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MARK 10:23



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

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HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly dependent on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

Today's Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Fr. Mike Snider. Judy Smith. Thomas Holzmann. Jim Hickey. Michael Allen. Joe Fazzio. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. . Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: George Smith, spouse of Judy Smith. Address: 669 Holly Trail East #304, HLR, TX 75765**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joey Chaney, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 10/09 Rita Joyce Aucoin+ (M/M Bonicard) & Adam, James, Brent Boyd+ (M/M Boyd)
Sun 10/10 Melinda Miller+ (Pat & Vicki Miller)
Tue 10/12
Wed 10/13
Thurs 10/14
Fri. 10/15
Sat. 10/16 Melinda Miller+ (Pat & Vicki Miller)

Fr. Mike is at home with COVID.
 Fr. Ron Demski will be taking his place for this weekend and next weekend.

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of August, 2021
Expenditures \$ 3,882
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,628

Attendance 10/2 Saturday 51 10/3 Sunday 65

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for October:

Missionary disciples.. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps. —Anonymous

SOBRIETY

Be sober, as God's athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal. —St. Ignatius of Antioch

GIFTS

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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading: Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel: 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 (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration? Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Holly Lake Ranch/Hawkins FM 2869 Life Chain 2021

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US & Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in Oct. & Nov. Christians should attend the local Life Chain to help build a resolute army of Christians who are pro-life in both word and deed. Let us engage the enemy, boldly & unashamed, until the curse of legal abortion is swept from our land and again provide security & freedom for every citizen, born & unborn. **Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be participating in the 2021 Life Chain on FM 2869 on Sun., Oct. 10th at 2:00pm—3:30pm.** If you have questions call Richard Boultinghouse, Life Chain Comm. Chairman, 903-769-4257 or rbhouse61@aol.com.

Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Shower

The K of C sixth baby shower event will be held for two weekends: Oct. 9 & 10th and Oct. 16th & 17th. The year the Knights will again be supporting the Building Blocks, Living Alternatives Ministry (<https://livingalternatives.org/building-blocks/>). The Building Blocks Ministry offers practical help to parents that encourages and renews hope for the future. It's a unique earn-while-you-learns program where moms and dads earn points for going to doctor appts, attending parenting classes, and meeting with parenting mentors. A portable play pen will be located in the entry to the parish hall for donated items, including: baby wipes, fall & winter clothes, (newborn to 2T), boppy pillows, bedding, car seats, babies & children's toys, and, of course, monetary donations.

OCTOBER NEWS & EVENTS

Sat., Oct. 9th: **Hawkins Oil Festival (Downtown Hawkins)**

Sat., Oct. 9th & Sun., 10th: **Annual K of C Pro-Life Baby Shower**
Sun., Oct. 10th: **Coffee & Donuts following 9:00am Mass in St. Jude's Hall.**

2:00—3:30pm Life Chain in front of church

Thurs. 10/7 through Mon. 10/18: **Fr. Mike will remain at home.**

Sat., Oct. 16th: Arts & Crafts Sale at Holly Brook Baptist Church from 9am to 3:30pm.

Spaghetti Supper at Holly Tree Bible Church starting at 5:30pm. \$ 10 per adult. \$5.00 per child. Includes Spaghetti, salad, bread, drink & dessert.

Sat., Oct. 16th & Sun., 17th: Annual K of C Pro-Life Baby Shower

Sun., Oct. 17th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass coffee & donuts and Jane Bidlack facilitates "The Bible and the Mass Study."

Sun., Oct. 31st: 5:00pm Mass of anticipation of "All Saints Day."

October Second Collections:

23rd & 24th: "World Mission Sunday."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.**

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of peanut butter; canned vegetables; cereal; boxes of pudding & jello.**



Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Thank you, *Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

HELP NEEDED — CALL FR. MIKE 903-769-3235

- We are in need of an organist, do you know of anyone that would be interested?**
- Help needed in maintaining our meditation garden?**
- Fr. Mike needs someone that can climb a ladder to change light bulbs.**

Did you know that our **Rosary Group repairs broken rosaries?** Also, if you have **old jewelry** that you don't want any longer, they will be glad to take it off your hands. They use old jewelry to make rosaries. What a precious gift to have from your mother's or grandmother's jewelry made into a rosary. Call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS

St. Philip Institute

Holy Hour & Remembrance Mass for Pregnancy & Infant Loss

There will be a Holy Hour and remembrance Mass on Friday, October 15th at the Chapel of Sts. Peter & Paul. This is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. There will be a Holy Hour at 5:00pm and Mass will begin at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Wonderful to see so many participate along with their four legged friends in the "**Blessing of the Animals**". It was a beautiful day and a special time. There are some pictures on the table outside Bridget's office of the participants. Please pick yours up.

Also, Holy Spirit plans to participate in the **Christmas Golf Cart parade**. We would like to collect any leftover candy that we can toss to those who line the parade route. The children always have a smile on their faces. Please hold on to yours after Halloween and drop the candy off at church. *Thank you. Welcoming Committee*

(<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween#:~:text=Halloween%E2%80%99s%20origins%20date%20back%20to%20the%20ancient%20Celtic,France%2C%20celebrated%20their%20new%20year%20on%20November%20>)
Continuing our Halloween history from last week ...

Halloween Comes to America The celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies. As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups and the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included “play parties,” which were public events held to celebrate the harvest. Neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other’s fortunes, dance and sing. Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the 19th century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country. In the second half of the 19th century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing the Irish Potato Famine, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally.

History of Trick-or-Treating Borrowing from European traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today’s “trick-or-treat” tradition. Young women believed that on Halloween they could divine the name or appearance of their future husband by doing tricks with yarn, apple parings or mirrors. In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season and festive costumes. Parents were encouraged by newspapers and community leaders to take anything “frightening” or “grotesque” out of Halloween celebrations. Because of these efforts, Halloween lost most of its superstitious and religious overtones by the beginning of the twentieth century.

Halloween Parties By the 1920s and 1930s, Halloween had become a secular but community-centered holiday, with parades and town-wide Halloween parties as the featured entertainment. Despite the best efforts of many schools and communities, vandalism began to plague some celebrations in many communities during this time. By the 1950s, town leaders had successfully limited vandalism and Halloween had evolved into a holiday directed mainly at the young. Due to the high numbers of young children during the fifties baby boom, parties moved from town civic centers into the classroom or home, where they could be more easily accommodated. Between 1920 and 1950, the centuries-old practice of trick-or-treating was also revived. Trick-or-treating was a relatively inexpensive way for an entire community to share the Halloween celebration. In theory, families could also prevent tricks being played on them by providing the neighborhood children with small treats. Thus, a new American tradition was born, and it has continued to grow. Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country’s second largest commercial holiday after Christmas. One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween. More people, especially millennials, are buying costumes for their pets. Twenty percent did so in 2018, up from 16 percent in 2017.

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All Souls Day and Soul Cakes The American Halloween tradition of trick-or-treating probably dates back to the early All Souls’ Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called “soul cakes” in return for their promise to pray for the family’s dead relatives. The distribution of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as “going a-souling,” was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood and be given ale, food and money.

(To be continued.)



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