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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Sunday 11:15am to 12:15pm

Sunday Masses

English: 8:15am - 10:00am
Spanish: 12:30PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

Confessions Sundays

9:15am - 9:45am
11:45am - 12:15pm
or by appointment

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]

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

Agnus Dei

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it.

During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

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Let us pray for the health of:

Ray O'Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Tony Christiano, Nestor Beroch, Wanda Martin, Monica Moore, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Juan Barahona, Jeanne Han, Linda Christiano, Michael Kunai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Kathryn Giddens, Nina Waters, Phylli Fletcher, Eugene & Elsie Lamie, Francis Zubricky, Beatriz Agudelo, Toni Leigl, Daniel Riddle, Lisa Salomon, Esther Lopez, Yina Green, Josefina Di Domenico, Walter Arias, Valerie Vargas, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Barry White, Raymond Moore, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Ruby Green, Pat Murphy, Linnet Crump.

For the Eternal rest of:

Sheila Maxwell, Saul Muñoz, Consuelo Borrero, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Brittany Felts, Tom Turner, Frank Hunter, John Folsom, Lois Adkins, Rene Lopez, Eugene Faborito, Julisa Aguilar, Francisco Mayorga, Carroll Waters, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Maria Gallegos, Judy Plantier, David Dennis, Shawn Murphy, Fran LaRock, Bill Raczkowski, Giovanni Foschi, Jim Murphy, Dennis David, Melisa Green, Estela de Santacruz, Rufina Fernandez, Kevin Ward, Louis Adkins, Baby Robert Wesley, All faithful Departed

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament**First Saturday****7:00PM to 10:00PM****Wednesday 10AM - 12PM**

Adoration
of the
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RCIA STUDENTS
Sundays
11:15am—12:15pm
Conference Room



FAITH FORMATION
Sundays
11:15am—12:30pm



Kenton Morrison
Nina Waters
Adriana Bautista
Brisa Tovar
Arturo Contreras
John Perez Hernandez
Fidel Cortez
Valerie Preciado



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DIOCESE of SAVANNAH

REFLECT + *renew* + REJOICE

reflexionar + renovarse + alegrarse

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Food to restock their pantry and Men's shoes.

Sr. Nuala is extremely grateful for your generosity.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult to use the Restroom, and inside and outside the building.

The safety of your child is very important to us.



Knights of Columbus
Round table meeting
Parish Hall
Second Sunday of the month.
Meeting Today



Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am.

For more information please contact

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Next Meeting October 16

**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**
SANCTUARY LIGHT

In reverence and petition
Pray this week for
this Special Intention:

Devotion to the Most Holy Rosary

**October 3, 2021****Collections****Regular Collection****\$3,331****Building Fund****\$3,175****Annual Catholic****\$**