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Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings On Thanksgiving

GOSPEL REFLECTION: HEBREWS 4:12-13

The word of God is living and effective. (Hebrews 4:12)

What are you looking for when you read the Bible? Information about God? Guidance for your life? There's another reason, and it may be the most important of all. We can read the Scriptures so that *they* can read *us*. We can experience them as the "living and effective" word of God that can expose the motives of our hearts and bring us healing and restoration (Hebrews 4:12).

Today's Gospel shows us this process in real time. A wealthy young man asks Jesus how he can be pleasing to God. In response, Jesus gives him information and guidance by recounting the Ten Commandments.

But the man senses that something is still missing, and he tells Jesus as much. *I already do all of this; why am I still unsatisfied?* This fellow may not see it, but he is asking Jesus to "read" him and tell him what he sees.

"Looking at him" with great love, Jesus does just that. It's as if he holds up a mirror to the man so that he can see that he is too attached to his wealth. He tells the man that if he sells his possessions and gives to the poor, he will finally find the "treasure" he is seeking. Unfortunately, the man cannot accept what he sees, so he goes away "sad" (Mark 10:21, 22).

None of us has to "go away sad" when we experience Jesus "reading" our hearts through the Scriptures. We can remember how Jesus looked at the man and know that that's how he looks at all of us: with love! That means that you can hold fast to that love when his word uncovers the hidden "reflections and thoughts" in you (Hebrews 4:12). You can gaze into his eyes and see that he has nothing but good and hope-filled plans for you!

This is why the word of God is both living and effective. It's living because it is capable of reading our hearts. And it's effective because Jesus always speaks this word to us with love. "Here I am, Lord! Let your word pierce me and draw me closer to you!"

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12 October, 5:00 PM

+ Filomena Viernes & Maria Jose Dos Santo

Sunday 13 October, 9:00 AM (Italian)

+ Rosalia Ferro

Sunday 13 October, 10:30 AM

For all Parishioners

Sunday 13 October, 12:00 PM

+ Edison Ruiz

Tuesday 15 October, 9:00 AM

+ Domenico Pado

Wednesday 16 October, 7:00 PM

- + Nicomedes Exclamador
- + Enzo & Fiorella Quattrini

Thursday 17 October, 9:00 AM

+ Razouk Luka

Friday 18 October, 7:00 PM

- + Marina Di Carlo
- + Rimma Dotsenko & Family

CHANGES IN PARISH TIMINGS

Please note that the Adoration Chapel is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9:30 am - 5 pm. The chapel will remain closed during and between masses.

Confessions will be available every Saturday from 4 - 4.45 pm or by appointment.

There will be NO 9 am masses on Saturdays except for the following:

- Saturday, October 26th
- Saturday, November 9th
- Saturday, November 16th
- Saturday, November 30th

Please visit the parish website for further information of all parish hours and mass timings.

2025 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

If you are planning for your child(ren) to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025, we are inviting you to come for

the Parent Information Night on Tuesday, October 15 @ 7:00PM.

Please check our website for more information about First Holy Communion & Confirmation, including Registration Forms and Schedules.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE REMINDER

The first Marriage Preparation class will be on Friday, October 18, 2024 from 7 - 9 pm in the Hall.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you bring Communion to the homebound, we ask that you contact the Parish Office to record your name and contact information. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is welcome, Join us every Wednesday from 7:30pm in Church Hall. Please bring your own Bible



On Sunday, October 6th, 2024, Pope Francis has announced that the Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto,

the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be elevated to the College of Cardinals.

Congratulations, Cardinal-elect Leo! May God be with you to pilot the affairs of the church without fear and favour in Jesus Name. Amen!

LIFE CHAIN - 2024

Thank you for the support, we had a successful LifeChain on last Sunday, October 6. We had 56 participants from the parish and \$366 received in donations for Campaign Life Coalition

Christ himself reminds us,
"Whatever you do to the least of these, you
do to me" (Mt 25:40).



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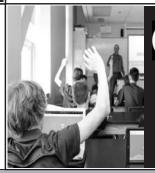
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