

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven;

**then come,
follow me.**

Mark 10:21

GOD BLESSES AND HEALS US

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

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.

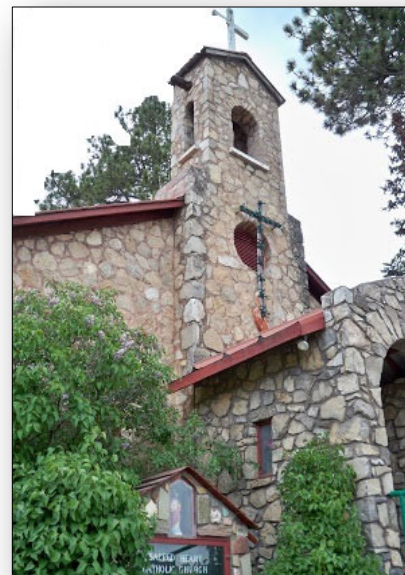
HEART SURGERY

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 depend 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

Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]



**28th. SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Intentions of the Holy Father 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.

Sunday Oct. 10, For the intentions
of Pope Francis.

Wed. Oct. 13, For all the sick.

Church Committee Members

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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1:00 p.m.)

Thursday and Friday 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Pastor: **Very Rev. Martin Cornejo**

Vicar: **Fr. Emmanuel Stephen**

Deacon: **Gary Perkins**

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Confessions prior to Mass

Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and Rosary: **Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

Anointing of the sick: **On the**

First Wednesday of the month

Altar Servers (John Conner 687-2144)

Oct. 10, Marisa, Dominic

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Oct. 10, Mira Pepper

Reader (Teresa Stevenson (281) 772-7450)

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Ushers (John Conner 687-2144)

Oct. 10, Phil & Mike

Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as Scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

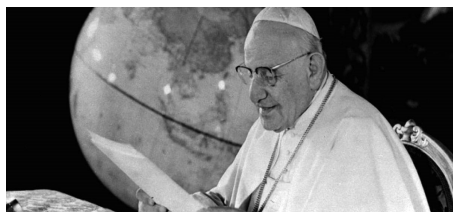
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope Saint John XXIII

Feast Day: October 11th

What is needed at the present time is a new enthusiasm, a new joy and serenity of mind in the unreserved acceptance by all of the entire Christian faith, without forfeiting that accuracy and precision in its presentation which characterized the proceedings of the Council of Trent and the First Vatican Council. What is needed, and what everyone imbued with a truly Christian, Catholic and apostolic spirit craves today, is that this doctrine shall be more widely known, more deeply understood, and more penetrating in its effects on men's moral lives. What is needed is that this certain and immutable doctrine, to which the faithful owe obedience, be studied afresh and reformulated in contemporary terms. For this deposit of faith, or truths which are contained in our time-honored teaching is one thing; the manner in which these truths are set forth (with their meaning preserved intact) is something else.

– “Gaudet Mater Ecclesia”, Opening Address to the Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII, October 11, 1962.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 28th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr

Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus;

Saturday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

our parish
mission
statement

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH in Alamogordo is hiring a Cemetery Administrator.

Taking applications at the office,
705 Delaware Ave.



Jennifer Madl, Velia Perea,
Ceci Borunda, Susan Walen
Leonor Rubalcava,
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Yvett Tomeo, Joe Rogers,
Margaret Bevins, Ann Blanchard,
Dieter deBeyer, Lynn Skinner,
Mike & Lourdes Blette, Robert Langford,
Brendan Cronander-Ford, Bill Crouch
Manry Family, John Phillips, Bob Weiss.

SUGGESTION

We have a suggestion box for any new ideas or questions you may have for our church. The box is located on the table next to the kitchen.

ST. TERESA OF JESUS



"There is no other remedy for this evil of giving up prayer than to begin again."

Feast Day October 15

Collections
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October 3,

General Collection \$ 1,492.00

Building Fund \$ 452.00

Today's second collection goes to
St. Francis Cabrini Catholic School

Next week's second collection goes to
United in Ministry

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If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, please call 911 Immediately.

To report known or suspected child abuse, contact:

Dial #SAFE (#7233) from a cell phone Or 1-855-333-SAFE (7233)

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Victims Assistance Coordinator (575)523-7577

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