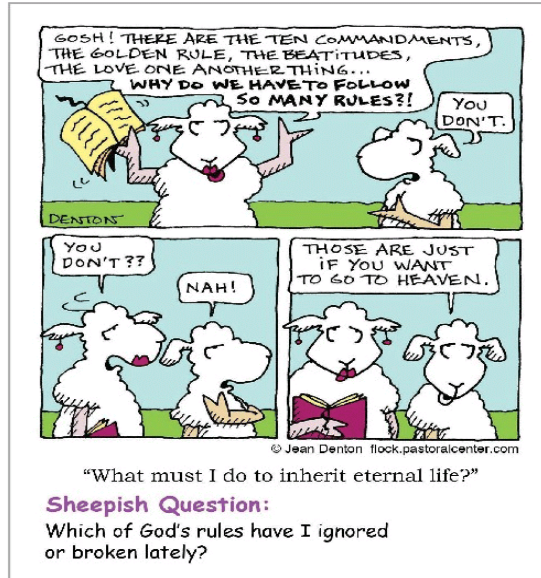
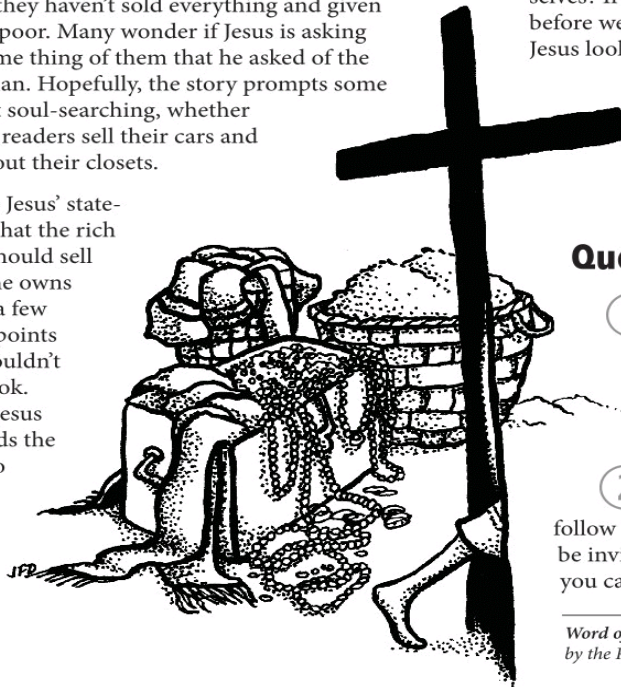
Is Jesus Asking the Same of Us?

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 follow 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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