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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright with scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friend so dear,

For those we love,

For all things sent from

heaven above...

We thank thee,

Lord.





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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Monday | 7:00 p.m. | <u>No Evening Mass</u> |
| Tuesday | 12:10 p.m. | Intentions of Steve Seck (Family) |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory (Alicia Lyn) |
| Wednesday | 12:10 p.m. | +Benjamin Wong (Seck Family) |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday | 12:10 p.m. | +Johanna Hashim (Tiongson and Hashim Families) |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | +Elsie Tang (Family) |
| Friday | 12:10 p.m. | +Bellian Chiu, Gregory, Eric, Jin Sim and Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family) |
| Friday: | 7:00 p.m. | +Anna Starkiewicz (Zosia Robaszek) |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | +Cora Pereira (Gerard and Ceryl Pinto) |
| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | +Vincent and Pearl Regina Augustine (Family) |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Intentions of Sister Anna Irudayasamy (Family) |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | +Maria Agustin (Family_ |
| Sunday | 12:00 p.m. | +Peter S. Tiongson (Tiongson and Hashim Families) |

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY OCTOBER 10, 2021

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Fitzroy James, Joyce D’Souza, Lilia Tiongson, Edilberto Claveria, Margaret Carter, Elizabeth Wong, Domenic D’Souza, Samantha Fernandes, Jerry Wang, Agnes Yuen, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Marien Pereira, Sam Di Blasi, Teresa Cheung, Jessica Kong, Gloria Pereira, Angel Sevilla, Sean Munroe, Aubrey Yee-Sang, Suzanne Chin-Loy, Evette Fernandes, Dorine Coulture, John Yuen and for all those who are sick with the Covid – 19 Virus.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: For those who have died from the Covid – 19 Virus and for those who have no one to pray for them.

ON HOLIDAY MONDAY THERE WILL BE ONE
MASS AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH

PLEASE REGISTER EACH WEEK ON THE
WEBSITE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS YOU WISH
TO ATTEND

NAMES ADDED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON
SATURDAY WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST THAT
THE USHERS HAVE.

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PARISH OFFERTORY
Weekly goal \$7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)
We received, \$8,039.11 (September 26, 2021)
(Includes Pag, Donate Now, etc.)

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office. 2021 Envelopes can be found in the small hall in alphabetical order. Also, on the website you can arrange to use PAG

Gospel Reading:

Mark 10:17 - 27

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

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 required 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.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

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